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NOTES BY THE WAY.

The most important event of the past year undoubtedly was the Australian tour, which has succeeded beyond all expectation. To-morrow the band will be back in England, and they will receive the welcome and congratulations of the whole Exercise.

At home the year has been one of steady progress, and though here and there there may have been waning enthusiasm and depleted bands, there is no justification for those pessimists who tell us that ringing as an art has reached its climax. The interest of the general public in bells is shown by the many restorations and augmentations of peals in different parts of the country. Two fresh towers, Tewkesbury and Trowbridge, have rings of twelve, and two others, Kidderminster and St. Albans, will shortly have them. Other notable restorations were at Sherborne Abbey and Preston. Death has taken its usual toll, and among those whom the Exercise has lost we may mention Edwin Gibbs, for so many years a prominent London ringer, Philip Sadler, of Norwich, an indefatigable collector of historical items, especially relating to the old Norwich Scholars, Walter Prime, G. R. Farden, Jas. Fernley, Albert Wright, who will always be remembered as the composer and conductor of long peals of Grandsire Cinques, and, last, Edward P. Debenham, whose fortune it was to live long enough to be president of the Hertford County Association, which he had helped to found, in the year of its jubilee.

The Central Council meeting at Warwick was notable for two things—the efficient way in which its business was transacted under the control of the president and hon. secretary, and the settlement (if only partial) of the much vexed and debated Minor question. The vote of the Council shows that the Exercise is prepared to accept and use any developments in the art of change ringing, but only after they have been thoroughly tested and debated.

No peal of record length has been scored, but though not so many five thousands are rung as just before the war, they are of very much greater variety. On handbells, Shipway's Court Major (conducted by W. H. J. Hooton) and Erith Little Bob Royal (conducted by George Cross) were rung for the first time, but the most notable performance was the London Surprise, conducted by Harold Cashmore, at Watford. I can testify to the extraordinarily good striking of that band on handbells.

In the tower, on twelve bells the Ipswich company added to their fine record by ringing two peals of Rochester Surprise Maximus, and on ten bells the Beddington band rang Bristol Surprise Royal. On eight bells one

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very notable peal was the Bob Major rung at Crayford with J. J. L. Johnson as conductor. Surprise Major ringing is increasing. Not only were the four standard methods rung, but peals in such methods as Yorkshire and Norfolk are becoming fairly common, and peals in no fewer than nineteen new Surprise methods were scored. Five of them were rung at Helmingham, and the Helmingham band have altogether rung peals in 27 Major Surprise methods, an extraordinary feat and a record for any company. Five new methods were also rung by a band in the Windsor district under the conductorship of Alan R. Pink, and three in Cheshire conducted by J. Worth. Mr. Worth also conducted two or three six-bell peals of great merit. Spliced ringing has become a regular practice. Law James' peal in the four standard methods was rung many times, and one peal in five Surprise methods was composed by Ernest Turner and conducted by him from an inside bell. This was, I think, the most outstanding individual performance, but I am biassed, and it must be no mean feat to call one of the six-bell peals in many methods, several of which were rung during the year. Six-bell ringers have been active, and the range of methods performed was very great. Peals in 21 and 26 methods were rung at Disley, and one in 35 methods at Felkirk in Yorkshire. Not less meritorious in their way are the many peals of Doubles rung by the less advanced ringers.

As we look back we may do so not without satisfaction, and as we look forward we may do so not without confidence and hope.

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This is the last Note by the Way, at least of this series. To-morrow the Editor will be back in England. It only remains for me to say how much I have enjoyed the brief time I have been in harness. Mr. White, of the 'Surrey Times,' and I, who have jointly been responsible for the paper, have worked together in the completest harmony. We have tried to keep the flag flying bravely while the Captain has been away. We offer our thanks to the many friends who have sent us kind and encouraging messages, and it is not only our own hope but that of all the Exercise that Mr. Goldsmith's holiday has been beneficial to him in health, and that he will continue to go on for many years as Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

J. A. TROLLOPE.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR PEALS.

BALLAARAT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE BALLAARAT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

ON THE 'ALBERT BELLS,' AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	...*Treble*	CHARLES SHARPLES	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal of Stedman Triples outside the British Isles. The conductor's 400th peal.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry on November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. K. Markwick 1, A. A. Hughes 2, R. Allen 3, E. Murrell 4, S. Stonard 5, F. G. Shorter (conductor) 6, G. Moody 7, E. Owen 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. Walter P. Besley, M.A., M.V.O., Rector from 1920, who passed away on Friday, November 23rd.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY BASILICA,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	...*Treble*	CHARLES SHARPLES	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
JOSEPH HARDCASTLE	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
First peal on the bells. First peal of Major in New South Wales.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
ST. MARK'S SOCIETY, DARLING POINT
AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DARLING POINT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
CHARLES SHARPLES	4	*J. ALBERT KEARNS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal. First peal on the eight bells. First peal of Stedman in New South Wales. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Sydney.

ON THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
ON BOARD S.S. 'BENDIGO,'
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
A compliment to the conductor's mother on her 83rd birthday. First peal on the Pacific and rung between Lat. 38 degrees 22 feet South, Long. 148 degrees 21 feet East, and Lat. 38 degrees 38 feet South, Long. 147 degrees 38 feet East; distance 37 miles.

ON THE SOUTH INDIAN OCEAN.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

On Monday, December 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
ON BOARD SS. 'BENDIGO,'
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	CHARLES SHARPLES	7-8

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
The composition was the Rev. E. B. James' 'Bendigo' adaptation of W. Royle's peal. First handbell peal by the society. Rung as a compliment to St. Paul's Society by returning English visitors, as a mark of appreciation of many kindnesses extended to them. The peal was rung between Lat. 15 degrees 54 feet South, Long. 99 degrees 2 feet East, and Lat. 15 degrees 24 feet South, 98 degrees 34 feet East; distance 40 miles.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours & Thirty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

WILLIAM J. CLOVER ...	...*Treble*	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
GEORGE MAYERS	3	WILLIAM G. MAYERS	8
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	9
ERNEST F. POPPY	5	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Sixtieth Norwich Association peal in 1934 by conductor.

ST. ALBANS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
C.C. Collection No. 50. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WALTER AYRE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM NASH	6
THOMAS J. HULL...	2	HAROLD V. FROST	7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	8
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	9
BEN. JARMAN	5	FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
Rung half-muffled to the Glory of God and to the eternal memory of Edward Percy Debenham, president of this association 1907, 1915, 1923 and 1934, who passed away December 16th, 1934, aged 76 years and 18 days.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SPLICED YORKSHIRE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT...	6
JOHN DEARLOVE	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	8
KENNETH SNELLING	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
Contains 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, the former method being rung to the Wrong and the latter from the Wrong to the Home. First peal of Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal rung.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours & Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERGA,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 29½ cwt.

*WILLIAM M. STONE	...*Treble*	†FREDERICK E. PITMAN ...	6
†WILLIAM HOULTON	2	†HERBERT MITCHELL... ...	7
‡EDWARD T. GRIFFIN... ...	3	†ARTHUR V. DAVIS	8
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	4	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	9
†LUISE J. LOCKYER	5	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. E. CHEATER.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Royal. First in the method for ringer of the 7th. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*HENRY J. TRIM	...*Treble*	GEORGE LARGE	6
EVAN COLES	2	ERNEST COOMBES	7
CHARLES L. SADLER... ...	3	HENRY J. TAYLOR	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ...	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.
* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck on reaching his 87th birthday. He is one of the original members of the association.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—At 29, Beecham Street, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor on handbells, 1,260 changes: Stanley Clifford 1-2, Ernest Swain 3-4, Edwin Jennings 5-6. Umpire, H. Palmer.

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PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*NORMAN TOWNSEND	Treble	HENRY T. WILSON	5
FRANK LUFKIN	2	GEORGE E. WILSON	6
JOHN W. CORNFORD	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
WILLIAM DUDLEY	4	GORDON A. BACON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.
* First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

DEANE, BOLTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH	Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	5
EDWARD WEBSTER	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD	3	THOMAS SMITH	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunkerley. . W. Jones hails from Newport, Mon.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH	Treble	EDWARD J. BEER	5
*ERIC PEARTREE	2	E. GEORGE MORRAD	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
JOHN H. WHEADON	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	Tenor

Composed by G. J. BUTCHER. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.
* First peal.

ECCLES, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS ANNIE POTTER	Treble	THOMAS JONES	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	NORMAN HEAPS	6
JOHN W. JONES	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	4	RONALD H. DOVE	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)
On Friday, December 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*CLIFFORD J. HOSGOOD	Treble	ERNEST HILL	5
WILLIAM H. HOWE	2	HENRY J. CORRY	6
†ROY RUNDLE	3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
WILLIAM A. WILLS	4	FREDERICK WREFORD	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for and on the festival of St. Thomas.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	Treble	HAROLD ARGYLE	5
*CHARLES H. WEBB	2	ERNEST STONE	6
JOSEPH B. FENTON	3	†HENRY W. FRANKLIN	7
†LEONARD TREVOR	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	Tenor

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.
* First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR R. MILES	Treble	*ERNEST J. LADD	5
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	*WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ALEX RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. Mr. E. J. Ladd's 50th peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. H. L. Fenn, who has been appointed Vicar of St. Peter's; also a birthday compliment to the composer, Mr. Arthur Knights, who celebrated his 75th birthday on December 17th. The composition, No. 401, is rung for the first time.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON	Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY	5
LEWIS SNELL	2	JACK BRAY	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 83). Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN
First peal in the method by all and on the bells, and for the Guild by a resident band. The 18th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
EDWARD ASHBY	2	CHARLES DYKE	6
MISS ELSIE K. FULTON	3	JOHN E. ROOTES	7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	4	GEORGE A. HUGHES	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewett) on the tenth anniversary of his induction. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Hewett.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... ...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS... ... 3	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 7
*MISS MARIE CROSS 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

J. NORMAN BROWN ... ...*Treble*	JAMES TAYLOR 5
EVEREST FORD 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... 3	THOMAS W. SMITH 7
GEORGE THOMAS JENKS ... 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife and daughter.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON... ... 6
*EDWIN C. BIRKETT 3	*JOHN W. PILKINGTON ... 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	LESTER L. GRAY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Stedman.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine 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*	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	A. REGINALD BLABY 6
ARTHUR G. JANES 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
JAMES W. WILKINS 4	VICTOR EVANS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)
On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.
* First peal and first attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*MISS MOLLIE REDPATH ...*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN WHEADON... 4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of T. Groombridge, sen.'s first peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents with 5-6's at back stroke. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*ERIC A. STEVENSON ... ...*Treble*	*CHARLES GRIFFIN 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in method.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, December 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 2	SIDNEY CARTER 5
*SIDNEY HEAD 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.
* First peal. First peal upon the bells since rehung. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lawrence, also to commemorate the jubilee of the County Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 19, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven differently arranged 720's with all 5-6's right.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ...*Treble*	JOHN OLDHAM 4
COLIN HARRISON... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SHERBORNE ...*Treble*	*DAVID MACKAY 4
*E. JOHN TARGETT 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
*LEONARD DUNFORD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
* First peal of Surprise and on the bells.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM KINSEY... ... ...*Treble*	KEITH W. WHITTLE 4
JAMES DURRANT 2	JAMES ROSE 5
EDGAR RIVERS 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Walter Brown, who was for upwards of 50 years a ringer at the above church, and was interred on the 21st.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*CHARLES H. MOORE ... ...*Treble*	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN... 2	*WALTER R. FARROW... ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS 3	HARRY TOOKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

*H. CHARLES CLUETT ...*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
†HAROLD C. R. VINE 2	D. W. CHARLES CHANT ... 5
H. JIM RALPH 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal in three methods as conductor. First peal on the bells since their recent restoration and believed to be the first on them.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Wells Surprise; (2) London Surprise; (3) York Surprise; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (6) Double and Single Oxford; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN E. METCALFE ... ...*Treble*	HARRY J. SANGER 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BECK... 5
FREDERICK TARGETT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

This is the 100th peal rung by the 5th and tenor men together for the association.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Single Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt.

*R G. TAYLOR (age 13) ...*Treble*	*JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 13)... 4
*GORDON W. LIMMER... ... 2	†GEORGE H. LIMMER... ... 5
*EDWARD T. BARRETT ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside' in more than one method. Rung for the wedding of Miss Frances Berry (eldest daughter of Mr. George Berry, captain of Hitcham band). All except ringer of 3rd are members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...*Treble*	†EDWIN H. LEWIS 4
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 2	*STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 5
*HERBERT MARKWELL ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First in method as conductor.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY WESTON ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR ELLIOTT 4
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 2	†WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 5
*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 3	ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. C. T. Taggart on his appointment as Vicar of Denby.

CUMNOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores and 11 240's of Pitman's. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE CLACK ... ...*Treble*	FREDK. MESSENGER, SEN. 4
JONATHAN HONEY 2	†CHARLES BETTERIDGE ... 5
JOHN NOBES 3	*FREDK. MESSENGER, JUN. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Hall) and Mrs. Hall, who kindly provided refreshments for the ringers after the peal.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

EDWARD BARKER ... ...*Treble*	FRED WIGMORE 4
ALFRED BACON 2	CLAUDE COUSINS... 5
*WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Quickest peal on the bells.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon and Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...*Treble*	GEORGE PANNELL 3
†CHARLES WEAVERS 2	†GORDON WARREN 4
THOMAS BIRD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in four methods.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.
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On Friday, December 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD (Trinity).
Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Monday, December 24, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT HARBLEDOWN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by W. HARRISON Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. C. ABSON	1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3-4	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpire—E. Barnett.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On December 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Seeley 1, J. Allen 2, H. Hodgetts 3, J. B. Woolley 4, F. A. Smith 5, P. Parslow 6, C. W. Woolley (conductor) 7, W. Cross 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th on leave from the Dutch East Indies.

SPLICING AND ITS ORIGIN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Trollope's 'Notes by the Way' in this week's 'Ringing World' with mixed feelings. Please allow me to fill a few gaps. I certainly intended to ring four quarters at one time, and wrote the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for an opinion of the Central Council. He replied expressing strong disfavour unless spliced in one complete whole. I then wrote to Mr. J. W. Parker, who assured me that the four quarters could not be spliced as such.

Mr. W. Ayre, who was in close touch with our district, went home on holiday, and, meeting the Rev. H. Law James at Surfleet, told him of the position. This inspired Mr. James to investigate the matter, and he produced his first composition, now so well known. This was sent to Mr. Ayre, who handed it over to me. We did not have a good enough band at that time for this, and after a while Mr. James let Mr. Pulling have it, as he naturally desired it rung. An arrangement was made to ring the four quarters at Bushey on March 12th, 1927, but by that time Mr. Ayre had written to me that a spliced composition had been invented. We NEVER started for the quarters; a peal of London was substituted, which failed after 40 minutes. As a method of splicing had been found, to ring four plain quarters would have been useless and obsolete.

I can assure Mr. Trollope that if no system of splicing had been discovered, the four quarters would certainly have been rung. The Exercise could then have decided afterwards what its opinion was about it. To say that one person's opinion, however eminent, would have deterred me makes me laugh.

In conclusion, when Mr. Trollope says the tenor is the only bell worth ringing in Stedman he is talking through his hat (as he well knows). If every other method was abolished, Stedman by its infinite variety would still satisfy, and do as it does now, produce the MOST pleasing music on church bells. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

WHY THE TENOR?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Trollope, in his 'Notes by the Way' last week, states, 'I was allowed to ring the tenor, which, OF COURSE, is the only bell worth ringing to that method.' Will he kindly explain what he infers by those two words. The Exercise is very easy going and does not worry much about criticism of method names, etc., but it certainly will not stand a DICTATOR in regard to our individual likes of music and methods. In these days it is about the only one free thing we have left in ringing. A. H. PULLING.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will hold their annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th.

Mr. S. H. Green, by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Horsmonden, Kent, on December 22nd, has rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

The Cadena Cafe, where the Bristol United Ringing Guild are holding their annual dinner on January 19th, is in the same block of buildings as the Grand Hotel.

Mr. R G. Cartmel, B.Sc., of the School of Economics and Political Science, London University and Ridley Hall, Cambridge, the youngest son of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, of St. Albans, was recently ordained a deacon at Southwark Cathedral. He has been licensed to Christ Church, Purley, Surrey.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Loughborough Foundry on December 19th in one hour fifty minutes is the quickest tower-bell peal ever rung. The previous quickest was Bob Minor on the same bells in 1927, which was in one hour fifty-four minutes. The conductor of both peals was Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

The price at which the Ringers' Handbook, by E. S. and M. Powell, is published does not permit of allowing trade discounts. There has recently been a practice of applying for copies through trade circles. If this habit is continued the only alternative will be to increase the price, a step the authors are loath to take. In future the book will be available solely from the Rev. E. S. Powell, Staverton Vicarage, near Daventry, post free 2s. 9d.

In the handbell peal at Crayford, the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8 are only 16 and 15 years old respectively. It is just a year ago that they learnt to handle a bell, and in this short period J. A. C. Abson has rung four peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and G. V. Murphy nine peals, from Cambridge Surprise to Grandsire Triples. The ringer of 3-4 is only 16, so that this peal is the youngest handbell peal yet rung for the association, the average age of the band being 21 and 3 months.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Raunds, Northants, on December 24th, was the first peal in that method rung by an entirely local band since 1911. F. Kirk and F. Stubbs, who were also in the peal, have been regular Sunday service ringers at this church for the past 40 years. It is largely due to them that the present band is in existence. They have, like many more instructors, taught many young men to ring with varying degrees of success, but with years of patience and perseverance they have succeeded in obtaining several young men who are 'stickers,' and it is hoped that they will be spared many more years yet to help along ringing at this tower.

'IN TOWN TO-NIGHT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having just listened to 'In Town To-night' on the wireless, together with other members of the Ipswich St. Mary-le-Tower Society, I must write and congratulate Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the A.S.C.Y., also the other four. The pleasure of hearing all their voices was immense, especially to those, like myself, who know them personally. It is a pity the bellringing portion was of so short duration. Like Oliver Twist, we ask for more, so that the general public may become still more interested in our art.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CLARIFY THE POSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my collection there are hundreds of methods, Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise, that have never been named.

There was a sentimental reason for the name of 'Horsham,' but as the late Mr. A. Craven has the prior claim to the method (which was unnamed in his collection), the sentimental reason for calling it 'Horsham' no longer exists, and as 'Ealing' Surprise may the method have the popularity it deserves.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

P.S.—It is high time that the definition of what is a Surprise method was clarified, seeing that Treble Bob methods exist that are more complicated than any known 'Surprise' method.—G. B.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

George Clack.	Cumnor, Berks.
Fredk. Messenger, jun.	Cumnor, Berks.
Eric Peartree.	Northfleet, Kent.
Clifford J. Hosgood.	Exeter, Devon.
H. Charles Cluett.	Sturminster Newton, Dorset.
Charles Barker.	Raunds, Northants.
Sidney Head.	Little Munden, Herts.
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN AT BALLAARAT TOWN HALL.

After their Anglo-Australian peal of Grandsire Cinques at Melbourne Cathedral on Armistice Day, the English ringers touring Australia visited Bendigo and Ballaarat. At the latter place they rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells at the Town Hall.

Melbourne.
November 17th, 1934.

I referred briefly in my last letter to a visit which was paid to Geelong. From reports which had been received of hurried attempts to make the bells ringable, it was hoped they would be found in reasonably good condition, but it was discovered that all the attentions of the local 'bellhanger' had been of little use. The bells, with tenor of 13 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb., were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1867, and the last time they were rung was on New Year's Eve, 1883! They are in a light two-tier frame, and their condition is such that nothing but expert rehanging is likely to make them passably ringable.

On a first visit to the tower the most that was possible was a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six. This was a great disappointment to many members of the public, who had assembled outside the church to listen to the bells. Later a course of Bob Major was rung, but further attempts were abandoned until a survey was possible next morning. It was then found that the bearings were dry and even rusty; the frame much too light for its job and movement in the tower itself considerable. The ropes went down at all sorts of angles, some of them through big iron screw eyes, against which they were rubbing. Castor oil supplied enough lubricant to enable two touches of Stedman Triples to be rung, but most good, it is hoped, was done in the subsequent talk with the architect. Some locally made ropes had been provided, but these were totally unsuitable. It was as much as one could do to reach round the sallies with both hands astretch. These are going back to the makers and a new set is to be obtained from England. But for our emergency set, which were brought into use, ringing at Geelong, such even as it was, would have been out of the question. But if the bells were a disappointment, the hospitality was once more characteristic of Australian kindness.

WELCOME HOME TO-DAY.

A stop-press message from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith indicates that he will probably disembark at Plymouth to-day (Friday) from the S.S. 'Bendigo.'

Returning to Melbourne on Saturday night (November 10th), the party were the guests at dinner of the Cathedral Society, Mr. J. L. Murray, the captain, presiding. After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, Mr. Savage proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Fussell and the Rev. E. B. James responded. Touches on handbells, recitations, community singing, etc., made a pleasant evening pass all too quickly.

The next day came the great central event of the tour. The ringing for the Armistice commemoration and the dedication of the Shrine of Remembrance, followed by the Anglo-Australian peal of Grandsire Cinques, concerning which a report has already been published.

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On Monday, November 12th, we set out on a circular tour to Bendigo and Ballaarat, two cities of romantic interest which sprang into existence in the gold rush of 80 years ago. We travelled the 101 miles to Bendigo by train and visited the city at the invitation of the Rev. Dr. Griffiths, the Rector of St. Paul's Church. There are no ringable bells at Bendigo, but there is a band of ringers who chime the octave for the services, Mr. Cambridge being the director of this phase of the church work, having succeeded his father, who occupied the office for many years before him. Associated with the church are the handbell ringers, of whom Bendigo is proud. Under Dr. Bush a party of eight are highly proficient in tune ringing on a set of over a hundred handbells, and we had proof of their accomplishments during our stay.

We were warmly received at the railway station by Dr. Griffiths and those ladies and gentlemen who were to act as our hosts and hostesses, and in the afternoon we had our first glimpse of the Duke of Gloucester. We had been close upon his heels from the time we reached Colombo; we were in Melbourne on Armistice Day when he dedicated the Shrine, but our duties kept us at the Cathedral and we had no opportunity of seeing His Royal Highness. At Bendigo, however, where the town was en fete, we were able to join the loyal and enthusiastic crowds in giving a welcome to the royal Prince.

After his departure, the Mayor and Mayoress kindly received us at the Town Hall, and, in addition to a speech by His Worship, other members of the Town Council extended a welcome in words of cordial greeting. Mr. Fussell acknowledged the welcome given to us and took the opportunity of urging that as soon as opportunity occurred the church bells should be hung for ringing.

These bells are in a tall brick tower, and, when any rehanging takes place, could, with advantage, be brought about 20ft. lower.

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During the afternoon most of the party had the opportunity of visiting the gold mines in the district, work having been restarted in three or four of them during the last few years, and some of them, despite an apparently low yield, are said to be paying their way on account of the present high price of the precious metal.

A visit to one of the many fruit farms in the district was also highly interesting, but a living is not won from this industry without great labour, and there is always, as in England, the additional attendant risks of loss from weather and pests. But a well-kept fruit farm is a joy to the eye, and it was gratifying to see that this season's crop promises to be a big one.

The chief event of our visit to Bendigo was a concert in the evening, at which the Bendigo Handbell Ringers performed, and we were put up to demonstrate change ringing. The work of the Bendigo handbell band was spectacular, especially at the big end, where bells a foot across were operated. The audience, to whom it was by no means new, thoroughly revelled in it, and yet when Bill Fussell and George Martin rang them a few tunes 'four-in-hand,' they saw something which made them open their eyes wide, and they metaphorically brought down the house. The Rev. E. B. James gave a short talk on change ringing, and two illustrations were given—one a course of Grandsire Caters and the other a course of Bob Major. The audience was quite interested in this feature of the programme, although they could hardly be expected to understand it. There were other items in the programme, including songs, violin, flute and piano solos.

Afterwards the visiting ringers and their hosts and hostesses were entertained to supper, when various toasts were honoured, speeches being made by, among others, Dr. Griffiths, the Dean of Bendigo, Dr. Bush, Mr. Cambridge, Mr. W. H. Fussell and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The informal gathering was a very pleasant one, but owing to the late hour, could not be unduly protracted, for the visitors had to leave next morning at half-past seven on a 70 miles' motor-coach run to Ballaarat.

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The visit to this city was among the most eagerly anticipated of all our excursions, the promise of a peal attempt on the bells of the Town Hall adding to the interest. Eighty years ago Ballaarat was a sheep run. Came the discovery of gold, and within twelve months it had a population of one hundred thousand people, mostly living under canvas and under conditions of great privation and hardship. Very quickly, however, it was reduced to an orderly community, and while the gold lasted it was a thriving centre of activity. But gold mining is finished in Ballaarat, unless some new discovery is made. The city, however, has not decayed. Its inhabitants quickly adapted themselves to new conditions, and now it is the marketing and manufacturing centre of a big area: with prosperous looking streets of shops and its commercial future based upon a less romantic but more substantial foundation.

The Mayor gave us these facts when offering us a civic reception at the Town Hall, and we were afterwards able to see for ourselves that Ballaarat is no mean city. The Mayor said that in receiving visitors from the Old Country they felt they were receiving a band of brothers. Ballaarat was favoured by having a band of voluntary bellringers, whose services were forthcoming on various occasions, grave and gay, and the announcement that there would be a visit by English bellringers was received with great interest. He added that in addition to the ringing bells in the Town Hall they had had a mechanically played carillon, which, however, had fallen into disrepair and was not now used.

Mr. W. Holden, on behalf of the bellringers of Ballaarat, welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Harold Maddern, hon. secretary of the Bellringers' Club, added to the cordial greetings. The visit, he said, had been looked forward to for three or four months, and he hoped the English ringers would take away with them happy memories of Ballaarat. The bells in the Town Hall tower had been placed at their disposal by the Council, through the Mayor, and he hoped the visitors would be successful in ringing a peal on them.

Mr. Fussell, in responding, said while the visitors desired to see something of Australia and its wonderful progress, their main object was to see something of Australian bells and shake hands with Australian bellringers. The Mayor had mentioned that the Ballaarat carillon was no longer used. The English bellringers would not regret it. They hoped to do something to aid in inducing young Australia to take up the fascinating art of campanology.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was also called upon to acknowledge the greeting, and expressed the thanks of the party, not only for the reception given them, but also for the facilities offered by the Town Council for ringing and the arrangements made by the Ballaarat ringers for their entertainment and pleasure. They had heard of Ballaarat bells before they came away from England, he said, and had for months been looking forward to personal experience of them.

The afternoon was devoted to a peal attempt at the Town Hall, and a very good toned ring of bells was found. They were cast by Mears and Stainbank and were first rung at 6 a.m. on Christmas Day, 1871. They are known as the 'Alfred' bells, after the former Duke of Edinburgh, and the tenor is 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat. The ringing chamber, opening from a wide corridor, is a well-appointed apartment, with carpeted floor, and equipped with cloth-covered table and ample provision in chairs. And these last were fully occupied by spectators when we gathered for the peal attempt. We anticipated it would only be for the preliminary operations, but we quickly learned that the spectators had come intent to see the peal through.

It would have been an act of ingratitude to refuse them: therefore, we compromised. Three of the local ringers stayed in the ringing room, the rest were accommodated with chairs in the corridor, from which vantage point they were able to watch our operations through the open door. Several, including one elderly lady, stayed throughout the afternoon, and dozens of others came and went throughout the progress of the ringing.

At first we thought of ringing Double Norwich Major, but abandoned this for Stedman Triples, and, as things turned out, it was well we did, for the longer we rang the worse the seventh went, and George Martin had the task of his life. In the last hour he had a real gruelling, but stuck to it like a real Briton, and had the satisfaction of calling 'This is all' after 3 hours 17 minutes. George was a hero, and, had the place and circumstances been different, everyone would have been willing, for his sake, to 'pack up' long before the end. The rest of the bells went well enough, and as the seventh and tenor are on ball bearings and the bell got worse as ringing proceeded, we could only come to the conclusion that the seventh bell frame must gradually have loosened.

However, all's well that ends well, and the conclusion was greeted with rounds of applause. The conductor also received the congratulations of the band, not only upon his pluck and endurance, but also upon having rung his 400th peal. It was naturally a great satisfaction to have scored the first peal of Stedman Triples outside the British Isles, and the Mayor, who was the first to congratulate us, declared that the performance should be suitably recorded on a tablet in the ringing room.

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While in Ballaarat we were told that between thirty and forty years ago a 'peal' was rung on the bells, but careful inquiry and search have failed to reveal any further evidence of it, and it seems more than likely that this peal of Stedman is the first peal at Ballaarat Town Hall.

It was not the first peal in Ballaarat, for on February 1st, 1897, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung for the first—and only—time in Australia, at St. Peter's Church, where there are six Whitechapel bells hung for ringing, and two (added as an afterthought) in a frame too small to enable them to swing. The tenor of this peal has on the waist, 'To the honour and glory of God, this peal of bells was presented by James Fry, M.D., B.C., to St. Peter's Church, Ballaarat, 1892.' A tablet on the tower wall, for all to see, records the peal of Minor, consisting of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Violet, Bob Minor, New London Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and rung by J. Thomsett, C. Fleay, W. Struck, J. Patterson, H. Sandberg and T. Biddle (conductor).

We should have tried the bells at St. Peter's, but there were no ropes. The Town Hall bells, we knew, were equipped with a nearly new set, and, therefore, we had not brought our spare ropes. In any case, it would hardly have been worth while spending time to put them on and take them off again for a few minutes' ringing.

That night we were the guests at theatre and supper of the Ballaarat Bellringers' Society, of which we had, earlier, been elected hon. members. At the supper gathering the toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by the captain (Mr. Colley), and responded to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who handed to the hon. secretary some of the Central Council publications, with the hope that they would study them and in course of time be able to ring a peal themselves. He wished them every success in the future.

The gift was acknowledged by Mr. Maddern.

There is a band of ten ringers at the Town Hall, who not only ring on all suitable public occasions, but actually ring regularly every Sunday morning. They can only ring call changes at the moment, but our performance showed them the possibilities of change

BALLAARAT TOWN HALL,
where the first peal of Stedman Triples outside the British Isles was rung by the Australian tourists.

ringing which they had never quite realised before, and we left them fired with a determination to make further study of the art.

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Wednesday was spent in visits to the Botanical Gardens and Trout 'Hatchery,' while for those interested in agriculture there was also free admission to the annual show, which coincided with our visit. Rupert is an authority on these matters, and this was not the first show he had been to in Australia. In these matters he is convinced the Old Country can still show the Commonwealth a thing or two, from which reflection we can take some comfort.

Our visit to Ballaarat was not only successful, but highly enjoyable, and for this we have to thank the Bellringers' Society, and particularly Mr. Maddern, who was largely responsible for the arrangements and devoted much time to us during our visit.

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When we again reached Melbourne, late on the evening of the 14th, it was to a sad 'homecoming.' Our English mail was brought to the railway station by Mr. Savage, and Mrs. Richardson learned that on October 5th she had been bereaved by the death of her mother, Mrs. Parkin, of Woodston, near Peterborough. This news naturally cast a gloom over the party, and Mrs. Richardson had the deep sympathy of us all.

On the following evening we were the guests of the Royal Society of St. George, a branch of the English organisation, which is carried on in Melbourne to bring together Englishmen, irrespective of creed or party, and to encourage and strengthen the spirit of patriotism throughout the world. A gathering of about a hundred assembled at the Oriental Hotel to meet us, and, after introductions, the evening was spent in social intercourse, songs, a recitation by the Rev. E. B. James, and courses and tunes on the handbells. Of course, there were complimentary speeches, and before we parted light refreshments were served.

Friday had been intended solely for repacking and generally clearing up; but our plans had to be modified. That morning was the closing celebration of Holy Communion in the Cathedral in connection with a great Australian Church Congress which was in progress. We were asked to ring for this service, and it was a request we could not refuse.

However, the packing was duly completed, and two or three of our party managed to put in an hour or two at the Woodfull-Ponsford testimonial cricket match, which opened on the famous Melbourne ground, the teams being (except for Bradman) that which won the Ashes and the rest of Australia.

We took our formal farewell of our Melbourne friends in the evening at a joint practice at the Cathedral. The ringing was of little moment, but our association with the Melbourne Society was cemented and it was with many regrets, handshakes and good wishes that we parted from a warmhearted company, who had made us greatly welcome and had done everything in their power to promote our pleasure. We hope, in return, we have given them some encouragement, and we believe the Anglo-Australian peal of Grandsire Cinques will be an inspiration to them to go on and eventually accomplish great things on their own account. The evening finished with supper with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Savage, whose home has been a veritable 'home from home' for us all. The door was always open, and we appreciated more than words can tell the unostentatious hospitality extended to us at all times. Some of us will be seeing Melbourne and the Melbourne ringers again on our return, but for the remainder it was 'Good-bye' to many good friends, whose acquaintance we shall always remember and cherish.

Among those who came to see us off when we sailed on the S.S. 'Esperance Bay' for Sydney on Saturday, November 17th, were Mr. and Mrs Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Mr. J. Nolan. We are spending a week at Sydney and then we begin the long voyage home; Messrs. Fussell, Martin, Hardcastle, Maude and Linter via New Zealand, where they will visit Auckland and Christchurch; the rest of us by the route we came out. Those who travel by Suez are due in England on January 5th; the others on January 23rd.

DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS HENRY BANKS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Francis Henry Banks, the aged towerkeeper at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, in tragic circumstances. After receiving his usual Christmas greeting in the belfry on Christmas morning, he descended the steps and a few minutes later was found lying about twelve steps from the bottom. He was taken to hospital, but passed away the same evening, having sustained a fractured skull. He had been towerkeeper for over 30 years and was in his 87th year.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church on December 30th for evening service, in honour of the first occasion of the Bishop of Guildford preaching at the church since his enthronement, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. Hammett 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. At the conclusion of the ringing a message was sent to the tower by the Bishop saying he would like to meet the ringers after the service. In the vestry he was introduced to and shook hands with each of them, and thanked them for ringing, a compliment he very much appreciated.

DEATH OF MR. E. P. DEBENHAM.

PRESIDENT OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A CHRISTIAN LEADER IN MANY WALKS OF LIFE.

One of the outstanding personalities in change ringing was Mr. Edward Percy Debenham, president of the Hertfordshire County Association. His death on December 16th at his home, Weyvercourt, Avenue Road, St. Albans, at the age of 76 years, is deeply regretted by a wide circle, and his passing is a great loss to the Exercise.

By profession he was a solicitor, being the senior partner of Messrs. Thompson and Debenham, of St. Albans, one of the oldest legal firms in the country. He succeeded his brother, the late Mr. A. H. Debenham, as town clerk of St. Albans in 1909, and upon his retirement in 1921 he was appointed city solicitor, which office he held at the time of his death. Mr. Debenham was a prominent Freemason, and among the offices he held were P.G. Deacon of England, P.G. Soj. (R.A.) of England and P.G. Deacon of Mark Degree.

It was by his long connection with change ringing that Mr. Debenham was known to readers of 'The Ringing World.' At the age of 16 he was identified with the St. Albans Association of Change Ringers, which was formed in 1876, and in 1878 he took over the conductorship of the St. Peter's Society, and spent practically all his spare time in coaching young ringers. He rang his first peal in March, 1878, 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 St. Albans Abbey bells since the year 1765. He had rung between 70 and 80 peals, including a number on handbells. Within the past month he had been ringing at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and during the year had rung two quarter-peals there.

Mr. Debenham's great service to ringing was his initiative in forming the Hertford County Association in October, 1884, and his sustained interest in the association. On the resignation of the Rev. W. Wigram in 1888 he was elected secretary and treasurer of the association. He resigned from the secretaryship in 1904, when Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who had been acting as his assistant, became secretary, but he retained the office of treasurer to the last. 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 presidential chair during the jubilee of the association. That memorable gathering on November 3rd, over which Mr. Debenham presided, will long be remembered by those present, and when the peal at St. Albans Abbey is augmented to twelve, many will recall that dream of the late president becoming a reality. The Ancient Society of College Youths have lost by the passing of Mr. Debenham a revered member.

The funeral service was at St. Peter's Church, with which Mr. Debenham had had a life-long connection. It was at this church he was christened and where since 1896 he had served faithfully as people's warden. An impressive feature of the service was the ringing, on handbells, of a touch of Grandsire Triples by members of the Herts County Association — Messrs. G. W. Cartmel, W. H. L. Buckingham, H. E. C. Goodenough and W. Ayre. The interment was at St. Albans Cemetery. Later in the day the bells were rung muffled in various churches in the area of the association in memory of a Christian leader in many walks of life.

AN APPRECIATION.

The Hertford County Association of Change Ringers, the City of St. Albans and the whole diocese are the poorer in the passing away of Mr. Debenham. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral service at St. Peter's Church on Thursday, December 20th, when all classes of people came together to pay a last tribute to the memory of a courteous, kindhearted, benevolent, true Christian gentleman. Mr. Debenham, in the course of a long life (he was born November 28th, 1858, at Ivy House, St. Albans) had identified himself with most public bodies, municipal, educational, diocesan, Masonic, yet he found time to take a lasting interest in change ringing. At the time of his death he was people's warden at St. Peter's Church, a post he had held since Easter, 1896.

His love for his church was expressed in so many ways, in matured judgment, his sympathy with the bereaved of all classes, or in acts of generosity. It was his second 'home,' and it was a proverbial saying that if you wished to find him on a Sunday he could be found in church or belfry. His life can be summed up in one word—service—and the power for consecrated service came the way he sought it, by prayer, for he was a man of prayer. Whilst mourning his loss we thank God for his life and influence. So recently he presided so capably as chairman at our jubilee celebrations, and it was a pleasure for all to see him inspired with new strength for the occasion, and our hearts rejoiced. But his 'coming home course' was near, unknown to us, but known to the Heavenly Conductor. He has finished his course, and has joined that great host who worship the Lamb, where 'they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more . . . . for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them.'

By the kindness of the Vicar of St. Peter's, four representatives of the Hertford Association rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells before the close of service, the music of which was a revelation to many; also at all the churches in the city half-muffled ringing took place. The sympathy of all members is extended to Mr. George Debenham, Mr. Gilbert Debenham and other members of the family.

G. W. CARTMEL.

OSSETT'S PEAL OF TEN.

'TAYLOR'S GLORY,' MURMURS VETERAN RINGER.

Yorkshire, a county famed for many beautiful peals, has been enriched by the rededication of a new peal of ten at Ossett Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield on December 22nd. The original peal of eight, with a tenor 26¼ cwt., was installed in the tower and dedicated in 1865 as the gift of Mr. Benjamin Ingham, of Palermo, and Mrs. Joshua Whitaker, of Ossett. The cost of re-casting and the addition of two treble bells has been £830. Dismantling and re-erecting the clock shafts and redistributing the hammers of the chime has involved another £30. The bulk of the money was raised by the 1934 bazaar, but it is noteworthy that the ringers raised £66 themselves and returned £20 due to them. The cost of the work was reduced by £170 by the generosity of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who not only undertook the recasting at half the actual cost, but also gave a generous donation.

The service of dedication was one of great beauty. The Bishop delivered a charge to the local ringers, who were assembled on the chancel steps, impressing upon them that ringing was really a part of the church service and that ringing was really for the glory of God. Handing the key of the belfry to the leader of the ringers, the Bishop said: On behalf of the Vicar, wardens and Council, I commit this key into your keeping as leader of the ringers of this church. Ring these bells with reverence and faithfulness, remembering always that it is the service of God in which you work.'

The Bishop's address was particularly appropriate. He explained what a peal of bells really meant to the English Church, the difference between a peal of bells and the carillons on the Continent. Change ringing was an art only practised among British people. Ringers, he reminded the congregation, were active participants in the actual service instead of being just bell-pullers away up in the tower.

At the conclusion of the dedication ceremony the bells were rung in rounds, and then it was revealed to all present the beauty of a modern peal.

After the service the local ringers with a little help rang a course of Grandsire Caters, a course of Stedman Caters and the usual three leads of Treble Ten.

Following tea, the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. in various methods, and all ringers present were satisfied with the go and the tone of the peal. 'I was listening outside in the darkness,' writes our correspondent. 'I could not see who it was or distinguish them by their voices, but three old ringers of over 40 years' experience just murmured, "This is really Taylor's glory." The remarkable thing is this. I had labelled the bells that previously, but never uttered those words. It is really a magnificent peal of ten without blemish.'

Ringers were present from Shipley, Armley, Leeds Parish Church, Burley, Holbeck, Drighlington, Batley, Worthy (near Sheffield), Earlsheaton, Horbury, Wakefield, Mirfield and other towers, and they hope to entertain many more on Ringers' Day, January 5th.

'THE SECRETARY.'

AUGMENTATION OF ST. ALBANS ABBEY CHURCH BELLS

To celebrate the jubilee of the Hertford County Association and the St. Albans Cathedral Society, the Dean of St. Albans has issued an appeal for funds to increase the present ring by adding four lighter bells, to make a ring of twelve.

At a meeting of the committee of the Hertford County Association held on December 15th at St. Albans, the object was approved, and it was suggested that the ambition should be to raise sufficient money to provide one bell. The treble bell has already been given by Dr. and Mrs. Madge, of St. Albans, in memory of a son recently deceased.

Subscriptions may be sent to the district hon. secretaries of the association, or to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary, at Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

AN INTERESTING SUFFOLK RESTORATION.

One of the oldest complete rings of five in Suffolk is in St. Laurence's Church, Ipswich, all the bells being of pre-Reformation date. In 1882 the tower of some 98ft. was restored and a new oak frame put in and some new fittings added. Owing to lack of interest and close proximity of a twelve-bell tower, these bells have rarely been rung, but have been chimed. This caused them by 1919 to become entirely unringable.

On a change of conditions through the amalgamation of parishes, the bells have just been overhauled with new gudgeons and bearings by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and they were rung on Christmas morning by members of the Suffolk Guild for the first time since 1919. After service the bells were kept going to Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Doubles. The weight of the tenor is approximately 12 cwt. and are of good tone. The framework was also put in by the same firm.

Mr. A. Bowell has also just rehung the heavy peal of eight at Sittingbourne, Kent, and the six at Milton Regis; also the ring of six at Arkesden, Essex. They also have in hand the rehanging of Little Waltham, Essex, bells.

RINGERS' SCREEN AT LOWESTOFT.

A ringers' screen was dedicated at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, by the Rector, Canon H. J. Enraght, M.A. (vice-president of the Norwich Diocesan Association), assisted by the Rev. G. W. Holmes (curate), on December 16th, to the memory of Mr. Thomas Sergeant, who was instrumental in getting the peal of eight bells for the church. The screen was the gift of Mrs. Sergeant, who was prsent with Mr. J. Woodger (secretary of the St. Margaret's Society) and Mrs. Woodger.

Previous to the dedication the eight senior ringers rang two touches of Bob Major, viz.: W. Baldry 1, E. Newsome 2, H. Jermy 3, F. Baldry 4, R. T. Woodley 5, A. Whatling 6, R. Coates 7, A. E. Coleman (conductor) 8.

It was considered desirable that the screen should be produced locally, thus reverting to the mediæval practice whereby the decoration of churches was almost invariably the work of local craftsmen, and the work was carried out by Messrs. J. Beamish and Reeve to the design of Mr. Foster Nash.

The screen in design and proportion blends with the Early English arch, which looks comparatively so small at the end of the large perpendicular nave. Had space in the tower permitted, it was intended to locate the screen either midway in the arch or immediately to the west of it, and so not obscure the stonework. These positions would have made the space insufficient for the ringers and were impracticable. The screen is oak in the fourteenth century style. The length of the screen is approximately 10ft. and 10ft. 6in. high. To a height of 4ft. it is divided into eight panels, the four centre panels for two doors and two panels either sides. There are four moulded uprights. The top frieze carved panel runs the whole length of the screen, the whole being surmounted by a crest of alternate M's and Fleur-de-lys. The inscription, carved on the middle rails, reads, viz.: 'In memory of Thomas Sergeant, given by his widow, Christmas, 1934.'

The service was well attended, and all present greatly admired the addition to this fine old church. R. T. W.

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LATE NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow in Church Room. Any ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, January 9th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 26th. The bells (8), tenor 30 cwt., will be available from 2 till 4.25 p.m., and again after the meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon R. Brook, Vicar of Doncaster. Tea, 1/3, in the Memorial Hall, near the Church, at 5.15 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday, January 22nd. The annual general meeting will be held in the same hall at 6 p.m. There are frequent train and bus services from all directions. The annual report will be available at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 26th. Further particulars later.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec.

NOTICES.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE. — The bells will be re-dedicated 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.

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.

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, Elmton Road, Creswell, without fail.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

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.—W. E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

OSSETT, YORKS.—New ring of 10 by Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Ringers' day, Saturday, Jan. 5th. All welcome.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, January 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea (free) and meeting. Subscriptions for 1935 now due.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, January 5th, at Upholland Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. For tea, 1s., please notify Mr. Sherratt, 3, Moss Road, Orrell, near Wigan. —Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday, January 5th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent. —C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Devizes, on Saturday, January 5th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. St. James' (6) and St. Mary's (6) also available. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on January 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Let's start 1935 with a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jan. 6th, New Year Sunday Service Ringing, St. Clement's, Strand, 10 a.m.; Jan. 7th, special quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m., following a practice at 7 p.m., St. Clement's, Strand; Jan. 21st, practice at 7.30, St. Clement's, Strand; Jan. 29th, practice at 8 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth. Will members make a special note of our annual meeting, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th. A Very Happy New Year to all ringers. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

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. 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, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

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. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. H. Tourle, 12, Lind Road, Sutton, not later than Friday, January 4th. All ringers heartily welcome.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

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.

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.

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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Old Chesterton, Cambridge, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 6d. each.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Saturday, January 12th, at 3.30 p.m., the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The third annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 12th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from association officials until January 5th. Heston and Hounslow (St. Paul's) bells available in the afternoon.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged at 1s. each to all who notify Mr. J. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, not later than Wednesday, January 9th. Meeting after tea. Please try to make this meeting a success.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual district meeting at Southampton on January 12th. Bells (St. Mary's 10 and St. Michael's 8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea by January 10th please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—A Happy New Year to all ringers. The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45. Business meeting and election of officers will follow. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, January 12th. The bells of St. Peter's (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4. Meeting after.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on January 12th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. to all who notify me by Wednesday, January 9th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, January 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by January 7th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea 1s. 6d., plain tea 1s., at 5 p.m. at the Station Restaurant. For tea please notify Mr. L. W. Carbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Thursday, 10th. Business: Auditor's report, election of officers. Subscriptions due. A good attendance hoped for.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at Institute 6.15. For tea it is essential to notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, by Wednesday, January 9th. Please make an effort to attend to welcome the new warden, Canon How.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, January 12th, and a good attendance is requested. Tower open 3. Meeting in tower 6.30. Reports are now ready. Subscriptions are due. All are welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, January 12th, when the report and balance sheet will be presented and officers elected. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 12th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thrapston (8) on Saturday, January 12th. Service 4.30. Business: Election of officers, report and balance sheet. Those requiring tea must advise me by January 9th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next district meeting will be held at Terrington St. John on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, January 12th. The bells of St. Andrew's (12) are available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Harmston (eight bells) on Saturday, January 12th. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Tea only for those who send names by Monday previous to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, January 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish on Saturday afternoon, January 12th. 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. Please look up Double Norwich.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Service (please note) 3 p.m. Tea and busi-

ness meeting 5 p.m. Tower secretaries will greatly assist by notifying secretary how many will be in attendance.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. F. B. Beavan, a special meeting of the district will be held at Wingham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. A free tea will be provided at the Red Lion Inn at 4.45 p.m. It is important that all those intending to be present should notify me on or before Thursday, January 17th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cremers at a charge of 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Please inform me not later than Tuesday, 15th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch on Saturday, January 19th, at Saxlingham. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 4.30 for those who let me know by the 16th, followed by business meeting. New Year greetings.—Nolan Golden, Berridge House, 8, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, January 19th. The arrangements will be as usual, and owing to the importance of the business, when the report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of officers takes place, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend. Will those who hope to be present please notify Mr. G. Basford, 15, Orchard Road, Finedon, not later than Tuesday, January 15th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m; preacher, Rev. B. H. B. Attlee, D.D. Tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket, members 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Usual ringing arrangements. Please apply for tea tickets not later than January 15th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, January 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Practice night at Miles Platting, Tuesday, January 8th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lye on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar, Rev. W. Smith, at 4.15. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than January 15th of their intention to be present.—W. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S 14th annual dinner will be held at the Cadena Cafe, Wine Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 19th, at 6 p.m. Among the afternoon arrangements is a visit (limited number) to the Red Lodge, where interesting and historic collections are on view, including properties and charters of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers (1620). Tickets for dinner 4s. 6d., from officers, stewards, tower representatives, or from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, January 19th, meeting at Watford. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Cheap tickets by coach or train from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SOUTHAMPTON.—The Bishop of Southampton will re-dedicate the bells at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. The ring of eight has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. Full details later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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This last is by no means the least important point, for in a number of towers long neglect has caused the bells to get into such a condition that any good ringing, let alone change ringing, is impossible on them. It is useless to expect novices to make any progress with bells they cannot control, or to imagine that beginners will take up ringing when they find the task requires an almost impossible physical effort. If the visit of the English ringers has aroused the Church authorities to a sense of the importance of putting their bells in order, valuable work has been accomplished. Without bell restoration the development of change ringing at some of the churches is out of the question; with it the inspiration of the English tourists' visit will be doubled. As much, therefore, depends upon the Australian Church authorities as upon the Australian ringers themselves, although we hope that the latter will not let their new-born enthusiasm wane while waiting for the necessary renovations, but will exercise what influence they have to get the work expedited.

The activities of the English visitors in this direction will count for much, and it can only be hoped that the new interest which they aroused will continue. If there can be any regrets at all, it is that there is no effective means of following up from the homeland this newly-created interest and the desire that was manifested for the adoption of change ringing. The distance separating Great Britain and Australia is so vast that no repetition of this organised visit can be expected for a long time to come, although he would be a bold man who asserted that it will never be repeated. Whatever further gain is

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Time alone can prove how much permanent effect the tour has had upon Australian change ringing, which had drifted nearly to decay. If the visit gives it new life the great undertaking will have been more than worth while; in any event those who shared in the trip will always look back upon it, not only with the greatest pleasure for the good which they hope and believe they have done to the art in Australia, for the new friends they have made, the new countries they have seen and the new experiences they have gathered, but also with the utmost appreciation of the great welcome and unstinted hospitality they received throughout the Commonwealth. The tour has been truly 'a great adventure.'

THE EDITOR'S THANKS.

Back from the history-making tour in Australia, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' in resuming his task, takes this earliest opportunity of placing on record his sincere thanks to those who made it possible for him to share in the visit overseas. Without the whole-hearted collaboration of others it would have been impossible to lay down the reins for so long a time, but after an unbroken period of more than 23 years of active responsibility, this long spell of relief has been a specially welcome respite.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	GEORGE HAYDEN	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	ALBERT J. BAYNES	8
FRANCIS C. SHORTER	4	ERNEST W. FORBANES ...	9
FRANK C. NEWMAN	5	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Royal. Rung on the occasion of the 800th foundation of this church, also as birthday compliments to Messrs. W. H. Theobald and E. D. Smith.

PRESTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

E. ROGER MARTIN ...	...*Treble*	†JAMES ASHCROFT	6
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE ...	2	JOHN T. BIMSON	7
JAMES L. WRIGHT	3	†HAROLD DAVIES...	8
WILLIAM SHARPLES	4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	9
JAMES W. GROUNDS	5	†SYDNEY BLEASDAL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal on 10. First peal on the bells since augmentation and restoration by Mears and Stainbank, the tone and go being all that could be desired.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*STANLEY PRESTIDGE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM GREEN	6
HENRY GOODMAN	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
HARRY HUBBALL	3	FRANK G. BURLEIGH	8
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ...	4	HERBERT SHEPPARD	9
RONALD GOODMAN	5	GILBERT GUEST	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. John Goodman, sen., also to Mr. H. Goodman, who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD HAYES... ...	...*Treble*	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ...	6
STAFFORD H. GREEN... ...	2	ALBERT A. HUGHES	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	8
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	9
*JOHN P. PELLOE	5	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal of Kent Royal. Rung as a welcome home to the general hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on his return from the Australian tour.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*GEORGE SNELL	...*Treble*	STEPHEN BROOMFIELD ...	5
HERBERT I. MINGAY... ...	2	JOHN B. BUDD	6
ARTHUR T. SWAIN	3	CHARLES TAYLOR...	7
JACK KENNINGTON	4	ARTHUR PASHLEY... ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method and first peal since 1914.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
CHARLES CLARKE...	2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*WALTER TYLER	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	*EDMUND MOUNTER	7
JAMES BENNETT...	4	JACK DAFTERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

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LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

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

The composition, No. 398, is now rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their hospitality before and after the peal.

KIRTON, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. SELLARS	...Treble	*T. BISHOP	5
W. LAKIN	2	G. COLEMAN, SEN.	6
*D. FLATTERS	3	†G. COLEMAN, JUN.	7
†J. KEMP	4	*A. E. FLATTERS	...Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by A. E. FLATTERS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN H. SMITH	...Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	ALBERT D. COLLINS	6
THOMAS G. MARTIN	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	HAROLD L. FLAVELL	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Southall, of Sedgley (grandparents of Mr. H. L. Flavell). The band were hospitably entertained after the peal, and take this opportunity of thanking Mr. B. Fullwood (tower-master) for making the preliminary arrangements.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	...Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH	5
FREDERICK G. BRETT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	7
I. WINFIELD DURHAM	4	HARRY PARKES	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD E. AUSTIN	...Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	THOMAS NEWMAN	6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS	3	JOHN CLARK	7
JESSE GILLETT	4	ALBERT MARTIN	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

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BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

MISS EVELYN STEEL	...Treble	HARRY TYSOE	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	*LEONARD WILLIAMS	6
CHARLES W. CLARKE	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	7
*FRANK C. TYSOE	4	HERBERT J. SHARP	...Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. Mr. C. W. Clarke has now rung each of the ten bells in this tower to peals.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. SHARP	...Treble	L. CLAY	5
*A. MORGAN	2	F. GRIFFITHS	6
P. BLISSETT	3	T. GREEN	7
†A. TYLER	4	‡C. BLISSETT	...Tenor

Conducted by T. GREEN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal. First peal by a local band for 32 years, and was successful at the first attempt.

LENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	...Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
FREDERICK G. BRETT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
I. WINFIELD DURHAM	4	HARRY PARKES	...Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

*RONALD V. J. CATTLE	...Treble	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT	5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	2	GEORGE HORWOOD	6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	3	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	7
RICHARD A. POST	4	FRANCIS E. MAY	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours & Thirty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

T. REGINALD DENNIS	...Treble	MANSFIELD GINN	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	2	ROBERT HOWARD	6
WILLIAM A. TACK	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

Rung on the back eight. First peal of Major in the method on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JAMES ROSE	...Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL	2	SHELFORD SPARROW	6
*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	4	HARRY D. LISTER	...Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major on an 'inside' bell.

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BRETT	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	CHARLES TURNER	6
GEORGE KENWARD	3	HORACE WHITEHEAD	7
*H. RICHARD FRENCH	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 29, 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 15¼ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY	2	EDWARD W. BRAY	7
ALFRED C. LEVETT	3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST	6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN	4	ALBERT A. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Tom Lewis, who was captain of the local band for 40 years.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	GEORGE W. STEERE	6
E. RALPH MACKRILL	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	*OLIVER G. BARNARD	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	2	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
JONATHAN HONEY	3	JOHN NOBES	7
RICHARD A. POST	4	GORDON CADDWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.
* First peal in the method, and elected a member previous to starting. † 50th peal.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN B. WOOLLEY	5
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	FRANK WARRINGTON	6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON	7
MANSFIELD GINN	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. N. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*ERNEST PARKER	*Treble*	WILFRED EDWARDS	5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER	3	JESSE HARRISON	7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
* First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Emmans, a member of the local band. After the peal the band were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and family.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT	*Treble*	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6
ROBERT WALMSLEY	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WHICKHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
STEPHEN THOMPSON	2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	5
HERBERT P. CLIFF	3	ADAM DEAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALEC GENERY	*Treble*	CLAUDE SNOWDEN	4
GEORGE TOWNES	2	FRANK CLAYDON	5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	ALBERT L. DIXEY	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. GENERY.
First Surprise peal as conductor.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT SAYERS	*Treble*	*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY	4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS J. SETTER	5
*FREDERICK J. PRIDDLE	3	PERCY N. G. RAINEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

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BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 28 six-scores of Grandsire and 14 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*DEREK M. SHARP ...	...*Treble*	†WALTER M. GODDARD ...	4
†JAMES W. GODDARD... ...	2	*ARTHUR E. WEST	5
†JOSEPH ATKINSON	3	*ERNEST A. HOODLESS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrick and on the occasion of Mr. Barrick completing 50 years as ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber.

WOOL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*LEON DAY (age 13) ...	...*Treble*	HENRY W. SAUNDERS ...	4
†WILLIAM G. YOUNG	2	FRANCIS G. BLAKE	5
†EDWARD B. HAMPTON ...	3	*WILLIAM G. HISCOCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. G. BLAKE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal and first attempt as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HORNBY, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER ROGERSON ...	...*Treble*	NICHOLAS NEWBY	4
ERNEST SWAIN	2	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE...	5
JAMES E. BROWN...	3	HERBERT PALMER ..	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

* 25th peal.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
*JOHN H. BOTHAM	3	*WALTER F. HOLLOWAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H BRADLEY.

* First peal of Minor, and elected non-resident life members of the Guild prior to starting the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*FRANK OLLIER	...*Treble*	*JOHN BROUGH	4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	2	HARRY HOWARD	5
ALBERT CRAWLEY	3	HARRY PARKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. H. Crawley, of the Cunard White Star Line, one of the local ringers, to Miss Dorothy M. Gunning, which took place at Wistaston Church previous to the peal. The ringers wish them much happiness.

HOPE, NORTH WALES.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 16 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

JACK DEAN	...*Treble*	*GEORGE LEWIS	4
JOE GRIFFITH	2	JAMES H. FULLER	5
*WILFRID H. LEWIS	3	*JOHN S LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. FULLER.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CORTON DENHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY	...*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	3
HAROLD C. R. VINE... ...	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
*PERCY N. G. RAINEY	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

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

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, December 27, 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, Primrose, Cambridge, Hull and Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	CHARLES WILKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS PHILLIS HUMPHREY	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	CHARLES WILKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

*ADAM DEAS	...*Treble*	HERBERT P. CLIFF	4
†JOHN A. BROWN	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* 100th peal together. † First peal in seven methods. Quickest and one of the best peals rung on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THE RED SEA.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
ON BOARD S.S. 'BENDIGO,'
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
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DEATH OF MR. F. KEEP, BROMLEY.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Kent, have suffered bereavement by the death on Christmas morning of their steeplekeeper, Mr. F. Keep. He had chimed for Holy Communion service at 7.15 a.m. on Christmas morning, and at about 10.30 was taken suddenly ill, and died in the ambulance while being conveyed to hospital.

Mr. Keep had been a member of the local band for about 20 years, and had been steeplekeeper for almost all of that time. He will be sadly missed by both his fellow-ringers at St. Luke's and at the Parish Church.

There was half-muffled ringing at the funeral service on December 29th. Before the service a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. W. J. Jeffries (one of the trustees of the Kent County Association), and after the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: D. Blades 1, A. Purdom 2, W. J. Jeffries 3, P.S. C. W. Ridgway 4, E. Mounter 5, L. Anderson 6, J. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, W. Lyddiard 8.

114,703 CHANGES IN A YEAR.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, at their annual meeting on January 1st, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, H. W. S. Shemming; Deputy Master, John F. Tillett; steeplekeeper, F. J. Tillett; auditors, R. H. Brundle and W. P. Garrett; secretary, G. E. Symonds.

The Secretary, in his summary of the ringing during the past year, stated six peals were rung—Cambridge 3, Rochester 2, Superlative Maximus 1, Rochester making the sixth Surprise Maximus method rung on these bells, the first peal of each being rung here. C. J. Sedgley conducted three, G. E. Symonds two, and W. J. G. Brown one. In addition there were rung for services and practice 35 courses of Cambridge Maximus and 15 courses each of Rochester and Superlative Maximus, 13,129 changes of Stedman Cinques, touch of Grandsire Cinques, 12,120 changes of Cambridge Royal, 8,880 changes of Rochester Royal, also touches of Double Norwich Court Bob, Forward, Duffield and Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4,212 changes of Stedman Caters and touches of London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, and 758 changes of Stedman Triples.

The six Surprise Maximus peals	=	31,680 changes.
The 65 Surprise Maximus courses	=	34,320 changes.
Various touches	=	48,703 changes.
Grand total for 1934	=	114,703 changes.

Average over 2,200 changes per week.

These figures do not include peal and touch attempts.

AUSTRALIAN BROADCAST BRINGS BACK HOME MEMORIES

Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, sends us the following extract from a letter received from his daughter in Perth, Western Australia, who was a ringer in England:—

'On Tuesday the English bellringers were heard over the wireless broadcasting from Sydney St. Mary's Cathedral. Oh dad, I cried with joy. The tears rolled down my face as I said to Iris, "The bells, the bells, oh those beloved bells." Only 20 minutes, and it wasn't enough for me. I was trying to explain to her between my tears, "That's firing the bells; that's ringing round; they are bringing them home now." Poor kid couldn't make me out. I said, "If you ever love the bells as your grandfather and I do, well, you will love them." After it was over I gave them three cheers and hearty clap, not that they could hear, but it gave vent to my pent-up feelings. It's the first time I have heard a peal of bells for 13 years, dad, so you guess how I felt.'

P.S.—At one time myself, son and two daughters used to ring Grandsire Triples and tunes on handbells.—J. W.

PEAL BOARDS DEDICATED.

A pleasant ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham, on December 22nd, when the Vicar (Rev. W. Calvert Thomas, M.A.) dedicated a peal board subscribed for by the local band and made by two of the local ringers. The board has black panels on an oak background, the panels being blank except the centre one, on which two peals are recorded in gold letters. They are:—

The first peal on the bells (Stedman Triples) rung on Saturday, October 22nd, 1910, by the following in 3 hours 4 minutes: C. Glenn 1, C. H. Hattersley 2, G. Lewis 3, J. Evinson 4, W. Burgar 5, A. C. Fearnley 6, S. F. Palmer 7, W. Biggin 8.

And a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples rung in memory of Sir Charles Stoddart (donor of the tower, spire and peal of bells) by the following on Wednesday, May 28th, 1913, in 3 hours 19 minutes: R. Brown 1, C. Glenn 2, A. Whitworth 3, A. C. Fearnley 4, A. Andrews 5, A. Hague 6, J. W. J. Cottam 7, W. Hurst 8. Both peals were conducted by Clement Glenn.

Several of the ringers who took part in the above-mentioned peals were entertained to tea by the local company, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells. After the service the tower bells were rung to various methods and then lowered in peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Norman Summerhayes, who rang his first peal at Dartford on December 31st, had his first lesson in handling a bell five months ago.

Death watch beetle has attacked the beams of Crondall (Hants) Parish Church. Expert advice is being obtained and ringing suspended for the first time for 300 years, states the Parish Magazine.

Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, is now making good progress towards recovery. He has been in hospital for twelve weeks, but hopes to be able to come out in the very near future.

Mr. Tom Lewis, the doyen of Eastbourne ringers, had a peal rung in honour of his 90th birthday on December 29th. For 40 years Mr. Lewis was captain of the local band, and after the peal he kindly entertained the band.

Next week Mr A. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, leaves for South Africa on an extended business tour which will take him through the continent to Egypt and Palestine. He will be away until the end of April or beginning of May.

Owing to a severe cold Mr. H. Simmons, the veteran towerkeeper of Holy Trinity, Dartford, was unable to assist in ringing the old year out and the new year in. This is the first time since 1918 that he has been unable to signal the hour of midnight on the tenor. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A demonstration in splicing Minor methods was provided by the band conducted by Mr. John Worth at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire. They rang a peal of Treble Bob Minor on December 29th, consisting of seven spliced extents in 39 methods—the greatest number yet rung.

During evensong, which was in the form of a carol service, at Bampton (Devon) Parish Church, on Sunday, December 30th, handbells were rung by youths of the local band at the invitation of the Vicar. The bells, a fine-toned set, were presented in a case to the town in 1910 by the lord of the manor, but with a few exceptions have never been rung. It is hoped that in future greater use will be made of the peal, as the ringing was much appreciated.

Owing to increased business responsibilities, Mr. Albert Walker has found it necessary to resign the office of Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. At the annual meeting last Saturday, Mr. Frank Haynes was elected to succeed him. Mr. Walker was first elected to the office in January, 1904, and continued until 1909. He was again elected in 1921, and has served without a break up to this year. He has thus been responsible for St. Martin's ringing for 20 out of the last 30 years.

To commemorate the golden wedding of their Master and Mrs. William Linter, touches of Minor in four different methods were rung at St. Barnabas' Church, Swanmore, Hants, on December 20th, by F. Merrett 1, A. Millard 2, A. Watson 3, Walter Linter 4, H. Ainsley 5, William Linter (conductor) 6. Mr. Wm. Linter has been a ringer at the same church since 1877, when the tower was built. He was a member of the choir, and was also the parish clerk for many years. His eldest son, Mr. Wm. Linter, jun., represented English ringers at the Melbourne centenary celebrations.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DICKINSON

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Dickinson, of Eckington, Lincs, which occurred on December 27th very suddenly. He was ringing on Christmas morning at St. Peter's, Nottingham. Mr. Dickinson was better known by the Lincs ringers, where he spent most of his ringing career, coming to Nottingham about seven years ago. He had scored 101 peals, the last one being a peal of Bob Royal for his golden wedding celebrations last July.

The funeral took place on December 31st at the Northern Cemetery, Nottingham, the Rev. H. V. Turner, Rector of St. Peter's, Nottingham, conducting the funeral service. The ringers were represented by Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Mrs. F. A. Salter and Mr. S. Pinder.

SUSSEX RINGERS AT ARUNDEL.

There was a good muster of ringers at a quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association on December 29th at Arundel. Good practice was put in ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise.

At the business meeting following tea the members stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. C. Hills, of Angmering, who was always a strong supporter of the association. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Winn, for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Charman for presiding, were passed.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

D. Flatters.	Kirton, Lincs
T. Bishop.	Kirton, Lincs.
A. E. Flatters.	Kirton, Lincs.
J. Albert Kearns.	Sydney, Australia.
Leon Day.	Wool, Dorset.
William G. Hiscock.	Wool, Dorset.
Wilfrid H. Lewis.	Hope, North Wales.
Philip Dunderdale.	Preston, Lancs.
G. Blissett.	Hallow, Worcs.
Ronald V. J. Cattle.	Oxford.
George Lewis.	Hope, North Wales.
John S. Lewis.	Hope, North Wales.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Hectic Concluding Days at Sydney.

BELLS FIRED AS WELCOME TO DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

The concluding days of the Australian tour were spent in Sydney, where in the course of five very busy days two peals—Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples—were rung. Then the party split up, some to visit New Zealand, the rest to return direct to England.

At Sea, on S.S. 'Bendigo,' November 25th, 1934.

Yesterday we turned our faces homeward and our tour in Australia has practically ended. It will be nearly another fortnight before we quit these hospitable shores, but with the termination of our visit to Sydney the main portion of our programme has been completed and our forces are now divided. Seven of the party of twelve are returning on the S.S. 'Bendigo,' the remaining five are visiting New Zealand, and will have encircled the world by the time they reach England.

This closing week in Sydney has been an even madder rush than the rest of the tour, and we have crammed into five days enough to fill a fortnight. Here are the main items in our programme:—

MONDAY, November 19th: Arrival in Sydney from Melbourne at 8.30 a.m. 11.30: Civic reception by Lord Mayor of Sydney. Afternoon: Seeing the city. Evening: Meeting with local ringers from various churches and ringing at St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral.

TUESDAY, November 20th: 9.30 to 2 p.m.: Tour of Sydney Harbour by launch, as guests of New South Wales Government. Afternoon: Transacting business in the city, including visit to Taxation Office to satisfy the authorities, before they would permit us to leave the country, that we had earned no taxable income during our stay. 5 p.m. to 8.30: Peal of Treble Bob Major at the Cathedral. 9 to 11 p.m.: Guests at dinner of St. Mary's Basilica Society.

WEDNESDAY, November 21st: Morning: Visit to Parramatta, ringing and dinner as guests of Parramatta Society, and welcome by Mayor and State Legislature representative. Afternoon: Visit to St. Benedict's Church, West Sydney, ringing and tea. 6 to 10 p.m.: Visit to St. Jude's Church, Randwick; ringing and supper.

THURSDAY, November 22nd: Morning: Ringing at St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral for visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. Afternoon: Peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's, Darling Point. Evening: Tea and social with parishioners of Darling Point.

FRIDAY, November 23rd: Morning and afternoon: 130 miles' motor trip to the Blue Mountains. Evening: Farewell meeting and ringing with ringers at St. Mary Basilica Cathedral, followed by social as guests of Mr. R. H. McDonald.

If anyone does not believe that that is hard going for five days, let them try it and see, after a month of similar activity.

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Our reception in Sydney was of the most cordial character. Sydney has within its vast borders—it probably covers a bigger area than any other city in the Empire except London—several churches with rings of bells, including three eights and two sixes. The greatest attraction from the ringing point of view is the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary's Basilica, a noble stone building, overlooking Sydney's Hyde Park. It has a massive central tower, and two western towers, each of which is later to be completed by the addition of a spire. The bells are in the central tower, the ringing room, 33ft. square, being reached by a main flight of 105 steps, a walk across the parapet of one of the transepts and a short flight of iron stairs. The room gives one the impression of expansiveness and is light and airy. The ropes hang in a circle in the centre. The bells are a fine peal, with tenor of 26 cwt., but they do not sound as well in the tower as outside, probably due to the acoustics of the building.

It was in this tower some 30 years ago that two valiant attempts were made for peals. On one occasion the late Mr. Arthur Barnes, of Melbourne, was calling Holt's Original and the peal was within two hundred changes of the end when the tenorman collapsed. Later on Mr. R. H. McDonald, the 'father' of Sydney ringers, attempted to call a peal, but it came to grief after a highly creditable effort. Thus the only eight-bell peal in Sydney before our visit had been the first peal in Australia, a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's Church in 1890. At present these bells are unringable on account of the structural condition of the tower. There is good reason to believe, however, that ere long this may be remedied, and, if that is the case, the bells will be rehung, and, let it be hoped, change ringing will once more be practised there, for it is historic ground.

About the time when the attempts were made for the Grandsire Triples, Mr. C. W. Porter, a ringer from England, had an active band at St. Mark's Church, Darling Point, one of the suburbs of Sydney, and his company scored two 5,040's of Grandsire Minor, the first at St. Mark's Church and the second at Parramatta, 14 miles away. The bells at St. Mark's, as at the R.C. Cathedral, are by Mears, and Darling Point tenor is 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. The peal of Grandsire Minor was rung on February 5th, 1903, in 2 hours 45 minutes, by A. Pearce 1, P. Howard 2, J. A. White 3, H. Montgomery 4, J. Adams 5, C. W. Porter (conductor) 6. It was the first peal on the bells and the first peal rung by a New South Wales team. In the Parramatta peal the ringers were the same. Mr. Porter is still alive, although much advanced in years and now an invalid. He was delighted to receive a visit from some of the English ringers.

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Despite the many claims upon him in the week when H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was to visit Sydney, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Parker) found time to give us an official welcome to the city. Mr. McDonald introduced our party; Canon Lea, of St. Mark's, added greetings and the Lord Mayor extended a civic blessing upon our visit in a genial speech, in which he expressed the hope that we should take away happy memories of Sydney and its bells. Mr. Fussell made suitable acknowledgment.

Our first meeting with the Sydney ringers in St. Mary's belfry was a great gathering in more senses than one. Not only was there a large party numerically, drawn from all the churches of the city where there are bells, but it was significant that many Sydney ringers and others from the Old Country, who had been cut off from ringing for years, met for the first time. We were cordially welcomed by Fr. Bartlett, and, as may well be imagined, there was more talking than ringing done. Some touches of Triples and Major were, however, brought round, the successful conclusion of each being greeted with warm applause, especially a touch of Grandsire, in which Mr. R. H. McDonald and his son, Mr. E. B. McDonald, who is now leader of St. Mary's ringers, took part.

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Sydney Harbour is claimed, with justice, to be the finest in the world. The entrance is narrow, and Capt. Cook passed it by when exploring the coast before coming to Botany Bay. Inside the headlands, however, is a wonderful succession of beautiful bays, and in the background the 'skyscrapers' of Sydney and the latest 'wonder of the world,' the new harbour bridge, with the longest single span in the world—1,770ft.—under which giant liners can pass. Sydney spreads itself out round these bays, where red-roofed houses cluster among the trees. Further up are wharves and factories, and again peaceful suburbs with gardens reaching down to the harbour. Sydney, it is said, has a water front of 550 miles.

On the day after our arrival our party and representatives of all the Sydney ringing societies were the guests of the New South Wales Government, who put a steam launch at our disposal. On this we made an extended tour to the Parramatta river in one direction and the headlands in the other; taking in the principal bays and visiting Denison Island, a rocky fort, feverishly equipped about 80 years ago, when there was a Russian 'menace,' but now only a well-kept museum of antiquated artillery. But it was well worth a visit. We toured the harbour for nearly five hours, and some of us spent the rest of the afternoon in booking our berths to England and dealing with the taxation authorities. Two little items like these sound perfectly simple. As a matter of fact, they took us more than two hours, and we were through only just in time to get to St. Mary's for our first peal attempt at 5 p.m.

We made a very good job of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major—the first peal on the bells and the first of Major in New South Wales. Half an hour of it was broadcast from three stations, and we did not spoil our reputation. We were told that the bells were heard perfectly when the volume was cut down to the right degree, and that the striking was very good indeed. As it had to be kept up for half an hour, this was a welcome tribute to our ringing. In addition to the broadcast audience, a large number of people assembled in Hyde Park to listen to the ringing. You see, great things were expected of us, and it is satisfactory to know that we did not fail in the test. Good striking is at all times essential, but here in Australia, where we had been credited with super-abilities as ringers, and accomplishments we have never claimed, it was doubly important that we should do well.

We received many congratulations upon our successful efforts, and were then the guests of St. Mary's Society at dinner, a very gratifying feature of the gathering being the presence of representatives of other towers. From the oysters to the champagne, the proceedings went with a 'bang'; the speeches were short and to the point, but by the time we had exchanged autographs on our souvenir programmes it was nearly midnight before the party broke up.

Fr. Bartlett presided over the happy gathering and made a speech of warm welcome, his greetings being extended not only to the English visitors, but also to the ringers from other Sydney towers.

Mr. R. H. McDonald proposed the toast to 'The Visiting English Bellringers.' He regretted their stay was to be so short, but he hoped their visit would be the means of bringing out more change ringers in the towers of Sydney. They had created an interest that had long been wanting, and, speaking for his own tower, if the young men would try and learn, they would try and teach them (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Fussell, in reply, thanked the Sydney ringers for their welcome, for the arrangements they had made and for their hospitality. He had been very pleased to see such a fine body of young men—such promising material—in St. Mary's belfry, and he thought there was a great future before them if they would persevere.

The toast to St. Mary's ringers was musically honoured, and Fr. Bartlett replied.

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Wednesday (November 21st) brought a round of visits. First to Parramatta, where there is a very good Whitechapel peal of six; the tenor (10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.) cast in 1856, the rest in 1860. A large number of people came to hear us ring, and during the morning the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on the bells by J. S. Goldsmith 1, G. Martin 2, W. Linter 3, C. Sharples 4, R. Richardson (conductor) 5, Rev. E. B. James 6. Before this we had broadcast some Grandsire Doubles for a quarter of an hour.

The visitors and others were entertained to lunch, the Rector (the Rev. G. F. B. Manning) presiding over a company of nearly 40 and being supported by the Mayor of Parramatta (Mr. H. Ohlsun) and Mr. G. C. Gollan (Parramatta's representative in the State Legislature). Several complimentary speeches were made, the Rector expressing the hope that as the result of this missionary journey from England, the bells of Parramatta would once again be rung regularly every Sunday. Never before had he seen so much interest and enthusiasm stimulated in bellringing in Parramatta, and he could not help thanking the visiting ringers for their visit which had had this result.

Speeches were made by the Mayor, Mr. Gollan, a former Mayor and old ringer, Mr. Knoller, Mr. C. Croswell, Mr. A. H. McDonald, Mr. W. H. Fussell and the Rev. E. B. James.

The Rector pointed to the work of the Parramatta bellringers, who a few years ago raised a sum of over £2,000 by organising dances and so forth to free the church of debt on the Parish Hall. He announced that it was desired to elect the English ringers as hon. members of the St. John's Society, Parramatta, and he, therefore, declared them duly elected (applause).

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At the conclusion of these proceedings the English ringers went on to St. Benedict's (R.C.) Church, West Sydney. Here they found the bells in poor order, with the additional inconvenience of ropes which fall too close to the tower walls. A little ringing was done before tea was served to the visitors and friends in the adjoining hall. St. Benedict's Church is scheduled for demolition, for city improvements, but it will be rebuilt on the remains of the site. It is hoped a larger tower may then be erected and the bells increased to eight and rehung in a new frame. It may, however, be two or three years before this comes about. Of the present bells, the front four were cast as part of the original six in 1849 by C. and G. Mears. The two tenors became cracked and were recast at Whitechapel in 1922 at the expense of Mrs. Jane Granville, who gave £475 for the purpose.

The evening was spent at St. Jude's, Randwick, where the visitors were received by the Rev. G. Smith, in the absence of the Rector (Canon W. J. Cakebread). St. Jude's has a ring of eight steel bells, cast in 1865, about which the less said the better. We hope that one result of our visit may be a scrapping of these 'tram rails' and the installation of a peal worthy of the tower and church. There is an enthusiastic band of young ringers, who were keenly interested, but they have little in their bells to encourage them. After the ringing, of which a little sufficed, the visitors were entertained to supper and their hosts were cordially thanked.

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On Thursday (November 22nd), H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester landed in Sydney from the cruiser 'Sussex,' and was greeted, it is said, by crowds numbering something like a million people. The centre of the city was packed with a mass of humanity and the welcome was tumultuous. St. Mary's Cathedral bells joined in this welcome and the English ringers united with the local men in making the bells vocal. Twenty-one 'shots' were fired on them, this royal salute being given as the Duke passed the Cathedral. The ringing occupied most of the morning, and in the afternoon the visitors met for a peal attempt at Darling Point, where they were elected hon. members of St. Mark's Society. Here it was originally intended to ring Cambridge Surprise Major, but, on meeting, two of the party

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ENGLISH AND MELBOURNE RINGERS' ARMISTICE DAY GATHERING.

The above photograph of the St. Paul's Cathedral ringers, with their English visitors, was taken on Armistice Day. Top row: J. T. Trotter, J. Roper, Rev. A. Brown, *R. Richardson, *G. Martin, R. Maude, H. G. Ross. Middle row: Rev. E. B. James, *E. B. Knott, W. G. Waghorn, *J. L. Murray, *J. S. Goldsmith, *J. W. Spencer, *W. H. Fussell. Front row: J. Birtles, W. Linter, *A. A. Savage, *Miss F. Shimmin, *Mrs. R. Richardson, Enid Richardson, Miss P. Murdock, T. A. Askell, *C. Sharples, J. F. Gardener, J. Hardcastle, H. Blakeley and *F. Boughton. Those marked * afterwards took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.

71 PEALS RUNG BY THE EXERCISE.

The occasion of the royal wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina was commemorated by the Exercise in a wonderful manner. To date no fewer than 71 peals have been recorded in 'The Ringing World,' and in addition there was a very large number of quarter-peals and touches rung.

Thousands of ringers in all parts of the country listened to the Ancient Society of College Youths ringing the peal of Stedman Triples in Westminster Abbey. In a number of towns the peals synchronised with the royal peal, which started as the bride and bridegroom passed through the west door of the Abbey.

An analysis of the peals and the methods rung indicates a great variety of methods. There were four 12-bell peals at Worcester, Christchurch, Canterbury and Wolverhampton, and the methods selected were: Grandsire Cinques 3 and Bob Maximus 1. Ten-bell peals numbered five at Maidstone, Cardiff, Liverpool, Pontefract and St. Albans. Methods selected were Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, and one of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

There were no fewer than 43 eight-bell peals. The methods were Grandsire Triples 11, Kent Treble Bob 10, Bob Major 7, Double Norwich Court Bob 4, Stedman Triples 3, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, and one each of Bristol Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Princess Marina Surprise Major and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The Princess Marina Surprise Major, a new composition for the occasion, was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, and was composed by Mr. G. Lindoff.

Six and five-bells peals totalled 18. There were 10 peals of Bob Minor, three of Grandsire Doubles, two of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and one each of Doubles, Double Surprise Minor, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. There was also one peal on handbells.

NORTH SHIELDS LOSS.

North Shields belfry has recently lost its oldest ringer by the death of Mr. Andrew Tully. He had been a ringer for the long period of 45 years without a break, taking up ringing as a boy after leaving the choir. Consistent in his attendance at service ringing and practices, he never missed ringing the new year in during the whole of that time. He was a capable ringer, having rung in 22 peals in various methods, including London Surprise. Mr. Tully was a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for 44 years. He visited nearly all the towers in the association's area and in different parts of the country as far away as Kent. He was always cheerful and a good team man.

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were hors de combat and unfit for peal ringing. A young local enthusiast, Bert Kearns, was pressed into service for the tenor, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung. Bert Kearns had never before covered any change ringing and had never rung for half an hour at a stretch. He did his job magnificently, by ringing the tenor well and sticking to a task which might well have beaten him. It was only in the last quarter-peal, when he was suffering from fatigue and cramp in one arm, that he sometimes dropped the bell a little; but it was a great effort and he was congratulated by all the band at the finish.

The fact that a local man took part in this peal will be a great incentive to the ringers at Darling Point, who are hoping to get some instruction in change ringing from an English ringer, who has been quiescent for 12 years in Australia, but who is likely to come into activity again as the result of this visit. Mr. Tom Scammell used to ring at Titchfield, Hants, and he will be a valuable adjunct to Sydney ringing now that his interest has been reawakened. It is to Mr. Scammell that many of the arrangements for our benefit in Sydney are due. He readily undertook the task of organising part of the programme and was with us most of the time. St. Mark's, Darling Point, will have a valued instructor if Mr. Scammell is able to lend them a helping hand.

The back six bells at St. Mark's were installed in 1862 by Mears, and two trebles were added to complete the octave in 1923, the full peal being opened on October 28th of that year. The Stedman Triples was the first peal on the eight bells. After the peal Canon Lea entertained the party to tea, and later there was a parochial social gathering, when about a hundred people were present and a very happy and informal evening was spent.

DEATH OF MR. GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU.

PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING IN SOLIHULL.

The death of Mr. Geoffrey A. Martineau, at the age of 73 years, snaps one of the few remaining links with old Solihull (Warwickshire) and brings to a close a life devoted whole-heartedly to public service. Partner of the firm of Matchett and Martineau, Bradford Street, Birmingham, Mr. Martineau was an extremely busy man, but it may be said that his whole time out of business hours was spent in Christian service. He was Ringing Master of the Solihull Guild for more than 40 years, superintendent of the Sunday School for a similar period, and actively associated with the Boy Scout movement in its early stages. Any kind of social work, among rich or poor, he regarded as his especial duty, and we remember with pride the front door of Touchwood Hall, always standing open, a symbol of the great open heart within.

It is of Mr. Martineau's splendid services to change ringing that one would write here. As far back as 1891 a meeting of prominent churchmen was called to consider the serious condition of Solihull tower and bells. The outcome of the meeting was the formation of a Guild of Ringers, the drawing up of proper rules, and a great effort for the restoration of the bells. Mr. Martineau was the spearhead of the attack, and one marvels at the enthusiasm, determination, and skill with which he succeeded in arousing interest in the cause.

By 1894 the tower had been restored, the bells retuned, rehung and augmented to 10. The next move was to secure a band of change ringers, and Mr. William Kent, from Birmingham, was appointed instructor. Meanwhile, the first peal on the new ten was rung by the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers. Mr. Martineau rang in this, a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by John Carter. Less than a month later the rival society, the St. Martin's Guild, secured the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Both these peals were rung in December, 1894.

The local band made good progress in the ringing of Grandsire, and in 1898 we find a Solihull man calling a peal of Grandsire Triples. In 1905 Mr. Martineau called a peal of Grandsire Triples, and in 1906 came the first peal by an entirely local band, Grandsire Triples, conducted by Roland Bragg. From that period, until the war, Solihull's tower remained a great attraction for Birmingham ringers and entertained many famous visitors.

Towards the end of the war, the Solihull handbell band of change ringers was formed, and the writer remembers with gratitude the enthusiasm with which Mr. Martineau encouraged and helped this venture; how he withdrew into the background when the movement was well on foot; and the pride he took in the performances of peals of Doubles, Minor and Triples that followed.

Six or seven years ago the tower was found to be unsafe, and all ringing ceased. Once again Mr. Martineau came to the fore. Frail in body, and shattered in health, his indomitable spirit began all over again the fight of 40 years before. He insisted that the bells should be recast, retuned on a modern principle, and rehung in a modern frame. Imbued with a spirit no bodily ailment could quench, he won his point, and on October 1st, 1932, he was present in the belfry for the last time, when the Lord Bishop of Birmingham handed all the ropes into his care, saying, 'Mr. Ringing Master, I give these bells into your charge. So long as they ring may there be peace and goodwill among your ringers.'

Since that day Mr. Martineau had suffered much, but his interest in the tower never waned, and he remained our Ringing Master to the end. Tended to the last with marvellous devotion by his dear wife, he finished his course on Sunday, December 30th, 1934. In the evening the bells he loved rang out 593 Grandsire Caters half-muffled, rung by: W. Leeson 1, H. Hofton 2, J. N. Jukes 3, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, S. Bragg 8, R. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

Mr. Martineau was interred at Solihull Church on January 2nd. Four ringers carried him to his last resting place, and over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by V. W. Rigg 1-2, G. F. Swann 3-4, E. C. Shepherd 5-6, A. Walker 7-8. A great concourse of notable people stood round, while the old familiar changes ran their course, and with immense pathos came steadily into rounds.

A great Christian gentleman, he rests close beside the foot of the tower, beneath the bells that are his monument. To us, in Solihull, he remains our beloved Ringing Master. May we, following his great example, be enabled to run our race, to finish our course, 'and having done all, to stand.'

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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 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. 31st, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 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, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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. 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.

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.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Old Chesterton, Cambridge, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 6d. each.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Saturday, January 12th, at 3.30 p.m., the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. Please try to make this meeting a success.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual district meeting at Southampton on January 12th. Bells (St. Mary's 10 and St. Michael's 8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—A Happy New Year to all ringers. The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45. Business meeting and election of officers will follow. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on January 12th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, January 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, January 12th. The bells of St. Peter's (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4. Meeting after.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea 1s. 6d., plain tea 1s., at 5 p.m. at the Station Restaurant. Business: Auditor's report, election of officers. Subscriptions due. A good attendance hoped for .—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at Institute 6.15. Please make an effort to attend to welcome the new warden, Canon How. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —A business meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, January 12th, and a good attendance is requested. Tower open 3. Meeting in tower 6.30. Reports are now ready. Subscriptions are due. All are welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, January 12th, when the report and balance sheet will be presented and officers elected. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next district meeting will be held at Terrington St. John on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish on Saturday afternoon, January 12th. 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. Please look up Double Norwich.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Service (please note) 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Tower secretaries will greatly assist by notifying secretary how many will be in attendance.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, January 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Harmston (eight bells) on Saturday, January 12th. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 followed

by tea and business meeting.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. F. B. Beavan, a special meeting of the district will be held at Wingham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. A free tea will be provided at the Red Lion Inn at 4.45 p.m. It is important that all those intending to be present should notify me on or before Thursday, January 17th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cremers at a charge of 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Please inform me not later than Tuesday, 15th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch on Saturday, January 19th, at Saxlingham. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 4.30 for those who let me know by the 16th, followed by business meeting. New Year greetings.—Nolan Golden, Berridge House, 8, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, January 19th. The arrangements will be as usual, and owing to the importance of the business, when the report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of officers takes place, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend. Will those who hope to be present please notify Mr. G. Basford, 15, Orchard Road, Finedon, not later than Tuesday, January 15th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m; preacher, Rev. B. H. B. Attlee, D.D. Tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket, members 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Usual ringing arrangements. Please apply for tea tickets not later than January 15th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting and social afterwards.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lye on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar, Rev. W. Smith, at 4.15. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than January 15th of their intention to be present.—W. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, January 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Practice night at Miles Platting, Tuesday, January 8th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, by Wednesday, 16th, Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held in St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Storeton Road, on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Chapel at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting in the Clubroom afterwards. Election of officers and presentation of accounts, etc.; meetings for 1935.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea in Council Room at 4.45. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, January 16th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Charminster and Fordington bells available at 3.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Staveley on Saturday, January 19th, for the election of officers. Tea at 1s. each will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, Bell House Lane, not later than January 16th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 now due.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, January 19th. Holy Trinity (Taylor 8), West Hill, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea at Church Hall, foot of West Hill, 5 o'clock. Business after tea, and further ringing at All Saints' in evening. Postcard re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 19th. Watermoor (eight bells) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Parish Church (12) open after service. Please advise for tea by Tuesday, January 15th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, January 19th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Christ Church Schoolroom at 5.15 p.m. by kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens. Meeting to follow. It is essential that all those who intend to be present send in their names to me by the 16th inst.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, January 19th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All ringing friends welcome, but please send me a card not later than January 17th.—A. Taylor, Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year is to be held at Leamington on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the Parish Church available from 3 p.m. till 4.30. Short service at 4.30 to be conducted by the Vicar of Leamington. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ballinger's Cafe, Bath Street, 1s. 9d. a head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Lillington Church available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Frequent bus service between Leamington and Lillington.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19th. St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, E.C.3, from 3 p.m., and probably another City tower in the evening. Full particulars in next week's issue. Everybody welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., c/o Metropolitan Police Training School, Peel House, Regency Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me by January 17th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Coburg Street, Portsmouth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 to those only who let me know by Thursday, 17th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Hereford.

WATFORD.—You may practise various methods of ringing the changes at Watford on Saturday, January 19th. The bells are available for that purpose from 3.30. At 5.30 a rest to compare results, drink tea and gossip. Then further practice till 8.45.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting as usual. I hope for a good attendance. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me for same by Thursday previous. Followed by business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

SOUTHAMPTON.—The Bishop of Southampton will re-dedicate the bells at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. The ring of eight has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30 p.m., and after meeting St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Rose and Crown. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.40, 1s. each, to those who advise me by 23rd inst. Will local secretaries note committee meeting in vestry at 4 o'clock? Also to send me revised times of Sunday and practice ringing and list of quarter-peals rung during 1934.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. The bells of St. Edmund's will be available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Names for tea to secretary by January 19th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Third quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, January 26th. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colyton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (9d.) 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the foundry campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Thursday, January 17th. —D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough. Please notify for tea Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Rd., Farnham, by Wed., 23rd.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120 Ash Rd., Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 26th. The bells (8), tenor 30 cwt., will be available from 2 till 4.25 p.m., and again after the meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon R. Brook, Vicar of Doncaster. Tea, 1/3, in the Memorial Hall, near the Church, at 5.15 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday, January 22nd. The annual general meeting will be held in the same hall at 6 p.m. There are frequent train and bus services from all directions. The annual report will be available at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 23rd.—L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 22nd.—Major J. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please notify me for tea by January 29th. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

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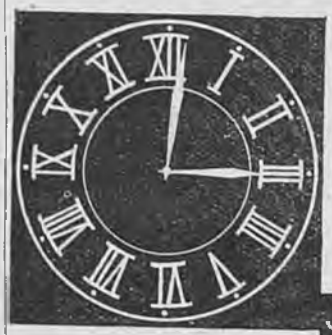

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RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

Among the things which recent correspondence in our columns has emphasised is the fact that, among change ringers, raising and falling bells in peal is little practised. Col. Jerram and others have given reasons why this particular branch of ringing is neglected, and one of the main causes is that many change ringers look upon it as a waste of time. It is a pity that they take this view. Others may disagree with us, but in our opinion raising and falling is quite one of the best means of acquiring control of a bell, while, when it is done well, there is nothing in ringing which pleases the outside public better. For these two reasons alone we wish that the art was more extensively practised. Bad raising and falling is as much an abomination as any other bad ringing, and we have seen not a few otherwise good ringers decline to take part in a 'rise' or 'fall' because, and they candidly admit it, they cannot do it properly. But if they have intelligence enough to learn to ring changes they can learn to raise and lower bells in peal; if the West Country round ringers can do it to perfection so, with practice, can change ringers in any other part of the country. The fault is that, for one reason or another, they will not give the necessary time to it. After all, practice night is practice night, and why should not five minutes be given at the beginning to raising the bells in peal and five minutes at the end to lowering them in the same manner? Actually there would be no more loss of time in doing it in this way than in pulling the bells up or down singly; and everyone must admit that it is infinitely preferable—particularly to the public. The excuse of saving time, therefore, does not really stand investigation. With a very little serious practice good raising and falling in peal ought to be the accomplishment of every band, and we would go further and say that until a beginner can take his rope in this form of ringing with reasonable credit he ought not to be allowed to practise change ringing. If that were insisted upon there would be far fewer bad and indifferent strikers among the change ringers. At present the majority of change ringers seem to be content with an inferiority complex on this subject. When the suggestion is made at the end of a meeting to lower the bells in peal it is no unusual sight to see men who claim to have something of a local reputation put on their coats and disappear from the belfry. Raising and lowering in something approaching perfection ought to be within the accomplishments of any reasonably good band of change ringers, and it is time the West Country round ringers' reproach that change ringers cannot rise and fall bells in peal, whatever its justification, was removed. The West

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
EDGAR T. SMITH	2	WALTER R. HUGHES ...	7
*HARRY T. HIGGINS	3	GILBERT HARDING	8
HOWARD HOWELL	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
ALFRED ADAMS	5	*ALFRED BUCKLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Walsall (the Rev. H. J. Carpenter) and Mrs. Carpenter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PHILIP HODGKIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM GORRINGE	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
†ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ...	3	WILLIAM WENBAN	7
TOM SAUNDERS	4	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (398). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † 60th peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, BY LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Treble*	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	5
ERNEST BRETT	2	HAROLD V. FROST	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	CHARLES S. BURDEN	7
PERCY E. CLARK	4	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

Rung in honour of the Christmas festival.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
DENIS R. MORRIS	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	ARTHUR H. FOSTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL...	...*Treble*	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY	5
*ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	†HARRY WARD	6
*JOSHUA WORMALD	3	PERCY MASSAM	7
ALBERT WORMALD	4	*HARRY HOMER	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
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FRANK E. DARBY	2	TONY PRICE	6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER	7
DANIEL COOPER	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
First attempt for a spliced four-method peal by all the band and first by the association. A birthday peal to F. W. Housden.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS	*Treble*	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	*JAMES OGDEN	6
*HARRY KENT	3	†JAMES H. BASLOW	7
THOMAS K. DRIVER	4	ABRAHAM OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.
* First peal. † First peal and first attempt.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)
On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART (REEVES' VARIATION). Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD ALLSOP	*Treble*	*ROBERT ALLSOP	5
GEORGE H. PAULSON	2	JOHN R. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW	3	BERNARD ALLSOP	7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	4	†JOHN HOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung with bells muffled to ring the old year out.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen 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.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	5
HENRY HUTTON	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
ALFRED H. POLLING	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	BASIL H. G. WHITBOURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING
Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S No. 2. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	CHARLES BROWN	5
HORACE FOX	2	EDWARD ATKINSON	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
FRED NEWTON	4	*ARTHUR HECKINGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.
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NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At All Saints', on December 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): O. Amos 1, J. James 2, L. Bainham 3, T. Ford 4, H. J. Trim 5, F. Bullock 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Bullock 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Ford on reaching his 65th birthday.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	*Treble*	*THOMAS JONES	5
WILLIAM BRAMMER	2	*STANLEY HARRISON	6
WILFRED J. MOSS	3	CECIL RADDON	7
*JOSEPH LITTLER	4	HARRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the ringer of the seventh.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, January 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
ERNEST BRETT	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	JOSEPH MARKS	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
No. 203, VARIATION 7. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

FRANK SCHOLEFIELD	*Treble*	G. WILFRED SLACK	5
*FRANK ARMITAGE	2	NORMAN S. SIMS	6
ARTHUR ARMITAGE	3	JOHN WM. SCHOLEFIELD	7
GEORGE WM. SLACK	4	RONALD H. DOVE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. WILFRED SLACK.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the Right Rev. Dr. Lucius F. M. B. Smith, D.D., Rector of Methley, Archdeacon of Leeds, and some time Bishop Suffragan of Knaresborough, who was interred the same day. This composition has 4, 5 and 6 their extent together in 5-6 in the minimum number of courses (36). Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL PINDER	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
FRANK BRADLEY	3	JOHN E. HOBBS	7
LAWRENCE CHADBURN	4	FRANK WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Dickinson, member of the St. Peter's band.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD CITY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*LEONARD G. PLUMLEY	*Treble*	ROBERT GREEN	5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT	6
ARTHUR HAWES	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	4	*REGINALD S. WYATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

MISS GRACE CHURCH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	5
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
GEORGE GRAY	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
WALTER GREENAWAY... ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW	...*Treble*	HERBERT FIELDS...	5
*MISS PHYLLIS HINE	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
ELLIS CLARKE	3	TOM BARTRAM	7
HENRY J. PARKER	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

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

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST, IDOL LANE, CITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES C. A. PRIOR ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT E. HEAZEL	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ..	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
ERNEST J. KING	3	JACK WAUGH...	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HAWKINS ...	...*Treble*	DONALD G. CLIFT	5
GEORGE WENT	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ...	3	ARTHUR HAWKINS	7
ARTHUR L. LUCAS	4	EDGAR W. LUFF	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. A. H. Watkins, solicitor and prominent townsman, and a former warden of this church, who was interred immediately prior to the peal; also to the Rev. Arthur G. Thomas, Rector of Penhow, a great friend to the ringers of this association, who died during the week. The ringers of the treble and 7th have now completed the circle in this tower.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
*WALTER CLAYDON	2	NELSON ELLIOTT...	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
ROBERT SWIFT	4	CECIL NICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

P.C. JOHN MULLINER... ..	*Treble*	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON	5
P.C. PERCY RUSHDON ...	2	SUPT. FREDK. R. WILLIAMS	6
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	3	P.C. GEORGE PYE	7
P.C. WILLIAM PYE	4	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his retirement from the Manchester City Police Force. P.C. Rushton is a member of the Stockport Borough Force.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF HUNTINGDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. WHITING.

* 250th peal. A peal in this method is now rung for the first time.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*LESLIE E. MILTON ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES A. BINES	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	*GEORGE KILNER...	6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
JIM HURRELL	4	FREDERICK J. HURRELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS J. HULL	...*Treble*	HAROLD V. FROST	5
ARTHUR DAY	2	BEN. JARMAN	6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	3	FREDERICK J. SPICER	7
HENRY JARMAN	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 402). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM

* First peal of Oxford. The composition contains 4, 5 and 6 extent in 5th's, and 5, 6 extent in 5th's without 2nd in 6th's place in the minimum number of courses.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*KENNETH LEWIS	...*Treble*	†JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY...	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	WILLIAM FERNLEY	7
†LIONEL PLOUGH...	4	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

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NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES
Forty-two six-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. DUCK ... ...*Treble*	P. NEWLAND 4
*W. C. SLATTER 2	A. G. HANNIS 5
T. WORRAL... 3	*J. J. SLATTER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. G. HANNIS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two different six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE .. ...*Treble*	EDWARD MAUND 4
CHARLES YOUNG 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
GEORGE GUNNELL 3	HENRY BISHOP ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*MISS EDNA F. BEDFORD ...*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... 4
†MISS KATH E. FLETCHER 2	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.'

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, December 28, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARTHUR A. REYNOLDS ...*Treble*	ARTHUR BREWER 4
*ALFRED E. ASHFORD ... 2	*WILLIAM G. ASHFORD ... 5
JOHN J. WEBB 3	*FRED E. J. REYNOLDS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's: (1) Alnwick, Newcastle; (2) Norfolk, Primrose; (3) York, Durham; (4) London, Wells; (5) Northumberland, Carlisle; (6) Beverley, Surfleet; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
CHARLES W. WOOD 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
First peal in 14 methods by ringer of the 5th.

PRESHUTE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM H. HILLIER ...*Treble*	T. ARTHUR PALMER 4
*ARTHUR TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	†THOMAS J. PALMER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.
* First peal away from tenor and first peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven spliced extents in 39 methods, viz.: (1) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (3) Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (4) Willesden, Old Oxford, Taxel, Marple, College Bob IV., Newdigate Delight; (5) Charlwood, Wragby, Braintree, Humber, Neasden, and St. Albans Delight; (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Morning Star, Ockley Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

KENNETH C. LEWIS ... ...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours & Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL G. SMITH ... .*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
WILLIAM H. CURSON 2	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD... 5
FRANK SHARP 3	OLIVER HINES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD.
Specially arranged by the Seals ringers and rung as a wedding compliment to W. F. Woodward, captain of the local band, who was married on Boxing Day. Ringers of 1, 3 and tenor are Netherseal members, 2, 4 and 5 from Overseal.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL R. BURRELL ... ...*Treble*	*VERNON TAYLOR 4
HAROLD BARSLEY 2	†WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First extent of Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob. † First extent of Cambridge Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

GEORGE SPERRING ... ...*Treble*	*FRED HARTMAN... 4
WILLIAM HOPWOOD 2	WILLIAM WERTMAN 5
PERCY SWINDLEY... 3	JOHN BENYON, JUN. ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WERTMAN.
* First peal.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SIDNEY WEAR ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM DOWNES 4
*PHILIP PORSLOW 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	ALFRED OWEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.
* First peal.

LANE END, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With seven different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

Victor Evans	*Treble*	A. Reginald Blaby	4
Frederick G. Biggs	2	Percy Newton	5
James W. Wilkins	3	Roland Biggs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Biggs.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, York, Westminster, London, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Thomas Hoadley	*Treble*	Reginald E. Lambert ...	4
Edwin Bromley	2	Alan Bromley	5
*Francis Bromley	3	Robert T. Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods by all and on the bells. Rung to ring out the old year.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

*W. C. C. Williams... ...	*Treble*	†L. Pelzer	4
†G. N. Williams	2	G. Lewis	5
J. T. Williams	3	D. G. Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. Williams.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal by entirely local band.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Norwich, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt.

Harry Gibbard	*Treble*	Thomas A. Cooper	4
Charles W. Woods	2	Albert E. Scott	5
William H. Waldron ...	3	Horace M. Day	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. Day.

Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, one of the local band, to score his first peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Alfred H. Pulling	1-2	*Wilfred H. J. Hooton ...	5-6
Edwin H. Lewis	3-4	Albert A. Hughes	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal of Stedman Triples in hand. This was the conductor's 1,100th peal.

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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT SLAUGHAM.

A MEMORIAL GIFT TO THE PARISH CHURCH.

The ancient church at Slaugham, Sussex, has been the recipient of a magnificent gift, and in consequence can now boast of having an exceptionally fine peal of eight bells in its tower. To the existing five bells have been added a treble and two tenors, three of the old bells have been recast, and all rehung with new fittings in a metal frame. This has been done (through the generosity of the Secretan family and Capt. Stevens) in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Secretan, formerly of Slaugham Park, and of their grandson (the late 'Tim' Stevens).

Messrs Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon bellfounders, executed the work, and they are to be complimented on the success of their efforts. The new treble bell, weighing 3 cwt. 22 lb., has the inscription, 'In memory of Charles Philip Borlase (Tim) Stevens. Born June 19th, 1918, died April 30th, 1934.' The new tenor bells (seven and eight) weigh 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. and 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. respectively.

In the ancient tower surmounted by a wooden spire hung a light ring of five, cast by Janaway in 1773, the tenor weighing less than 6 cwt. The frame and fittings were in a dilapidated condition and ringing facilities in the tower were hindered by an unsightly staircase rising from the ground and by the placing of the ringers on the first floor, too close to the bells. A transformation in the tower has now taken place—the ring of eight has been fixed at a lower level in the tower and hung with new fittings of the latest model in a new cast iron 'A' frame, the clock has been lowered on to a new floor and the ringers are now placed on the ground floor, which has been cleared and now provides a splendid ringing chamber.

The new tenors weigh 11¼ cwt. and 8½ cwt. respectively, and the ring of eight in the key of A flat represents the latest example of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's harmonic tuning. No. 8 is dedicated to the memory of Philip Secretan, No. 7 to that of Margaret Liston, his wife, and No. 1 (the treble) commemorates their grandson, Charles Philip Borlase (Tim) Stevens.

For the dedication and rededication service on December 19th the church was filled to capacity. The impressive service was conducted by the Rev. F. E. S. Jacomb-Hood (Rector), who was accompanied by the Rev. D. L. Secretan, Rector of Balcombe (a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Secretan), and the Rev. H. C. Perry (chaplain of Bedford School, where the late 'Tim' Stevens was a pupil).

The congregation included Capt. and Mrs. Stevens (parents of the late 'Tim' Stevens and son-in-law and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Secretan), Mrs. Alec Wilson, Mrs. Bunbury and Miss Ethel Secretan (daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Secretan), Mrs. D. L. Secretan (daughter-in-law), Mrs. C. Williams, the Misses M. and J. Secretan (granddaughters), Messrs. P. and R. Secretan (grandsons), Mr. H. Grose-Hodge (headmaster of Bedford School), Messrs. Cook, Fitt Donovan, O'Hare and Joy (the late 'Tim' Stevens' former colleagues at Bedford School), and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon.

Following the hymn, 'Songs of praise the angels sang,' and Psalm cxxii., the lesson, from I. Corinthians xvi., was read by Col. J. R. Warren. Later there was a procession of the clergy, the churchwardens (Lt.-Col. G. H. Loder, M.C., and Mr. A. Newnham) and the choir to the west end of the church, during which the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' was sung. From the ringing floor the Rev. D. L. Secretan called upon the Rector and churchwardens, on behalf of the parishioners, to accept bells numbers seven and eight in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Secretan, and read the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Hubert Fraser (a close friend of the late 'Tim' Stevens while at Bradfield College) requested the Rector and churchwardens to accept the new treble bell in memory of 'Tim' Stevens. This bell was dedicated by the Rev. H. C. Perry. The five restored bells and the new bell frame were presented by the Rev. D. L. Secretan 'to the glory of God and as a lasting memorial to our relatives,' and the dedicatory prayer was afterwards read by the Rev. F. E. S. Jacomb-Hood.

As the clergy, churchwardens and choir returned to the chancel, dedicatory rounds were rung on the bells by members of the Sussex County Association—Messrs. K. Hart (Brighton), R. Johnson (Crawley, H. Bailey (Slaugham), C. Nice (Crawley), J. Mansbridge (Slaugham), N. Elliot (Crawley), F. Godsmark (Slaugham) and O. Sippetts (Crawley), conductor.

The address was given by the Rev. H. C. Perry, who chose as his subject the words of a carol:—

'The bells of the city of God ring out,
For the Son of Mary was born to-night;
The gloom is past, and the morn at last
Is coming with Orient light.'

Immediately after the service two courses of Superlative Surprise Major were well struck by ringers from Crawley Parish Church—Messrs. Keith Hart 1, G. Oliver 2, R. Swift 3, K. Snelling 4, R. Johnson 5, C. Nice 6, N. Elliott 7, O. Sippetts (conductor) 8. The ringing was continued during the evening by members of the Sussex County Association from various parts of the county, and was of a very high order. The large non-ringing audience throughout the evening was much impressed with the excellence of the ringing and the even striking of the bells.

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GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. ATTWELL.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Attwell took place on Christmas Eve, December 24th, they being married at Chiddingfold Church, Surrey, on December 24th, 1884. Mr. Attwell came to Chiddingfold from Arborfield in that year. He soon set to work to make a change ringing band (the bells then were six), and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Grandsire Minor. In 1894 the bells were increased to eight, and after lessons from Mr. Frank Bennett the band succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at the opening of the bells, there being five first peals, including Mr. Attwell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Attwell's hospitality is well known to ringers in this part of the country, and all will join in wishing them a good many more years of happiness together. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the event (owing to illness it was impossible to go for a peal), the band being: R. T. Carpenter 1, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 2, T. Attwell 3, W. Bartlett 4, M. Smither 5, G. Luff 6, R. J. C. Hagley 7, R. Cooper (first attempt) 8.

The ringers, choir and congregation made a presentation through the Rector (Rev. E. P. Pelloe). Mr. Attwell has been a choirman as well as a ringer for over 50 years at the church, and he is also a foundation member of the Oxford and Guildford Diocesan Guilds. The ringers were entertained after ringing by Mr. and Mrs. Attwell at their home, the company including their children and grandchildren. He has rung about 150 peals in various methods. Mr. Attwell was one of the best instructors on handling a bell, and woe betide the pupil who thought he knew more than his instructor. (The writer knows from experience.)

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At 9 p.m. the Rector presided over a supper at the Chequers Inn to entertain the 50 ringers who had visited Slaugham for the occasion. The host, Capt. S. Stevens, of Bedford, one of the donor family, attended the supper and renewed many old acquaintanceships. Short speeches were made by the Rector and Capt. Stevens, and Mr. Cyril Johnston (of the bell foundry) proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Sussex County Association who had contributed so largely to the success of the evening's ceremony.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were congratulated on all sides for the splendid peal which they have installed, and it is hoped that a change ringing band will soon be in evidence, for there are skilled and enthusiastic ringers in the vicinity who are ready to lend a helping hand.

'RINGERS' DAY' AT OSSETT.

BIG GATHERING ENJOYS NEW BELLS.

'Ringers' Day' at Ossett, Yorks, where a new peal of ten has recently been installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., was a great success. The event took place on January 5th and about 100 ringers were present from all over the district. In addition, there were a good many representatives of the parish, including the Vicar and his wife, the curate, churchwardens and their wives, members of the Parochial Church Council and a few friends. Altogether over 150 partook of a good old-fashioned Yorkshire tea as the guests of the local company.

Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present. Many others who fully intended to be there were prevented by ill-health, amongst those sending apologies being Messrs. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, Arthur Ridyard, of Manchester Cathedral, and George Hawksworth, of Doncaster.

The bells were kept merrily ringing from about 3 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Mr. J. P. Fidler arrived in the evening to represent the founders, and brought several ringers with him from the Silkstone dedication ceremony.

Everyone expressed satisfaction at the tone and 'go' of the bells and had a real good day's enjoyment. Some veterans from Leeds kindly entertained the company during the evening with some delightful little snatches of tune ringing and other items.

The following towers and towns were represented: Armley, Almondbury, Batley, Birstall, Bridlington, Bradford, Burley, Conisborough, Dewsbury, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Ecclesfield, Headingley, Horbury, Huddersfield, Leeds, Pontefract (Parish and All Saints' Churches), Rothwell, Rotherham, Selby, Shipley, Shelley, Sheffield Cathedral, Wakefield and Wortley. The parishioners who were there amongst 'these ringers' were much struck by the good fellowship shown between the members of the great brotherhood of the belfry.

Votes of thanks were given to those responsible for the welcome received by Messrs. H. Lofthouse (secretary, Leeds and District Association), Frank Renton, W. Barton and others of the Yorkshire Association. The Vicar of Ossett (the Rev. G. H. Marshall, D.S.O., M.A.) and Mr. Joe Bennett, for the ringers, suitably responded.

A RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamlin, of Pentre Rhondda, upon celebrating their golden wedding. To commemorate the event a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, Pentre, on Sunday, January 6th, by F. Lasbury 1, W. Palmer 2, T. Page 3, G. Palmer 4, T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, W. Cross (conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The remaining members of the Australian touring party are due in England next Wednesday. Messrs. W. H. Fussell, G. Martin, J. H. Hardcastle, W. Linter and R. Maude visited New Zealand after leaving Sydney, and are returning via the Panama Canal.

The Editor returns his grateful thanks to the many ringers who have sent him messages of 'welcome home.' He greatly appreciates the kindly thoughts which have prompted them.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that the latest reports of Mr. William Pye, who is in hospital suffering from a serious nervous breakdown, indicate that he is much better. We hope that he will soon be sufficiently recovered to go on and complete his 2,000 peals. He requires only about 35 more.

Among the many notable performances that have been achieved by Irthlingborough, Northants, ringers have been the first peal of Irthlingborough Surprise Major and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, both conducted by Mr. W. Perkins. These two peals have now been suitably recorded on a peal tablet, which was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. L. W. Wright) at St. Peter's Church on Sunday week.

A peal was rung at Wellington, Herefordshire, on Saturday week, as a welcome home to the Australian tourists, who much appreciate the compliment thus paid to them.

A great mystery has just been solved. The August week-end visitors to Wrington have now discovered why one of the band hurried off to Scotland before the end of the tour. They little dreamt there was a lady in the case; but the secret is now out.

The engagement has been announced between Miss Dilys M. Lewis (eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Moorcocks, Biasted, Kent) and Mr. Wilfred H. J. Hooton, of Lindley Lodge, Nuneaton, a well-known member of Cambridge University Guild.

Mr. Alfred Pulling, of Guildford, has rung his one thousandth peal as conductor! The peal took place at Haslemere on January 5th. Subject to correction, we believe Mr. Pulling is only the second ringer to achieve this distinction, Mr. William Pye, of course, being the other. Mr. Pulling has conducted his 1,000 peals out of a total of 1,101.

Another new Surprise method rung! The Helmingham band have added Huntingdon to their list. It is one of Mr. G. Lindoff's group on the Bristol principle.

BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS.

PEAL TO BE REHUNG.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to supply a fine big Bourdon bell, weighing approximately 6 tons, for installation in the great tower at Buckfast Abbey, Devonshire, which is being increased in height. Messrs. Taylor and Co. also have the order to rehang for ringing the existing 14 bells, which, together with the Bourdon bell, will be provided with a new framework placed in the tower at a higher level than the present peal.

The peal now consists of a ring of twelve and two stationary bells, but when all these are hung for ringing, eight different peals all in the major scale will be obtained, viz., one ring of twelve, one of ten, three of eight (a front eight, a middle eight and a back eight), and three rings of six.

BOYS' ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN TRIPLES.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS PUT UP A GOOD SHOW.

A band of youthful ringers, collected through the interest and efforts of Mr. F. E. Dawe, made an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Saturday. Although success did not attend this initial venture, the boys put up a good show and hope to pull off the peal at the next attempt, which is provisionally fixed for February 23rd.

The ages of the boys ranged from 14 to 17¾ years, the average being approximately 15½ years. The Vicar of Milton gave them a welcome when they reached the belfry, where they also received some good advice from Mr. Dawe. John Gilbert said the belfry office before ringing began. At first they rang nearly half an hour, but had to stop. A little reshuffling of the band and they then got away to a good start and rang very well indeed for nearly a quarter-peal, when, unfortunately, a change course put an end to the attempt. The band consisted of Arthur Jones, Croydon (aged 14) 1; Frank Green, Bletchley (14) 2; Walter H. Dobbie, Sittingbourne (15½) 3; John A. Green, Bletchley (17¾), conductor, 4; Geoffrey G. Murphy, Crayford (15¾) 5; John J. L. Gilbert, Sheffield (16¼) 6; Edwin A. Barnett, Crayford (16¼) 7; John A. C. C. Abson (16) 8. The tenor is 12¼ cwt. in F, and the conductor selected Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'.

Afterwards the boys were kindly entertained to a substantial tea at the Mitre Hotel by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who also gave each one a present. Among those who joined the company were Mr. Fred Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett (Crayford), Mr. Dobbie (Sittingbourne) and Mr. Green (Bletchley). A very pleasant evening was spent and Mr. Dawe was thanked for his hospitality by John Gilbert and John Green.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Last Days in the Commonwealth.

CITIES REVISITED.

This instalment of the Australian tour tells of the concluding days 'down under.'

Those of us who were due to return on the S.S. 'Bendigo' had to seize the one remaining day to make an excursion to the Blue Mountains, one of the beauty spots of Australia, with wonderful scenery of a wild and rugged type, with magnificent vistas of bush and crag, valley and waterfall. We lunched at Katomba, 3,500ft. up in the mountains; had tea on the banks of the Nepean River in the plain below amid peaceful and charming surroundings, reminding one of the Thames at Pangbourne. This journey covered 130 miles by road.

MISS FREY SHIMMIN.
The first Australian lady to ring a peal.

Originally it was intended to attempt a final peal at St. Mary's, but in view of the experience of the day before and the fact that every one of the party was absolutely tired out, it was decided to turn the peal into a practice with Sydney ringers, and some good work was done. Incidentally we were 'on the air' again for half an hour, and put over some exceedingly good Stedman Triples.

The final parting took place at Mr. A. H. McDonald's residence, where the visiting ringers were entertained, and the evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

And then, at midnight, back to the hotel to pack for the morrow, and so to bed.

Our great thanks are due to all those who arranged our operations in Sydney, especially to Mr. R. H. McDonald, Mr. E. D. McDonald and Mr. T. Scammell. To Mr. W. Lucas (son of Mr. G. B. Lucas, the veteran Walthamstow ringer) some of us also owe a debt of great gratitude for the use of his car and for the delightful trip which he gave us of about 100 miles, including a visit to Bulli, where we got an unparalleled view of Australian coast line, returning through the National Park, a public domain of 34,000 acres, which is preserved in its natural beauty.

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The 'Bendigo' sailed from Sydney at noon on November 24th. We left Messrs. Fussell, Martin, Linter, Hardcastle and Maude (who had been our companions during ten weeks of travel) on the wharf with many Sydney friends. We parted from them with regrets after our long adventure together, but with mutual good wishes for a safe and pleasant journey home. There is something missing from our little company now that we have separated. The five we left behind us go on to New Zealand and return through the Panama Canal. The rest of us are on our way back by the route by which we travelled out.

On Sunday, November 25th, we had a day at sea, and, it being the 83rd birthday of Rupert's mother, we rang a handbell peal of Bob Major in honour of the event. We had only one interruption during the ringing, when a small boy came along and began to talk to us. He had not uttered two words before he was ordered off in a manner that caused him to run, and the conductor promised to bite him if he came again. That small boy afterwards gave us a wide berth when were ringing.

The story of the concluding stages of our stay in Australia can be told very briefly. The 'official' tour terminated at Sydney, but the ship's stay of two days in Melbourne gave the opportunity to those of us who were returning west to spend a few more happy hours with the friends we had made in that city. The ever faithful hon. secretary of the Cathedral Society, Mr. A. A. Savage, was on the quay to welcome us as soon as the 'Bendigo' docked, despite the early hour of 7 a.m. Our days were spent in revisiting friends and taking a final look at some of the scenes with which we had grown familiar during the fortnight and more that we had spent in Melbourne. The first evening, in company with the Cathedral ringers who had taken part in the peal of Cinques on Armistice Day, we enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin, whose daughter, Miss Frey Shimmin, was the first Australian lady to ring a peal. And in passing I would just like again to emphasise the great merit of her performance. Miss Shimmin has been ringing only a little more than three years; a quarter-peal of Caters was the extent of her achievements before we arrived, and she had hardly seen twelve bells rung in changes. After the short touches and three longer lengths that we rang, Miss Shimmin was 'safe as a house' in the peal, which, lasting 3 hours 39 minutes, was a real test of stamina for one who had never before rung much more than an hour at a stretch. The congratulations she received were richly deserved. Miss Shimmin had just previously celebrated her nineteenth birthday. We hope some day Miss Shimmin will be able to visit some of our English belfries. Will it be a 'coming-of-age' treat for her, I wonder? The homely evening we spent with Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin was thoroughly appreciated.

Our last evening in Melbourne was given up to an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters with six local men. Unfortunately, it came to grief after about 40 minutes, but a long touch was afterwards rung. This gave great pleasure, but not, of course, the same satisfaction that a peal would have produced. However, a peal ringing enthusiasm has, we hope, been stirred up in Melbourne, and those of us who had the privilege of going on this unique tour will be disappointed if we do not hear, within a year, that a local peal has been rung. It might be expected earlier but for the immediate advent of the Australian summer. We did not experience during our stay anything of the excessive heat which summer is said to bring in Melbourne, but if it is anything like it is reputed to be, the postponement of peal attempts may well be forgiven. The Melbourne men, however, may yet spring a surprise.

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We made good use of our wonderful 'home from home' in Fitzroy Gardens during our two days in the city; indeed, it was difficult to get one of our number away from this delectable spot. With an armchair that exactly fitted him, his pipe and a book—what more, he asked, could man want? And besides, had he not already been run off his feet before he got back to Melbourne? Like the rest of us, he will ever gratefully remember the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Savage.

Time at length brought the inevitable farewell. At 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th, the 'Bendigo' pulled out from the dock and we had finally parted from those who had done so much to make our Australian visit not only pleasant, but memorable. Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murray, Miss Shimmin, Mr. J. C. Nolan and Mr. J. Roper were at the quayside to wave a 'good-bye,' after spending the last hour with us on the vessel. It was a day of cloud and intermittent sunshine, and as the figures of

our friends, still waving hats and handkerchiefs on the deckhead, faded from view and the tall buildings of the city gradually slipped away, a beam of sunlight caught the tall central spire of the Cathedral, so that it stood out almost like a beacon to bid us farewell, and we remembered that it was in the stately building, over which this graceful spire rears its lofty head, that we received a great welcome to Victoria and had spent some of the happiest hours of our tour.

And then night fell, and all around us, as we made the open sea through Port Phillip heads, were gathering thunderstorms. Lightning played in half a dozen places at once, precursor of one of the greatest storms that ever struck the city of Melbourne. We learned afterwards that five inches of rain fell in 24 hours; the suburb of St. Kilda, Melbourne's great playground, suffered heavily from inroads of the sea. Rivers overflowed, roads and houses were inundated and thousands of people rendered temporarily homeless, while great damage was done round the Victorian coast and at least one steamer was lost with all hands. Meanwhile, the sturdy 'Bendigo' plunged steadily onward into the storm. By the following morning we were in the thick of it, occasionally shipping seas over decks nearly 30ft. above waterline; crockery went crashing and everything loose in cabins and elsewhere was frequently sent flying. It was the roughest day we had had at sea and the worst experience, except that night when the main party crossed from Tasmania, and after which the Rev. E. B. James said he now knew what dice must feel like when shaken up in a box.

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A stay of one night in port at Adelaide enabled us to revisit St. Andrew's, Walkerville, where on handbells and tower bells we attempted to give some of the local ringers a little elementary tuition in change ringing and where we found that one of the company, since our previous call, had sufficiently studied the literature we had left behind to be able to prick out Bob Minor; and an extent by the lead ends. The seed is taking root!

Afterwards we had to appear at a church social—it being St. Andrew's Day—and we endeavoured to help entertain the company by ringing courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Then, after supper, which included strawberries and cream, we were conveyed by car to the ship, which was at the outer harbour, 18 miles away. And what a car full! The vehicle was a five-seater and in it were stowed six ordinary adults, plus Rupert and Enid. The road was not always good, but the springs and back axle, happily, stood the strain and we reached the 'Bendigo' at midnight. Alongside us was the S.S. 'Balranald,' of the same line, on board which the English lady cricketers were travelling. They sailed at eight o'clock next morning, but before they left the English bellringers got a note to them, conveying greetings and good wishes for success in their tour.

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On arrival at Fremantle an opportunity occurred for visiting Perth Cathedral, where we were again welcomed by the Dean and the local ringers. Here, however, we found that the tenor, which we left with a broken slider, was still in need of a new fitment, and the seventh had not received attention. This bell is less than half a ton, but took two people to raise it, and five minutes was too long for anyone to ring it. The 'first-aid' remedy is a judiciously applied spanner, and it is hoped, ere this, that this tool has been put round the bells and frame.

Only three of our party were able to meet the local men on this occasion, and we spent our efforts in showing the young fellows, who are interested in ringing, how to manage a bell. Our final leave-takings were over refreshments at the Deanery, where Australian hospitality to us had begun seven weeks before.

Our day in port had been variously spent. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson stayed out in the country with friends of Rupert's youthful days. Mr. and Mrs. Sharples spent the time with a niece who had travelled 300 miles to meet them, and had a similar journey home again after we had left. In company with the Rev. E. B. James I went in search of another Guildford, which we found about seven miles from Perth. It is a little township with Mayor and Town Council, the first settlement in Western Australia and the smallest municipality in the Commonwealth. I brought with me a letter of greeting from its Mayor to the Mayor of Guildford, Surrey, in which town, as most of the readers of 'The Ringing World' know, this paper has been printed from its first number. We had tea with Mr. and Mrs. 'Barney' Johnson, at Swanbourne, who gave us a real Yorkshire welcome. Mr. Johnson is a brother of that substantial pillar of Yorkshire ringing, Mr. Percy Johnson, of Leeds.

The next day we said 'farewell' to Australia. The 'Bendigo' was originally scheduled to sail at noon, but the loading of cargo prevented her leaving until five o'clock, and, two hours later, night shed her mantle over our last glimpse of the land which had given us a marvellous welcome and unbounded hospitality. Hitherto in this chronicle there has been space only to give the details of our wonderful tour, in which we hope we have achieved no little success in arousing that renewed interest in the art of change ringing, which was one of the objects of our pilgrimage. In another article I hope to give some general impressions of our visit.

THE EDITOR.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MR. ALBERT WALKER RESIGNS RINGING MASTERSHIP.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild took place on Saturday, January 5th, at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, a good company being present. Owing to the absence of the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.), the senior vice-president (Mr. James George) occupied the chair, but vacated it in favour of Mr. Vice-President A. Paddon Smith.

Before commencing the ordinary business, the Chairman said it was his sad duty to refer to the fatal accident to Francis Henry Banks, towerkeeper at St. Martin's, which took place on Christmas morning. He was known to them all as Frank Banks, and the ringers at St. Martin's had wished him 'A happy Christmas' when a few minutes later he was found unconscious on the belfry steps, about twelve from the bottom. No one knew what happened to cause him to fall. He was taken to hospital and died at 6 p.m. the same day. He was in his 87th year, and, as the Rector remarked at his funeral, his passing should not be regarded as a tragedy. He had lived an honourable life and was held in affection by all the members of the Guild, and had practically died in the tower he loved so well. He asked all to stand for a moment as a mark of respect.

The Guild had also lost another old and much respected member in Geoffrey Martineau, of Solihull, who passed away on December 31st at the age of 73. He had been in failing health for some years, but in spite of that had been an active worker in connection with the restoration of the Parish Church, Solihull, which he loved so much. All present stood for a moment as a mark of respect.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

In proposing the re-election of Alderman J. S. Pritchett as Master of the Guild, the hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) referred to a letter he had received from him, in which he placed his resignation at the disposal of the members and mentioned the fact that in three days' time he would become an octogenarian. In spite of that, however, the speaker thought it was the desire of all present that the Alderman should continue to hold the office of Master and preside over them.—This was seconded by Mr. George and supported by the chairman, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. Harry Mason, and carried unanimously.

MR FRANK HAYNES ELECTED RINGING MASTER.

Proceeding to the election of Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker said that owing to increasing business pressure he was compelled to resign the office of Ringing Master. He had held the office for many years, and was still just as keenly interested in the continued success of the Guild. They had plenty of younger ringers capable of taking his place, and he would propose Mr. George Fearn for the office. He was a good organiser and had proved his ability as a conductor by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at the first attempt.—Mr. George Swann seconded the resolution.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Walker was first elected Deputy Ringing Master in January, 1906, and served until 1909, when business took him to London. He was again elected in January, 1921, and so had served in all 18 years, during which time he not only took charge of the ringing at St. Martin's, but had also represented the Guild all over the country at various ringers' functions. He had had a good innings, but felt he must now resign. He (the chairman) was open to receive any other nominations.

Mr. Fred Price then proposed Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who, he thought, would make an excellent Ringing Master, and this was seconded by Mr. W. C. Dowding.

The voting was by ballot, and Mr. Haynes was duly elected.

Mr. Haynes, in acknowledging his election, expressed his thanks to Mr. Walker for all he had done for him since he came to Birmingham five years ago. In some ways he did not feel fully qualified to take up the office, but he would do his best and hoped they would bear with him.

Mr. George proposed that Mr. Walker be elected a vice-president as some slight recognition of his services as Ringing Master.—This was seconded by the secretary, supported by Mr. Haynes and carried unanimously.—Mr. Walker expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and which he greatly appreciated.

The trustees (Messrs. T. Russam and A. P. Smith), the auditors (Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway) and the librarian (Mr. G. Swann) were all unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Dowding, seconded by Mr. W. Davies.

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. T. H. Reeves) was also unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. James George.

The treasurer, in presenting the annual balance sheet, stated he was pleased to be able to show an increased balance in hand of £5 16s. 1d. The accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Preston (who stated that the books were quite satisfactory), seconded by Mr. E. T. Allaway.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 2nd and to invite the Rector of Birmingham to take the chair. It was also decided to invite as the Guild's guests the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Welcome to the Returned 'Prodigal.'

The annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, was largely a 'welcome home' to the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) on his return from the Australian tour. A company of over 100 gave him a hearty reception. The Provost (the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) presided, supported by Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Guild), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild) and Messrs. C. F. Johnston, A. A. Hughes and J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guild). The arrangements for the dinner were made by Mr. G. L. Grover, who had been the acting general secretary of the Guild during Mr. Goldsmith's absence.

After the loyal toast had been submitted from the chair, Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) proposed 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild,' to which he wished all prosperity. The Guild had started well and continued well, and even during the last four months it had carried on as usual without the presence of one whom he noticed was mentioned on the next toast as 'The Prodigal' (laughter). It had given him the greatest pleasure to read of the doings of that band on the Australian tour. He noticed that they had rung a peal on the Red Sea. After that performance, he felt certain that if anyone chartered an air liner and flew to the North Pole, they would ring a peal there even if there were only polar bears to hear the music of the bells.

PROPOSED BENEVOLENT FUND.

Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), who responded, said the past year had been very satisfactory. They had rung 27 peals, viz. Leatherhead Surprise Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Chiltern Surprise Major 1, Stedman Caters 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Plain Bob Major 5, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 6, Minor (seven methods) 1 and Doubles 1. As regards service ringing in the Guild, he thought it had maintained a good average. He reminded ringers that it was their duty to turn up for service ringing whenever they were in their own town or village.

Some months ago there was talk about starting a benevolent fund in the Guild. He should like to see it started on a firm foundation, and suggested that collections should be taken at all Guild services for this purpose. If such a fund was accumulated it was bound to benefit somebody who was down and out. It would only be given to deserving cases, and it would be charity—the greatest of all virtues. They were all pleased to see Mr. Goldsmith back again. They rang a peal at Haslemere last Saturday as a welcome home. During his absence Mr. Grover had put in sterling work as acting secretary, and nothing had been too much trouble. The peal at Haslemere was Mr. Alfred Pulling's 1,000th as conductor. It was a wonderful performance, and, as Master of the Guild, he would like to congratulate him (applause).

Regarding restoration work, Major Hesse said that nine months ago he was called in to look at Albury bells. They are now being entirely recast as a peal of six. Mr. Pulling was teaching some of the Albury boys. He (Major Hesse) had been called in at Camberley, where they were going to have the bells rehung. Work was necessary on the bells at Witley and Ewell. Next week he was going to Crondall, where, he was afraid, if anything was done it would have to be a clean sweep.

The toast of 'The Prodigal' was submitted by Mr. Walter Harrison, who reminded the company that there was a different meaning to the word 'prodigal' than the prodigal son. There was the man who was prodigal with his talents, and that was how he regarded their general hon. secretary (Mr. Goldsmith). The visit of Mr. Goldsmith and other members of the band to Australia was a wonderful piece of church work—church work from the highest point of view in increasing the art of change ringing. The band paid the whole of their expenses, and when he heard it three or four weeks ago he was simply thunderstruck (applause).

AUSTRALIAN REMINISCENCES.

The toast was accorded musical honours, and Mr. Goldsmith, in reply, said they would never forget their experience or the warmth of the welcome they received in Australia. Every man was out to do his best, and they did some very good ringing in addition to the good striking they had in the actual peals. They had many official receptions—the Governor of Tasmania, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Lord Mayors and Mayors, until they began to feel the need for a larger size in hats (laughter). In addition to these civic receptions, they were feasted and feted, and they then felt the need of a larger size in waistcoats (laughter). The Australians were exceedingly hospitable. The streets of Melbourne were magnificently decorated for their reception. They could not imagine their beauty. A couple of days after the Duke of Gloucester came along, and he saw them too (laughter). Another method which the Australians had of welcoming them and showing their pleasure was by making them honorary life members of all the ringing societies. In Melbourne they gave them illuminated certificates signed by the Archbishop of Melbourne and other great people. When they got to Parramatta they were also anxious to give them a certificate. They had nothing specially prepared, so the Vicar kindly wrote their names on baptismal certificates and gave them one each (laughter).

They rang seven peals in Australia. The peal at Melbourne of Grandsire Cinques was, he considered, one of the most historical peals ever rung. This peal was started just before noon on Armistice Day, and the band consisted of six English and six Australian ringers. One of the Australian ringers was Miss Shimmin. She had never rung more than a quarter-peal before. Another Australian ringer was Mr. James Murray, who was 73. He rang in the first peal in Australia in 1890, and he had the satisfaction of ringing in the first twelve-bell peal in 1934. With regard to other peals, they rang Stedman Triples at Ballaarat Town Hall. After they had been ringing half an hour people in the shops rang up the Town Hall and stated that they enjoyed the ringing very much, but would they change the tune (laughter). At Sydney, in the middle of a peal of Treble Bob, they were put on the air to broadcast for half an hour. He was pleased to say that the ringing was excellent.

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIAN RINGERS

They took out with them albums of photographs of English cathedrals and churches. These aroused the greatest interest. The contribution of the Guildford Guild to the collection was views of the Cathedral and Farnham Parish Church. To the Guild he brought the best wishes of Australian ringers, who reciprocated the kindly greetings they had extended to them. While in Western Australia he visited Guildford and met the Mayor. To all of them who were Guildfordians the Mayor asked him to convey his kindly greetings, and said if ever any of them visited Guildford, W.A., he would be only too pleased to welcome them and do what he could for their entertainment (applause). Mr. Goldsmith added that it was hoped to have in Guildford a show of moving pictures taken by Mr. Rupert Richardson during the tour.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. G. L. Grover, who gave a cordial welcome to Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. Steere, who represented the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths; Mr. G. Fletcher, secretary of the Central Council; Mrs. Fletcher, who was one of the foremost lady ringers in the country and hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild; Canon Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. Albert Hughes, Mrs. Fertig, who had kindly acted as accompanist, and a representative of the Chester Guild.

Mr. Albert Hughes responded on behalf of the visitors, and congratulated the Guild on the success of the function.

'The Chairman' was toasted on the call of Mr. C. F. Johnston, who referred to the long association of the Provost with Guildford and spoke of the appreciation the Guild felt in having him as a vice-president, and the way he shared the enthusiasm of the ringers in their art. Holy Trinity Cathedral can boast of one of the finest bands of ringers, and he expected that a great deal of that success could be attributed to the sympathy of their Rector.

The Provost acknowledged the compliment in graceful terms, and congratulated Mr. Pulling on his achievement in conducting 1,000 peals.

During the evening songs were sung by Mr. Willie Martin. Tunes on handbells were rung by Messrs. L. and A. Hunter (Wonersh), and a violin and pianoforte duet was played by the Misses Gwendoline and Sylvia Harman. The evening concluded with change ringing on handbells, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HON. SECRETARY WILL 'CARRY ON.'

There was a good attendance, representative of both dioceses, at the annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association at Llandaff on December 26th. Previous to the service the bells were rung. The Dean (the Very Rev. D. J. Jones) conducted the service, and in his address dealt with the history of bells and made the suggestion that every effort should be made to keep up the ranks of ringers by recruiting the young men of the church choir.

Tea followed in the Prebendal House, which had been kindly provided by the Dean. At the business meeting the Dean presided, and instructors' reports and restorations were reported on. It was announced that the contract for rehanging Aberdare bells had been accepted and would probably be finished by Easter. The next annual meeting was fixed for December 26th at All Saints', Newport, Mon, the next quarterly Llandaff meeting at Llantrisant on Easter Monday, and the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Machen. New members were elected followed by the election of officers. Mr. W. Powell, of Llanfrechfa, was elected Master. The hon. secretary referred to the notice he gave at the last quarterly meeting that he wished to retire, and hoped the meeting would choose a successor. No name was forthcoming, only a general appeal for Mr. Jones to continue. After several had spoken, Mr. Jones, amid acclamation, agreed to carry on. The Dean was requested to frame a special minute to be inserted in the minute book recording the services given by the hon. secretary for so many years. The auditors, Mr. F. Atwell and Mr. C. Greedy, were re-elected. The proposed dinner was postponed indefinitely. It was decided to hold monthly ringing meetings on the second Saturday in the month, the first to be held at Pentre in January. The meeting closed with the heartiest of thanks to the Dean for his kindness and hospitality.

ANOTHER ESSEX STALWART PASSES ON.

The Essex Association has lost another loyal and respected ringer in the person of Mr. Albert Ribbans, of Dunmow, who died in Chelmsford Hospital on New Year's Eve at the age of 57 years. Mr. Ribbans, who had been in failing health for some time, recently underwent an operation, but died from heart failure.

He joined the Essex Association in 1905, and has been a member of the Dunmow company for 34 years. Although he has only a few peals of Bob Minor and Major to his credit, he has been an ardent worker in the belfry. He taught a young band change ringing at Dunmow 30 years ago, and his place in the belfry will be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at Dunmow on the 5th inst. amidst every sign of respect and sympathy. After the service 720 Bob Minor (7-8 covering) was rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Mary's Church by the following members of the local company: G. Monk 1, R. Roper 2, G. Hewing 3, A. Perry 4, W. Smith (conductor) 5, T. Goody 6, E. Richardson 7, A. Smith 8.

Mr. Ribbans leaves a family of four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER.

FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AT GRASSENDALE.

Liverpool ringers have sustained a loss in the passing of Mr. John Allen.

Mr. Allen was a regular ringer at St. Mary's Church, Grassendale, for a period of 48 years, and had acted as leader and towerkeeper the greater part of that time. He was one of the band that rang the first 720 of London Surprise Minor at Grassendale in 1905, this being the first 720 in that method rung in the Liverpool Diocese. Mr. Allen had rung upwards of 50 peals. At one time he represented the Liverpool branch on the committee of the Lancashire Association. He was well known and greatly respected.

He was buried at Hale on Friday, January 11th, under the shadow of the tower at which he learnt to ring. Grassendale bells, however, are at present unringable, and the bells at Garston Parish Church were therefore rung half-muffled on Thursday evening, January 10th, as a last token of respect to his memory. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by H. Robinson 1, H. V. Hughes 2, T. Jennion 3, G. R. Newton 4, T. Lloyd 5, W. Hughes (conductor) 6, S. Millership 7, J. Little 8.

WATFORD BAND'S PERFORMANCES.

The band at Watford Parish Church rang two peals in the year 1934, viz., one London Surprise Major and one Bristol Surprise Major for the royal wedding. In addition, they rang the following quarter-peals for Sunday services: 3 Bob Major, 4, Stedman Triples, 1 Double Norwich, 1 Superlative Surprise, 1 Cambridge Surprise, 5 Bristol Surprise, 3 London Surprise, total 18. In the above touches several ringers scored their first in the method, and one Stedman band included Mr. Jones, aged 84.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations to the following on scoring their first peal :—

Fred Hartman.	Hoole, Cheshire.
John Howe.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
Harry Kent.	Middleton, Lancs.
James Ogden.	Middleton, Lancs.
James H. Baslow.	Middleton, Lancs.
Arthur A. Reynolds.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
Alfred E. Ashford.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
William G. Ashford.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
Fred E. J. Reynolds.	Llangarron, Herefordshire.
Leonard G. Plumley.	Goring-on-Thames, Berks.
Arthur Heckingbottom.	Pontefract, Yorks.
Miss Phyllis Hine.	Eaton Socon, Beds.
Sidney Wear.	Berrington, Shropshire.
Philip Purslow.	Berrington, Shropshire.
R. Duck.	Norton, Gloucestershire.
W. C. Slatter.	Norton, Gloucestershire.
J. J. Slatter.	Norton, Gloucestershire.
Reginald S. Wyatt.	Goring-on-Thames, Berks.
Thomas J. Palmer.	Preshute, Wilts.
W. C. C. Williams.	Morriston, Swansea.

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The following new members were duly elected: Mr. Francis A Foxhall and Mr. G. Freeman, both of Great Barr, near Birmingham; also Mr. John Marshall, of Edinburgh, as a life member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Yardley on Saturday, April 6th.

Under the item, 'Any other business,' a suggestion was made by Mr. Haynes that, if possible, extra meetings be arranged midway between the usual quarterly meetings. By this means all the towers in the diocese would be visited oftener, and he thought interest in change ringing would be greatly stimulated.—This met with general approval, and it was decided to adopt it.

Mr. Walker also reported that some of the Australian tourists had landed home the previous day, and, on behalf of the Guild, he had written a letter of welcome and congratulated them on the success of their tour.—His action was approved and he was thanked accordingly.

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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S 14th annual dinner, Cadena Cafe, Wine Street, Bristol, to-morrow (Saturday, January 19th), 6 p.m. Meet at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, at 2.15 p.m., proceed to Red Lodge (visitors only). Bells available: St. Michael's (6) 3.30 to 4.30, Emmanuel (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (take No. 22 bus from Temple Meads Station, or tram centre), St. Stephen's (10) from 3 p.m., St. Mary Redcliff (12) 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. Tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol 2.

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. 31st, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 24th *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 22nd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. F. B. Beavan, a special meeting of the district will be held at Wingham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. A free tea will be provided at the Red Lion Inn at 4.45 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cremers at a charge of 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, January 19th. The arrangements will be as usual, and owing to the importance of the business, when the report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of officers takes place, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Coburg Street, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells 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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, January 19th. Holy Trinity (Taylor 8), West Hill, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea at Church Hall, foot of West Hill, 5 o'clock. Business after tea, and further ringing at All Saints' in evening. Postcard re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year is to be held at Leamington on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the Parish Church available from 3 p.m. till 4.30. Short service at 4.30 to be conducted by the Vicar of Leamington. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ballinger's Cafe, Bath Street, 1s. 9d. a head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Lillington Church available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Frequent bus service between Leamington and Lillington.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m; preacher, Rev. B. H. B. Attlee, D.D. Tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket, members 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Usual ringing arrangements. —W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, January 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. —D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Staveley on Saturday, January 19th, for the election of officers. Tea at 1s. each.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 now due.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, January 19th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting as usual. I hope for a good attendance. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me for same by Thursday previous. Followed by business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held tomorrow (Saturday, January 19th) in the City. St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Tea about 5.15 p.m., and further ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, from 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., c/o Metropolitan Police Training School, Regency Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

WATFORD.—"The Hardy Annual," Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Cheap tickets from all parts to Watford by train or coach. From 5.30 to 7, tea, business, gossip and handbells. Tower bells till 8.45. Excellent opportunity for practice.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the foundry campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—The Bishop of Southampton will re-dedicate the bells at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. The ring of eight has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome. Subscriptions for 1935 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, January 26th, at 3 p.m. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available from 6.30 p.m. for all ringers.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30 p.m., and after meeting St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Rose and Crown. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.40, 1s. each, to those who advise me by 23rd inst. Will local secretaries note committee meeting in vestry at 4 o'clock? Also to send me revised times of Sunday and practice ringing and list of quarter-peals rung during 1934.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. The bells of St. Edmund's will be available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Names for tea to secretary by January 19th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Third quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, January 26th. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colyton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (9d.) 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Come along and enjoy a variety of methods from Doubles to London Surprise. Numbers for tea, please, by January 23rd.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough. Please notify for tea Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Rd., Farnham, by Wed., 23rd.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120 Ash Rd., Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 26th. The bells (8), tenor 30 cwt., will be available from 2 till 4.25 p.m., and again after the meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon R. Brook, Vicar of Doncaster. Tea, 1/3, in the Memorial Hall, near the Church, at 5.15 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday, January 22nd. The annual general meeting will be held in the same hall at 6 p.m. There are frequent train and bus services from all directions. The annual report will be available at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 23rd.—L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 22nd.—Major J. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 23rd inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 4.10 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify without fail Mrs. A. Long, Church House, Bull Ring, Grimsby, by Wednesday, January 23rd. All welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 26th. St. Chad's (12) and St. Mary's (10). All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30 for those only who notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.10 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough (6 bells) on Sat., January 26th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting when the balance sheet and report for 1934 will be presented and officers for the ensuing year elected. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells available at 3.0. Service 4.15. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Jan. 24th?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Sat., Jan. 26th, commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. P. Laflin, 25, Hallam Street, Stockport.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A joint meeting will be held between the Blackburn, Preston, Wigan and Fylde Branches on Saturday, February and, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please notify me for tea by January 29th. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at 4 p.m., the Bishop of Oxford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring to six.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall. A good attendance is requested for this important meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

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The continued popularity of the annual dinner organised by the Bristol United Guilds was evidenced on Saturday by a record gathering. If the Guilds do nothing else during the year, they are entitled to our gratitude for the opportunity which they provide for ringers, not only from many parts of the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol and Bath and Wells to meet and compare notes, but also from distant parts of the country to come together for that refreshing social intercourse which plays so valuable a part in cementing the real fraternity of the Exercise. The Guilds have, however, done other work than this. Several churches in Bristol have benefited in the past from their efforts to provide ringers, but the city which, for its size, is probably better off for bells than any other, still has many silent rings. It is not easy in these days, when the populations of our great cities are pushing farther and farther out into the country, to obtain ringers for many of these central churches—congregations are dwindling rapidly, ringers are disappearing. But such opportunities as there are to organise ringing can better be done by amalgamations like the B.U.R.G. than by any other means. There is still scope in Bristol.

On the other hand it is disappointing to find that bells which might otherwise be rung are put on the 'silent' list, as are those at the famous Temple Church, with its leaning tower, because someone has said it is only safe to ring the bells five or six times a year. The president of the Central Council, who was one of the speakers at the dinner, seized the opportunity to challenge this absurd fallacy. He pointed out, as he has done on previous occasions, that if it is safe to ring the bells half a dozen times in a year it is safe to ring them fifty times. Either a tower is safe or it isn't. If it is not safe, it should be made safe and the bells should not be rung until it is. If it is safe, then there is no engineering or architectural reason to limit the number of times the bells should be rung, or the period for which they should be rung. If ringing the bells once a week is likely to damage a tower, so will ringing them once in two months. A period of silence is no remedy for the recuperation of the fabric, and the average ringer finds a difficulty in comprehending the grounds on which the 'experts,' who advise these things, base their ideas. If there is risk of a tower collapsing it is as likely to collapse when the bells are rung only at long intervals as it is if they are rung frequently, and it is no place for ringers to follow their art. It is the duty of Church authorities to see that their towers are safe for the purpose for which they are intended and, if not, to make them so. There have, however, been cases where the excuse of a weak tower has been made to cover the objection of someone in authority to bellringing.

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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	REUBEN SANDERS...	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Robert K. Knight, of Leyton (late of Gloucester and Walthamstow), who celebrated his 90th birthday on the previous day.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	...*Treble*	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	ERNEST MANSELL	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	ALBERT WALKER	9
ROGER W. DANIELS	5	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal was rung after meeting short for 5,080 Stedman Cinques in honour of the 80th birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.O.L., Master of the Guild.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS MAGGIE J. JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN HALL	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	J. WILLIAM HEATH	7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ...	3	FRANK SADLER	8
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	4	HARRY PRICE	9
RALPH HARRIS	5	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th upon their engagement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY ...	2	JAMES E. BAILEY...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
FRANK E. WALKER	4	JOHN WHEADON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

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At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Percy Newton	*Treble*	William Henley	5
Kathleen E. Fletcher ...	2	*Wilfred Edwards	6
Dorothy R. Fletcher ...	3	Roland Biggs	7
Frederick G. Biggs ...	4	Harry Wingrove	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by H. Wingrove.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

Wilfred J. Moss	*Treble*	Stanley Harrison	5
Mrs. Annie Potter	2	Norman Heaps	6
Joseph H. Ridyard	3	Christopher Gudgeon ...	7
Joseph Littler	4	Arthur Burton	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook Conducted by C. Gudgeon.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gudgeon, of Worsley.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Brook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

John Saddington	*Treble*	Charles Allsop	5
James S. Hutchby	2	*Leonard Whitehead ...	6
David S. Collins	3	Colin Harrison	7
John Grundy	4	F. Horace E. Stubbs ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin Harrison.
* 50th peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. Whitehead has now rung each of the ten bells in this tower to a peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Reeves' Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Harry F. Holden	*Treble*	*Alan D. Steel...	5
*Harold Houson	2	*James Williams	6
Richard D. Langford ...	3	James H. Riding	7
*Matthew Buckley	4	Charles H. Page	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Riding.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell peal to the Right Rev. D. H. Crick, who is leaving Stoke to take up his duties as Bishop of Stafford; also as a birthday peal to Mrs. Langford (wife of the 3rd ringer) and the tenorman.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

William Seeley	*Treble*	Frederick W. Brinklow ...	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	Maurice F. R. Hibbert ...	6
*Walter Paul	3	Francis Kirk	7
Stephen H. Hoare	4	Harold G. Cashmore ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.
* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Felicitas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Henry Williams	*Treble*	Philip J. Hitchens	5
Arthur S. Roberts	2	Cyril E. Lanxon	6
Miss E. Jessie C. Angwin	3	Christopher Gudgeon ...	7
John Wood	4	Edward Sanders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher Gudgeon.
Arranged for the conductor, from Manchester, who was elected a member of the Guild. Rung within the Octave of Epiphany, and as a birthday compliment to the Misses E. J. C. Angwin and L. Willoughby and Mr. C. E. Lanxon, all of Truro, whose birthdays occur within that octave.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

George Went	*Treble*	George Knight	5
John W. Jones	2	Arthur Hawkins	6
Donald G. Clift	3	Edgar W. Luff	7
Arthur L. Lucas	4	George Hawkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
Rung as a farewell peal to Canon Edward Morgan, M.A., for ten years Vicar of Usk, who retired on January 7th. It was largely through his efforts that the bells in this tower were recast and augmented to eight. The ringer of the seventh has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Fiftieth peal for the association by D. G. Clift.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edward,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

George R. Pye	*Treble*	James Bennett	5
Ernest W. Pye	2	James E. Davis	6
Alfred Pye...	3	Frank Warrington	7
Ernest J. Butler	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hatterley. Conducted by C. W. Roberts.
This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, aged 92, and also the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, the band wishing them 'many happy returns.'

SOBERTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Reginald C. H. Connolly	*Treble*	Reginald A. Reed	5
George Pullinger	2	George Williams	6
Frederick A. Burnett ...	3	Wilfred Andrews	7
William Linter, sen. ...	4	Frederick S. Bayley... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Williams.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal called by Mr. Williams from the same bell. The band are indebted to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Godefroy) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Walter R. Farrow... ...	*Treble*	George Mayers	5
Charles H. Moore	2	Nolan Golden	6
*Alfred W. Broome	3	Henry Tooke	7
Harold Quantrill	4	Russell W. Curson	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of **Oxford Treble Bob.**

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS H. CULVER ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
JOHN WHEADON	2	JAMES HORRELL	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	JOHN S. MORTON	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by B. W. ALDRIDGE.
First peal of Major as conductor.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ...	...*Treble*	MAURICE J. LING...	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	ERNEST DURRANT	6
EDWARD B. SMITH	3	HORACE A. WRIGHT	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Maurice J. Ling.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	...*Treble*	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN... ...	2	†WILLIAM A. HOULTON ...	6
*ARTHUR G. ROSE	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
†LOUIS J. LOCKYER	4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.
* First in the method on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	. .*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
JOHN H. B. HESSE	2	JOHN COOK	6
WALTER CHARMAN	3	PETER CHARMAN	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN A. BROWN	...*Treble*	STEPHEN THOMPSON	5
*GEORGE WALL	2	WILLIAM SHERATON	6
HERBERT P. CLIFF	3	ADAM DEAS	7
JOHN ANDERSON...	4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Story, J.P., who was 75 on January 14th, and to Mr. Richard Thompson, jun. Both are members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWTON HULL, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Double Court and Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*W. AMOS	...*Treble*	†H. WILSON	4
JAMES SYMM	2	*JOHN SYMM...	5
*J. AMOS	3	*R. THOMPSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES SYMM.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Mr. Thompson is an old Newtonian, now living in Newcastle. The remainder of the band are all service ringers at St. James' Church. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 50th year as a member of the above association.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten 120's, five 240's of Pitman's and 11 of Morris'.
Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE H. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. COUSINS	4
ALFRED E. PARKER	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
*JOSEPH PRINCE	3	THOMAS G. STOKES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
* First peal. Rung as a welcome home to the Australian tourists.

MAIDWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's', consisting of 2,520 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, the middle 720 being spliced at halfway single.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

A. NORMAN GEARY ...	...*Treble*	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	4
ALBERT L. WARD	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
PERCY AMOS...	3	ERNEST MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal on the bells since restoration. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Amos.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 5 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*HARRY THELWELL ...	...*Treble*	†JOHN BROUGH	4
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	2	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, January 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Kent, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOHN RODWELL	...*Treble*	FRED WIGMORE	4
†RONALD THAXTER	2	*LEWIS BUSH	5
WALLACE COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal and first attempt.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents with the 5-6's at back stroke. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

ERIC A. STEVENSON ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT C. READ	4
*A. FREDERICK BOYCE ...	2	GEORGE BAILEY	5
GEORGE MAYERS	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of London.

LITTLE DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN WEBB	3
HENRY SYMONDS	2	NICHOLAS D. REECE	4

HENRY J. TAYLOR ... ..*Tenor*
Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.
First peal on these bells. After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. Saywell) provided refreshments, which the ringers much appreciated.

BIGBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents: (1) Spliced Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Spliced Double Oxford and Thelwall; (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Spliced College and Wavertree; (5) Double Court; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS ...	...*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ...	2	GEORGE L. HALL...	5
ELVIN HOWSAM	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted G. E. FEIRN.
First peal in twelve methods by all the band and in the district.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire with 14 callings.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*KENNETH J. BOWDITCH	...*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
*CECIL H. SMART	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	5
HAROLD C. R. VINE... ...	3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.
* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from five, and believed to be the first on them.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being a 720 each of Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

FRANK COPKE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	4
LEONARD STIDWELL	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	3	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of Daniel Webb, for 36 years verger at this church, who was interred earlier in the day.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, January 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES F. MEE ...	...*Treble*	KEITH W. WHITTELL... ...	4
EDGAR RIVERS	2	CHARLES SHEMMING	5
STANLEY G. MOSS	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

LILLINGTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN THOMPSON... ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD C. R. VINE	3
E. T. PAUL FIELD	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	4

*ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.
* First peal. First peal in three methods as conductor. First peal on the bells.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven spliced extents in 40 methods, viz.: (1) Melandra, Castleton, Bucknall Peveril, Beeston, Leasowe Delight; (2) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay Delight; (3) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone Delight; (4) Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh Delight; (5) Marple, Newdigate, Texel, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden Delight; (6) Braintree, Charlwood, Humber, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby Delight; (7) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH C. LEWIS ...	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON	4
JAMES FERNLEY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT 130, HARROGATE STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON...	5-6
JAMES COTTERELL	3-4	MRS. JAMES COTTERELL ...	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MRS. JAMES COTTERELL
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. WILSON ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	COLIN HARRISON	9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON	5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The whole Exercise will join in congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who, to-morrow, celebrate their silver wedding.

They were married at Hackney Old Church on January 26th, 1910. As head of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, whose business has been in continuous existence since 1570, Mr. Hughes is known throughout the country. He has actively identified himself with ringing in London for many years. He was a pupil of Matt. Wood at Bethnal Green, and has always been ready to render service wherever he could

MR. A. A. HUGHES.

MRS. HUGHES.

usefully give his aid. After the restoration of the bells at St. Lawrence Jewry, Mr. Hughes instructed a band at this church, and he is still a member of the company. Mr. Hughes was Master of the College Youths for five years during the war period, and succeeded his father as hon. treasurer of the society, whose traditions he is ever anxious to uphold.

Mrs. Hughes came of a ringing family. She is the only daughter and youngest child of Mr. William D. Smith and the late Mrs. Smith, and was born at Hackney. Her father was the fourth generation of his family connected with ringing. Mrs. Hughes is an accomplished musician and many ringers' gatherings have been delighted and entertained by her skilful handbell ringing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have three children—two sons and a daughter.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH AND KIDDERMINSTER BELLS FUND.

The first meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at the Black Country town of Lye, which is situated on the main Birmingham-Stourbridge road about two miles from the latter town.

The tower of this church contains the lightest ringing peal in the world, the tenor weighing only 3½ cwt. and the treble about 28 lb. It is amusing to watch even experienced ringers 'perform' on these 'dancing dolls,' which, incidentally, were cast abroad by Severin van Aerschott, of Belgium.

The proceedings commenced with a service, conducted by the Vicar of Lye (the Rev. W. Smith). The main theme of the Vicar's sermon was the duty of the individual ringer to his own tower on a Sunday. He said that if a ringer was due to ring for Sunday service at his church, then that ringer was failing in his duty to God, his Church and his fellow-ringers if he allowed any other engagement to interfere with his attendance at church.

After service the members were very kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and local ringers, the members present numbering 80.

At the meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, there being also present Mr. Tom Hemming (Ringing Master), Mr. William Short, Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian) and Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. Robert Matthews (vice-presidents). The only item of business dealt with other than formal matters was the question of the Kidderminster appeal. It was pointed out that the response of the towers in the branch was very disappointing, and members were urged to make it known that there was still £40 to be found.

It was decided, after discussion, to give the collection taken at the service to this fund, and Mr. Harry Mason kindly doubled the amount collected. The allocation of this collection was, of course, contrary to the usual practice, which is to give it the Central Belfry Repairs Fund, and it is not intended to create a precedent.

The Vicar and local ringers were warmly thanked for their kind hospitality.—The Vicar, in reply, said that it had given them great pleasure to welcome the association to Lye, and he hoped it would not be long before they came again.

It is proposed to hold the next meeting at Clent in June.

BELLS FOR PERTH.

THE PRIME MINISTER AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

A carillon of 35 bells is to be installed at St. John's Church, Perth. The bourdon of the carillon is an ancient bell of 30 cwt., but the rest have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at the Croydon Foundry, where, on Thursday week, they were inspected by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald. The Prime Minister was accompanied by his close friend, Sir Alexander Grant, and amongst those present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon (Ald. and Mrs. J. Trumble), the Bishop of Croydon (the Rt. Rev. Edward S. Woods), Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. George Cadbury, Mr. Melville Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Norie-Miller, the Lord Provost of Perth, and Mr. J. Henderson Stuart, M.P. for Perth.

The origin of the ancient bourdon bell, known in Perth as the 'Seven Hour Bell,' was unknown until Mr. Cyril Johnston made an investigation and discovered that it had been cast as far back as 1504 by Waghevens, of Malines, Belgium. Mr. Johnston explained to the Prime Minister that this bell was of beautiful tonal quality, and after being scientifically tuned was probably the finest specimen of the bellfounder's art in the British Isles.

In his short speech, the Prime Minister said he congratulated Mr. Johnston on his handiwork. He had heard a great deal about the foundry, and when told about the wonderful bells for a church in Perth, and that the Provost of Perth was coming to inspect them, he could not refuse to come down. Perth was one of the most sacred cities of Scotland. It had great traditions, and his heart was in Perth. He was particularly interested in the ancient bell, over 400 years old, which he understood was the finest example of bell making art in this country, and probably the world.

Mr. MacDonald subjected the ancient bell to close attention. He climbed inside the framework and carefully inspected the design moulded round the bell, which Mr. Johnston told him was a wonderful example, worthy of any modern foundry. A saint figured on the bell came in for a discussion, into which the Bishop was drawn to pronounce judgment as to which saint it was.

Mr. MacDonald was introduced to Mr. C. H. Down, an erector of bells, who has travelled in many parts of the world on behalf of the firm. He chatted with him about his experiences in America. Then he was taken to see the various processes through which a bell must go in order to secure the scientific tuning, the explanation of which, by Mr. Cyril Johnston, aroused considerable interest and discussion between the Prime Minister and the Bishop.

Mr. George Cadbury had kindly arranged for the Bournville carillonneur to give a short recital, and Mr. Clifford Ball and Miss Nora Johnston then proceeded to play some tunes with a rich Scottish flavour, which highly delighted the Prime Minister and the visitors from Perth as they stood inside the private office of Mr. Johnston. The recital revealed the fine tonal qualities of the carillon, which were much admired by the assembled audience.

After closely inquiring into the preliminaries attaching to the casting of a bell, Mr. MacDonald witnessed the pouring of the molten metal into two of a peal of eight bells being made for Headley, Hants, Parish Church. With some good-humoured chaffing, he tossed a silver coin in one of the bells, according to ancient tradition. As the molten metal streamed over the coin—a sixpence—Mr. MacDonald laughingly exclaimed, 'Now my poor friend is ruined.' He had a conversation with Mr. F. W. Seager, who is in charge of the foundry, and one of the workmen, Mr. S. H. Edwards, the latter afterwards expressing surprise at the remarkable interest of the Prime Minister in the technical details of casting, including allowance for expansion when casting.

Various ringing peals, chimes and clocks for the British Isles, India, South Africa, Jamaica, etc., were on view and were inspected with interest by the visitors. After partaking of refreshments, the Prime Minister, who had already long overstayed the time he originally intended to devote to the visit, bade farewell to the company. Outside over a hundred of the employes of the foundry were assembled, and heartily cheered him as he drove away, whilst the carillon rang out 'Blue Bells of Scotland.'

'I have had a most enjoyable time,' said the Prime Minister.

THE CARILLON.

This carillon has been constructed to play thirteen tunes, mostly Scottish, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also constructed an electrically-operated clock to strike the hours and chime either Westminster quarters or the Guildford chimes. The curfew will still be rung on the ancient bourdon, and this will also be used for a call to church services.

The Lord Provost of Perth was greatly interested in a letter in the possession of the firm, dated 1882, and signed by the Lord Provost and committee of those days, concerning the former carillon machine erected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The old bell, known as the 'Seven Hour Bell,' has been treated with special care, for it was still in a remarkable state of preservation in the tower where it had hung presumably for 430 years. The canons were of artistic though massive design, with a clear and delicate ornamentation on each 'ear' or lug. The authorities have accepted Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's suggestion to retain this, the most interesting of the existing mixed collection of bells in St. John's belfry, to serve as a ringing bell as well as the keynote of the carillon.

After a minute study of the bell on its arrival at the works, the bell-founders asked permission to hang it in an old-fashioned wooden headstock, thus preserving its former character entirely.

It is hung in a separate ringing frame of low side 'A' castings on steel girders, and the remaining 34 bells are hung 'dead' in a large steel structure, and the whole is connected with a clavier for carillon playing.

Another ancient bell, undated, has also been preserved in the tower; there are 13 small Belgian bells which are hung on framework outside the tower and are being left for ornamental purposes, as they are faulty in tone and tune.

The daily music of the bells is provided for by the patented electro-pneumatic mechanism, the tunes being played by an automatic paper band machine similar in action to a pianola, except that the punched paper rolls are in the form of endless bands. This machine plays the following tunes: 'God save the King,' 'Nae luck aboot the hoose,' 'A man's a man for a' that,' 'Corn Rigs,' 'The boatie rows,' 'Charlie is my darling,' 'Within a mile of Edinburgh Toon,' 'See the conquering hero comes,' 'Glory to Thee, my God, this night,' 'The day is past and over,' 'Sun of my soul,' 'Vicar of Bray,' 'Believe me if all.'

Inscriptions on the new bells are as follow:—

'In memory of John Alexander Dewar, First Baron Forteviot of Dupplin, born 6th June, 1856, died 23rd November, 1929, whose initiative and generous assistance did so much to achieve the restoration of St. John's Church.'

'In proud and loving memory of Lieut. Claud Norie-Miller, R.A.S.C., oldest son of Francis Norie-Miller, of Cleve, who was drowned by sinking of the Transport "Transylvania" on 4th May, 1917. Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.'

'In honoured memory of Patrick W. Gray, Sec.-Lieut., R.F.A., who was killed by a shell on Arras Front, France. B. 4th Apl 1898. D. 9th May 1917. The only child of Sir Albert Gray, K.C.B., K.C., of Bowerswell.'

FAREWELL TO TWO RICHMOND RINGERS.

The band at Richmond Parish Church, Yorkshire, has been depleted by the departure of two of its members. Mr. W. Best has gone to Chester, and Mr. C. Barker, who is in the Royal Engineers, has left Catterick for Gosport, prior to sailing for Hong Kong. A farewell quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on Sunday evening, December 30th, by T. Walton 1, W. Best 2, S. Thorp 3, T. Watkin 4, J. G. Kinchin 5, J. Todd 6, C. Barker 7, G. Holmes (conductor) 8. Alderman Albert Morton, the Deputy Mayor of Richmond, who has been a ringer for 48 years, made a presentation to each of the departing members, and Canon A. M. Sullivan, Rector, thanked them both for their past services.

ENTHUSIASM AT DEVIZES.

25 TOWERS VISITED DURING THE YEAR.

Seventy-three members attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Devizes on January 5th. Mr. E. F. White (vice-chairman), who presided, offered the season's greetings to all present, and gave a brief account of the work of the branch. He spoke of the serious illness of Mr. Heginbothom, and was glad to report he was well on the way to recovery, although he was sorry he would have to resign the chairmanship which he had so admirably filled for the past 12 years. A letter of friendly greeting and good wishes was read from Mr. Heginbothom, also apologies from the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. H. Gundry, Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett and Mr. J. Ralph, and the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter.

The Secretary, in his report, stated that the branch had held 12 meetings and visited 25 towers during the year. There was an average attendance of 34 per meeting, the number of ringing members totalled 237, and hon. members 20. This was stated as satisfactory, and together with the accounts were adopted.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mr. E. F. White (Warminster), chairman; Mr. T. B. Holloway (Westbury), vice-chairman; Mr. W. C. West (Melksham), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes) and Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge), Ringing Masters; Mr. F. Green (Devizes) and Mr. C. F. Andrews (Trowbridge), committee. Westbury was decided upon for the next meeting (February 2nd). Amongst those who attended were the Rev. F. Ll. Edward, hon. general secretary, Mr. F. Green, assistant hon. general secretary, Rev. C. A. Plaxton, Rev. J. A. Sturton, Messrs. L. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), A. Taylor (Marlborough), W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), and C. Raison (Trowbridge).

Previous to the meeting a service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke (Rector), with Mr. H. H. Baker at the organ. Mrs. J. Stone was complimented on the excellence of the tea. A full quota of ringing up to Cambridge Surprise Major was arranged during the afternoon and evening.

BILLINGSHURST RINGERS' 'FIRST.'

The first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Billingshurst, Sussex, by an entirely local band, was rung on Christmas Day. It was also the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by all except the ringers of 1 and 2, and R. Wood, jun.'s, first quarter-peal as conductor: J. Burdfield 1, A. Feist 2, C. Wood 3, R. Wood, sen. 4, T. Adams 5, W. J. Wicks 6, R. Wood, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Holden 8. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Billingshurst Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow Mr. Edward Clapshaw, of Farnham, Surrey, celebrates his 90th birthday. He has been a ringer at his Parish Church since the year 1867 and captain since 1906. Although he has taken no active part in ringing for the past three years, on account of advancing age, he still holds office. Mr. Clapshaw will have the good wishes not only of his many intimate friends, but of the whole Exercise.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who has been a minor canon of Canterbury Cathedral for 57 years, has just completed 50 years as president of the Canterbury Cathedral Society of Ringers. His great work for ringing was done as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association for over 30 years.

Close upon the performance of a peal of seven extents in 39 methods, the Cheshire men have now accomplished a similar peal in 40 methods. In the present stage of splicing, only 42 methods are possible in seven extents, and we imagine it will not be long before this skilful band reaches the limit. In the course of this latest peal the method was changed no fewer than 65 times in the 210 leads.

There was a great display of insignia at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on Saturday. The chairman, of course, wore his chain of office, conspicuous for its many bells, on which are engraved the names of previous holders of the office.

Oldest of all was the official badge of the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, worn by Mr. E. P. Duffield, but chief interest seemed to be displayed in the decoration worn by the hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

It was a badge worn only by a very select circle—members of the Guildford Guild who have rung a peal on the Red Sea. It is Egyptian in character with four links and a medallion, and the explanation of the various symbols which it bears greatly interested many inquirers.

Another badge was also on view, but not in the room. This was of much larger dimensions, and, under some circumstances, has practical uses. It was attached to the rear of a car owned by a well-known ringer. The same car carried a similar badge when it left the Golden Lion, at Wrington, at the conclusion of the Somerset tour last August.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, have now rung a hundred peals together. There are now numerous married couples in ringing, but few have achieved this distinction.

Miss E. Dorice Turner, vice-president of the North District, Ladies' Guild, has become engaged to Mr. H. Shelly, of Handsworth, Sheffield.

The peal rung at Middleton, Lancs, on December 31st, was the first peal and first attempt by James Ogden, the 6th ringer, not the 7th ringer, and the 7th ringer's name is James H. Bastow, not Baslow as published.

Did anyone who attended the meeting at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 12th, lose a gent's blue silk handkerchief? Mr. A. Evans, of 32, Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath, found one in his pocket on arriving home, and will be pleased to return it to anyone applying for it.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT'S BIG MEETING.

A very successful annual district meeting took place at Southampton on January 12th, when over 70 ringers were present from a good number of towers. The members were particularly pleased to welcome again among them, after his long illness, the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams).

Service was held in St. Michael's Church. This was followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. The Rev. A. C. Hopkins was voted to the chair, and was supported by his churchwardens, the Rev. E. Jones (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Guild secretary) and others.

The district secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) reported that 1934 had been a very successful year, both financially and otherwise. The membership of the district was 123, and there were prospects of the bands at Holy Rood (Southampton), Broughton and Sherfield English joining the Guild at an early date. Restoration work had been carried out at Holy Rood, Southampton, where the bells had been retuned and rehung; at Broughton, where they had been rehung and increased to six, and at Sherfield English, where the bells had been rehung. The outstanding performance during the year had been the ringing of the first local peal by the St. Mary's, Southampton, band. The members were very glad that Mr. G. Williams was able to take his place in the tower again after his recent serious illness of several months' duration. This announcement was emphasised by the members with loud applause.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. G. T. Tritton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; auditors, Mr. C. Fray; representative on committee, Mr. J. W. Faithful.

It was decided that meetings be arranged during the year at Broughton, Eling, North Stoneham, Sherfield English and the annual district meeting in 1936 at Southampton.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place in a variety of methods on the bells at St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches.

The next meeting will be held at North Stoneham on March 2nd, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

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RECORD GATHERING AT ANNUAL DINNER.

THE CITY'S SILENT BELLS.

Once again the annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds brought together a large and representative gathering of ringers from many parts of the kingdom. A record number of nearly 220 attended the function, and the committee of Bristol ringers responsible for the event spared no pains to make the visit an interesting and enjoyable one. The arrangements were made by a committee, of which Mr. Edgar Guise is the energetic hon. secretary, and visitors had the privilege of inspecting the museum at Red Lodge, where among other very interesting exhibits is the original charter of St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers, granted by Queen Elizabeth. The restored bells at the famous Church of St. Mary Redcliffe were also a great attraction, and other ringing took place at St. Michael's, Emmanuel and St. Stephen's Churches. Tea was served at St. Thomas' School, and the dinner was held at the Cadena Cafe under the chairmanship of Mr. Sidney G. Riches (St. Werburgh's). The chief guest was the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol (Vicar of Temple Church), and others present were the Rev. J. M. Beddoe (Vicar) and the Rev. E. Davies (curate of St. Werburgh's), the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Messrs. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), E. P. Duffield (Master of the College Youths), A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Romans, Messrs. S. H. Wood, Stafford Green, J. S. Goldsmith, Miss French (St. Werburgh's), Mr. and Mrs. Ford (St. Thomas'), Mr. and Mrs. C. Read, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Manchester), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Messrs. S. F. Palmer, J. Holman and W. Naylor (Sheffield), H. H. Fearn and G. Fearn (Selly Oak), J. Hawkins and J. Thomas (London), J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Mr. G. F. Swanu, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram and Mrs. C. Bellfield (Erdington), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) and ringers and their friends from Swindon, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Gresford, Weston-super-Mare, Wrington, Barwell, Kingston Seymour, Castle Cary, Congresbury, Bath, Cardiff, etc.

MR. SIDNEY G. RICHES, Chairman of the B.U.R.G.

SILENT BELLS IN BRISTOL.

The loyal toast having been honoured, the Chairman submitted 'The Church.' Having mentioned that that as the first occasion on which they had had the Archdeacon of Bristol with them, he went on to speak of the activity of the Church in the Bristol diocese under the lead of the Bishops of Bristol and Malmesbury and other leading clergy, who had taken a great stand in such causes as peace, slum clearance, housing and other great social problems. Referring to the fact that the Archdeacon was chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Chairman spoke of the growing demands on the Church by reason of the rapidly growing suburbs of Bristol, and, on behalf of the Exercise, he thanked all those clergy and officials of the Church who, by constant care and attention to the good order of their bells, had ensured regular ringing for the service and had taken and retained an interest in the welfare of their own ringers. There were, however, many churches with magnificent but silent bells, and he wondered what the church councils in those cases were thinking of to allow that condition of things to continue Sunday by Sunday. He was not one of those who would listen to the old steeplekeeper, who had been at a church for years and years, and who said that ringers were not obtainable. They all knew that young ringers could be obtained, and as a beginning could be trained to ring rounds quite satisfactorily. Bells need be no longer silent. Once young men got over the first difficulties of change ringing they became possessed of that peculiar fascination which was associated with the art, and which led them to climb the belfries and learn the history of some of the ancient ringers and pioneers of change ringing. They were bound to realise, when they saw those old peal boards, what a great art change ringing was, and they knew the scope there was for interest in the art, the theoretical, the mechanical and the antiquarian interest, besides and above all others that wonderful fellowship which existed among the majority of ringers, as manifested there that night (applause).

WHY TEMPLE BELLS ARE SELDOM RUNG.

The Archdeacon of Bristol, who responded, said he had the deepest respect for ringers and their art. He happened, he said, to be one of the vicars of a church with silent bells (laughter). He could assure them that that silence was not due to the Parochial Church Council, because in their parish the Parochial Church Council had nothing to do with bells, and it was nothing to do with him either. His church was the Temple Church, with the leaning tower. They had had the tower thoroughly restored, and one of the greatest experts told them they must not ring their bells more than five or six times a year. The Temple Church was noted all over the world, because of its leaning tower. It was not at all pleasant to be known all over the world as being not quite straight (laughter), but such was the case. Some time ago something else happened and they must have them repaired before they could invite ringers into the belfry. They were hoping to raise the money so that the citizens of Bristol might hear the bells rung at least five or six times a year. Continuing, the Archdeacon paid a tribute to the Bishop of Bristol, who, he said, was a true leader, a man of wonderful sympathy, who, whenever he said what he thought, struck hard and struck home. The clergy longed for the sympathy of the laity; they wanted their prayers and their active help. Some were helping, among them the bellringers, but they wanted help in other ways as well—in the more spiritual and educational side of church work.

A FALLACIOUS IDEA.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in proposing 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' said there was something very fascinating about the west country and west country ringing. He had enjoyed ringing in the west country very much indeed, and he enjoyed most of all the few occasions when he had taken part with Devonshire ringers in rising and falling and ringing call changes. He said that as a change ringer who was keen on change ringing. Some months ago he threw a pebble into the pond, and he saw by the previous day's issue of 'The Ringing World' that the ripples were still moving. He hoped they would continue to move. Referring to Bristol's 'silent bells,' Mr. Lewis said if the Bristol United Guilds were, as he hoped they were, as united during the year as they were that night, he did not think the silent bells were due to any action or lack of action on their part. There must be some difficulty with regard to the church authorities, be those authorities rectors, or vicars, or church councils, or architects. They had just heard the reason given why one of the peals of bells was silent except for five or six times a year. He thought it might be wise if he repeated some remarks he made at Warwick last Whitsun with regard to that particular reason. In most classes of machinery an engineer could estimate the probable life of the wearing parts, and he knew approximately how many hours or years of work he could expect from a particular machine, but he (the speaker) absolutely failed to see how an architect could prophesy how many hours' ringing a tower was going to stand except under one condition. If a tower had got definite cracks, and if after a peal was rung an architect could say that during the ringing lasting three hours the cracks had lengthened, say two inches, he could calculate after how many thousands of changes the crack would reach the ground and the tower get into a serious condition. But if a tower had no crack, or if it were cracked and they could not see any increase of the crack during ringing, it was not in the power of an architect to calculate how many hours of ringing a tower would stand. What he was driving at was this: If a tower were safe enough to enable the bells to be rung five or six times a year, it was perfectly safe to ring the bells 50 or 60 times—and he spoke as an engineer who had gone into the subject, and he was prepared to argue it with any architect (applause). If, added Mr. Lewis, an architect says he won't have any ringing at all, that's that and you cannot do anything more; or if a rector, who has the final say, says the bells are not to be rung, that's that, too, and you cannot do any more about it; but, if I can say so without offending the architect in question, by giving the decision, such as has been mentioned here to-night, he is, to put it bluntly, making a fool of himself (hear, hear).

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis referred to the work of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and said he would like, as president of the Central Council, to repeat what he said two years ago that the Council welcomed the return of the association to full membership. The great

event of the year had been the dedication of the wonderful memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and, speaking for the ringers of all parts of the country, he congratulated the Gloucester and Bristol Association on the splendid success they made of that memorial. It was a great pleasure to all the ringers to be at that beautiful service in the Abbey and to hear the splendid ring of twelve bells. One local peal had been rung on the bells—a peal of Stedman Cinques. He hoped twelve-bell ringers would take notice of what the eight-bell ringers were doing, they having followed the lead of the six-bell ringers. It had been the practice of many six-bell bands for many years to ring 720 of a new method without previous practice. Eight-bell ringers were starting to do it, and in the last few months a number of peals in new Surprise methods had been rung, and, he believed, in most cases without previous practice in the particular method. He saw no reason why twelve-bell ringers should not arrive at that state of perfection of being able to look up a method and go straight into the tower and ring it with very fair success (hear, hear).

The toast having been honoured, Mr. S. Romans (Master of the association) replied. He said Mr. Lewis was quite right in saying that the outstanding feature of the year was the dedication of the Davies Memorial. The initiation of the scheme came from the officers of the association, of which Mr. Davies was a co-founder more than 50 years ago. A small committee was formed, with Mr. Guise as secretary, to carry the project into effect, and with the loyal support of the Exercise at large and their periodical 'The Ringing World,' over £300 was subscribed, which enabled a ringers' memorial provided by national effort to be placed in the Abbey Church which Mr. Davies loved so well. The thanks of all were due to the committee for the able manner in which they carried the matter through, and to the ringers throughout the country for their loyal support, which enabled them to perpetuate the memory of one who did so much for the Exercise at large and for the Gloucester and Bristol Association in particular. Just before Christmas a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung—the first on the new twelve—conducted by their old friend John Austin, of Gloucester (applause). He trusted there would be many more peals rung there. Unfortunately, just at that end of the diocese there was a lack of ringers. Tewkesbury could only produce a band of eight at present, but he hoped before long they would be able to muster a full band. As regards the association, he was glad to say it was still in a sound financial position, and they were gradually increasing in membership. During the past year the North Forest Branch had been reopened, after being inoperative for a number of years. He had heard very good reports since the reopening and they had made about 36 new members. He believed there were many honorary members as well. He hoped the association would go on and continue to prosper (applause).

The vice-chairman (Mr. A. J. Blackwell) proposed 'The Visitors,' whom, he said, they were delighted to welcome. He particularly referred to the presence of the Archdeacon and other clergy, and, in expressing pleasure at the presence of Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, congratulated him and Mr. Winney upon their recent successful broadcast in the 'In town to-night' series.

DOUBLE MASTERSHIP.

Mr. Duffield, who first replied, said Bristol had every reason to be proud of its fine old churches; proud of its bells—and it possessed a large number—and it ought to be proud of its ringers, such as they saw represented that night. It was a great pleasure to all the visitors to participate in their hospitality and enter into that jolly good fellowship. It had been a great delight to him to come again to Redcliffe tower and hear once more its fine peal of bells. They could now congratulate them on having these bells in excellent ringing order (applause). Mr. Duffield went on to refer to the very interesting visit which many of them had paid to the old Red House, and, continuing, said he was very proud to have been installed in the chair of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was also proud to be Master of the Essex Association. It might interest them to know that in Essex they were shortly to take a referendum of the members as to whether the association might not well identify itself more closely with the Diocese of Chelmsford by changing its name to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild. There were many in the county who hoped the referendum would result in a decision so to change the name. Referring to the point made by Mr. Lewis on the safety of towers, Mr. Duffield said a case had come under his notice in Suffolk where a fine old peal of bells had recently been restored. A condition had been made, however, that they must not be rung for more than 15 minutes at a time, and after the 15 minutes they must cease for five minutes before being rung again. If anyone could tell him what lay behind that condition he would be pleased to hear it. In conclusion, Mr. Duffield extended a cordial welcome to any of those present to attend the annual dinner of the College Youths in November next.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood also replied to the toast. He said it was twelve years since he had been able to attend a dinner at Bristol, after having had luck enough to be present at the first and second of those gatherings. The success of the Bristol Guilds in carrying on these dinners had been a marvel to him and, he believed, to many others who watched closely the social side of ringing. He congratu-

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT HORNCHURCH.

In spite of the inclement weather, between 40 and 50 members were present at the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association at Hornchurch, the first of the New Year. Early arrivals had the bells going to various methods until 4.30. The service was taken by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, in the absence of the Vicar, and the company had the pleasure of hearing another splendid address by an old friend. Tea was partaken of at the King's Head, and was followed by the business meeting. Six new ringing members were elected and Leytonstone chosen for the place of next meeting, to be held, if possible, on March 23rd next.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. E. K. Waller) for use of tower and bells, the Rev. J. W. Eisdell for conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting, Mr. Page (the organist) for kindly accompanying the hymns, etc., at the service, and to Messrs. McDougal and Dale, of the local band, for making all arrangements.—This was carried with acclamation and responded to by Mr. Eisdell.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Woodford, Romford, Leytonstone, West Ham, Leyton, Orsett, Prittlewell, Waltham Abbey, Hornchurch, Bentley, Bishopsgate, South Weald, Springfield, Chelmsford, Westminster, Shebfield, Brentwood, Fobbing and Dagenham, and touches in practically all standard methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise, were rung.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hunts Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, January 19th, at St. Ives, a good company being present.

The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar and was followed by tea.

At the business meeting, Mr. H. Parker was re-elected district secretary and Mr. H. Fields Ringing Master. Mr. S. J. Peck, Mr. S. Coleman and Mr. Lack were elected on the committee. One new member was elected. The tower was again visited and various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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lated them on the wonderful success which they achieved, and he hoped it would long continue (applause).

A PRESENTATION.

At this stage of the proceedings an interesting presentation took place, when the Chairman asked Mr. W. S. Emery to accept from the members of the Bristol Guilds a luxuriously upholstered lounge chair. Mr. Emery, the Chairman recalled, had been largely responsible for the entertainments at the annual dinners since they were first instituted. Mr. Emery had been a most helpful colleague, but he felt that at last he must now let someone else take up the duties so efficiently and so long carried out. This chair was some small recognition of Mr. Emery's services, and he asked him to accept it with their grateful thanks (applause).

Mr. Emery, who was received with musical honours, in expressing his thanks, gave an amusing account of some of his experiences in arranging the programmes for the B.U.R.G. dinners. It had always been a great pleasure to him to do anything he could, but as he was not now so closely connected with the musical world as he used to be, he felt compelled to leave the task to others.

Mr. F. Skidmore proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and, in referring to the return of the Editor from the recent Australian tour, offered congratulations to Mr. J. A. Trollope upon the way he had carried on the editorial duties during Mr. Goldsmith's absence.

In replying, Mr. Goldsmith referred to the Australian tour, and said that if they were successful it was because, as a band, they realised their limitations and attempted nothing which they were not capable of doing well. He said he was glad to hear congratulations offered to Mr. Trollope on the conduct of 'The Ringing World.' With him he would couple Mr. White (who undertook the sub-editorial work), for they both did remarkably well. In one thing this tour had relieved what had been to him a growing anxiety, and that was that after this experience he would feel that if anything unexpectedly happened to him, 'The Ringing World' need not necessarily depart with him.

The remaining toast was that of 'The Artistes,' proposed by Mr. H. Knight.

As is usual at this function, the musical programme was a great feature of the evening. During dinner a string quartette (Messrs. B. J. Guise, R. Wiltshire, I. Athersuch and R. Amos) provided incidental music. Between the toasts handbell selections were given by St. Thomas' Guild, a monologue by Mr. M. S. C. Emery, and songs by Mr. G. Veale and Mr. H. Spikes. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by E. H. Lewis, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, J. Thomas and E. P. Duffield. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

Many of the visitors stayed the night in Bristol, and next morning paid a visit to Trowbridge to hear the new ring of twelve. They were given a cordial reception by Mr. Sam Hector and his band, some of whom rang their first touch of Stedman Cinques with the visitors.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Incidents of the Voyage Home.

THE PEALS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND RED SEA.

This article brings to a close the story of the Australian tourists who returned by way of the Suez Canal. It deals with the voyage home from Fremantle, incidents of interest at the ports of call and the lighter side of life on board ship.

The remainder of our voyage home was chiefly interesting by enabling us to revisit the ports at which we called on the way out, but four days after leaving Fremantle on the 3,000 miles run to Colombo we rang a handbell peal as a compliment to the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, in gratitude for the many kindnesses which they showed us. We were again unlucky in the spot we selected for ringing. We had had our eye upon it for a day or two. It was sheltered by the upper deck and situated well forward where we could get the benefit of what breeze there was going. It was also likely to be quiet, for most of the passengers—and there were less than 60 adults on board at this stage—were engaged aft in games and other amusements. We had not long been started, however, when a gang of the crew began chipping paint and loosening refractory bolts with hammers close to our ears. They kept it up nearly all through the peal, but we beat them. And it was topping ringing, too. We believe, almost, we could now ring through an earthquake, with the land heaving under us and buildings falling about our ears. At any rate, that is the feeling you get when you have rung for more than two hours on a rolling ship and such a din going on around you.

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With so few passengers, and all of them sociable, life on board was very enjoyable. All our party took part in the games competitions. We were fated to meet in the early rounds of the draw, but none of us survived long except our deck quoits champion, Mr. Sharples, who was brave enough to help defeat his own wife in the mixed doubles and afterwards won the men's singles competition.

The night before we reached Fremantle there was a sensation on board. A lady passenger was found 'murdered' under one of the boats. The 'detectives,' of whom I was one, endeavoured to unravel the mystery, and on a later evening we put our prisoner on trial for his ghastly crime, the 'corpse' being one of the most interested spectators. There was a berobed judge, with counsel and jury, and Rupert was Clerk of the Court. The oaths he made the witnesses take set the court laughing. Mr. Sharples was foreman of the jury, and I have never seen a foreman show such levity when announcing a verdict of 'guilty.' The prisoner was sentenced to death and the execution fixed for Christmas Day, 1999. It was all great fun and passed a merry evening. But here is a note of real tragedy. The judge (a Mr. James, by the way) did not live to see Colombo. He died from heart failure the night before we reached port, where his brother was waiting to meet him.

Rupert is blossoming into a great actor. On a subsequent evening some of the 'bright young things'—there are others besides those in the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—staged a boat drill burlesque, and Rupert, as a baby, had to fall overboard and be rescued from a shark-infested sea. He was a real 'scream,' as with 'dummy' in mouth and rattle in hand he crawled about the stage—which was one of the cargo hatches—before disappearing over the side. But it was even more funny when, with a two-inch rope round his body, half a dozen people, including the 'hero' (a lady, of course), who had 'plunged to the rescue,' tried to haul and push him back to safety, and afterwards resort to 'artificial respiration.' Those who know Rupert best will most appreciate the joke. For those who don't know him, I may say that while in Adelaide he wanted to get weighed on the 'jockey scales' at a big emporium. After putting 18 stones on the other side the attendant reluctantly had to admit that he could not weigh him, and gave him his penny back.

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At Colombo we said a reluctant 'good-bye' to Mr. and Mrs. Sharples, who disembarked on their way to Karachi, to visit their son. We spent an interesting day in the town, of which on the outward journey we really saw little, as our time ashore had been spent in a visit to the old capital of Kandy, 75 miles distant. Having chartered a car, we were driven through the native quarter, where you get a real glimpse of the East. Little shops displaying the produce of the Orient; tumble-down shanties in which the people herd; streets crowded with natives of many types, loitering or squatting in the doorways; arguing in groups or bargaining with shopkeepers; men and women laden with goods, carried on their heads or suspended from the ends of a pole balanced across one shoulder. Some are fully clothed in the garments of the East; others are not; and through the narrow streets, obstructing all other traffic, crawl the bullock carts, strange looking vehicles with hoods of woven palm leaves. It is to this quarter of the city that you must go if you want to see the real Colombo and not to the wide streets of the city surrounding the harbour front and lined with shops whose wares vie with those of Oxford Street or Regent Street, and whose salesmen are by no means unsophisticated natives, but very astute gentlemen ready to cajole you inside their stores and sell you goods at about four times their value. Unless you also want to be 'sold' you have to bargain in the Colombo shops, and even then you are never quite sure that you haven't been 'done.'

In striking contrast to the native squalor, the European part of Colombo is a place of sheer delight, with charming bungalows in gardens of tropical luxuriance. We drove among these, and, having seen other of the amenities of European life, realised that existence in Colombo may be very pleasant.

One of our most interesting experiences was a visit to a Buddhist Temple, in which, contrary to the practice prevailing at most similar places, we were admitted, having first removed our shoes and hats. There is an outer and an inner temple. Many images of Buddha adorn the interior and the walls of the outer temple are vividly painted with scenes from the life of the god, who, 600 years before Christ, renounced his life as a prince, took up the robe of a priest and founded a new religion. We were conducted round the temple by a guide, an educated native, who, aided by the paintings, succinctly explained to us the story of the Buddha that has been and the faith of his followers in the Buddha that is to come in the distant future.

Our tour also included a visit to the famous cinnamon gardens and a trip to Mount Lavinia—which, by the way, is a mere 'pimple' overlooking the sea and not a mountain as we had expected. Nevertheless, it is a rare beauty spot, with cocoanut groves lining the white sandy shore as far as the eye can see. It was at the hotel there—a hotel, by the way, on the most modern Oriental lines, both in style and charges—that Rupert began to assemble his herd of elephants. He has brought home over sixty of them as souvenirs, and Lincolnshire will be as well off for elephants as any county in England. They range from something you could wear on your watch chain to larger sizes, weighing many pounds.

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Six days after leaving Colombo, the 'Bendigo' called at Aden, chiefly to refuel. While she was taking in 2,000 tons of oil for her furnaces—she consumes over eighty tons a day—we had a few hours ashore, and wandered round the native quarter and the bazaars, seeking subjects to photograph. Rupert added some interesting material to the films which will later on be shown at the Surfleet Cinema. It was not so hot in Aden on this occasion as when we called there last—it was midwinter, but the thermometer must have been somewhere up in the eighties. Over eighty thousand people live in the Aden territory, and, apart from the military, less than 50 are Europeans. Rain seldom falls there, and, except for a small public garden with some stunted trees kept alive by much watering, nothing grows there, for the town is built upon volcanic rock.

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The Red Sea has no terrors at this time of year. One might be yachting on the Mediterranean at its best, and as the ship got nearer Suez the weather got notably cooler. Throughout this tour it has been one of Rupert's ambitions to ring a peal on the Red Sea, and on Christmas Eve this ambition was gratified when he called another peal of Bob Major on handbells. There was a chilly breeze blowing when we started immediately after breakfast, and as our clerical member was afraid of the discomfort of the wind, we got one of the crew to rig us up a canvas screen. The padre, however, came prepared, and wore his overcoat—but he forgot his socks, and so all through the peal he had the wind whistling round his bare ankles.

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As I have written before, there are many kinds of entertainment for the passengers on those ocean liners, and we have had them in considerable variety, but the afternoon of Christmas Eve provided us with the best of all. There were about a dozen children on board, whose ages ranged from six to twelve years. Entirely by their own initiative and ingenuity they gave us an entertainment of songs, recitations and sketches. The items followed each other in rapid succession, and provided the passengers, and many of the officers, including the Commander himself, with an hour of genuine fun. Not the least entertaining of the items was the unconscious humour of a completely unembarrassed young man who was going to recite, but entirely forgot the words.

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Our Christmas Day was, in some respects, the most novel that we ringers have ever passed. We spent part of it in the Gulf of Suez

and part on the Suez Canal; and the weather was like the most perfect June day in England. Our 'day' began at midnight, when a special choir, accompanied by many passengers, sang carols in different parts of the ship. There was the traditional lantern man, who, with 'snow' on his hat and shoulders, carried a lighted lantern on a pole and led the procession round the ship. The singing was led by a violin. Then at 6.30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and I made another round of the cabins with the handbells, and rang carols, which, apparently, gave great pleasure to everyone. At any rate many of the passengers said how delightful it was to hear the handbells, and one gentleman, who has lived most of his life in the East, said the bells woke him up, and he wondered, for the moment, whether he had gone to heaven during the night! Knowing him, I can imagine his surprise.

The Rev. E. B. James conducted an early celebration of Holy Communion, and the young folks on the ship were not slow to let us all know that this was a children's festival. Overnight the public rooms had been decorated by the stewards, and throughout the day we were a gay company. But what a difference to England marked our surroundings. We reached the entrance to the canal at 10.30, and we waited for four hours for our turn to pass through the narrow cut which joins Europe and the East. The sea sparkled under the brilliant sun, which shone from a cloudless blue sky, the town of Suez, with its domes and minarets, shone white, and the reddy-brown sandstone mountains on the Egyptian coast were slashed with black shadows where the deep rocky clefts score the hillsides.

In the afternoon the children were full of excitement at the expectant arrival of Father Christmas, who duly came aboard, in fur-trimmed red robes, with flowing beard and a sackful of toys slung over his shoulder. After distributing the gifts, he led a noisy trumpet-blowing crowd of youngsters round the ship and back to the lounge, where a big Christmas tree laden with presents for them was stripped and cheers were given for Father Christmas. I don't think I deserved them; but it was good fun.

Lunch and dinner were festive meals for the grown-ups, and the day ended with games on the deck and community singing, until one by one the tired out passengers disappeared to their cabins, and a few of us, who had seen Christmas come in, saw it go out at a spot only a few hours journey from the scene of that first great Christmas morning.

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The event of Boxing Day was a fancy dress carnival, and there was a wonderful parade of costumes, both picturesque and original. The Rev. E. B. James was made up as an Egyptian Policeman, complete with fez and shorts. His best friends would not have known him. Rupert as 'departed spirits' was equally unrecognisable, except for his bulk. His difficulty was that he could not see to eat his dinner—fancy dress had to be worn at this meal. Mrs. Richardson, as an Eastern lady, vied with all the rest in the picturesqueness of her costume, while for myself I was content to reappear as 'Father Christmas, returned empty.'

At Port Said and Malta, Rupert and I went ashore in search of pictures. At the former place we got some good photographs in the native quarter. At Malta we were not so successful, and Rupert has a grudge against a local photographic dealer, who fobbed him off with films that would not run through his movie camera. The dealer, with that cunning which dominates these Southern and Eastern peoples, had not got what Rupert asked for, so packed him up something else, and it was not until too late that the discovery was made. We had only two hours ashore, but in the last few minutes that dealer got a piece of Rupert's mind, and he knows what one customer, at any rate, thinks of him.

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Except for the bad day we had after leaving Melbourne, the sea up to this time had been very kind to us, but after leaving Malta we had 'the worst day yet.' The sea got up mountains high (that is how it is romantically described) in a north-west gale, and we had a real taste of stormy weather. As the day wore on the decks were untenantable, and so were the meal tables. I have read stories of ships being shaken from stem to stern. I can now believe them. We 'shipped 'em green,' as the sailors say. One big sea struck the ship by the bridge during the afternoon, broke some port hole windows and literally knocked the vessel sideways with two terrific bumps, which caused some people to think she had struck a rock. Some of the crew in their quarters forward were rolled out of their bunks. Decks were flooded, but the stout-hearted 'Bendigo' shook it off and rolled and pitched along as if nothing had happened. Before he left England Rupert said he would like to ring a handbell peal with all the ringers seasick, but after his experience on this occasion he has altered his mind. The gale subsided in the night, to everyone's relief; and we were all very brave sailors the next day, telling each other how finely we had weathered the storm. I fancy some of the tales were as good as fishermen's yarns.

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New Year's Eve brought further scenes of revelry, and midnight struck in several places on the ship. From the bridge, sixteen bells were sounded, eight for the old year and eight for the new. We signalised the occasion with three courses of Bob Major on handbells rung in the lounge, supplemented a little later with Grandsire Triples in the smoke room, where conviviality reigned supreme. New Year's Day, in the course of which we passed Gibraltar, was a perfect summer's day, and as we came through Trafalgar Bay and turned northward at Cape St. Vincent, we really felt that the last lap of our long journey had begun, and speculation was rife as to what hour we should drop anchor in Plymouth Sound, for many of the passengers, including Mr. James and myself, had determined to disembark at the western port.

As on our outward journey, the Bay of Biscay was very kind to us, but the time we had lost in the earlier storm we never fully made up against the head winds we experienced. For the first time we made a late arrival in port. It was 2 p.m. on Friday, January 4th, when we dropped anchor in Plymouth Sound and the tender came off to meet us. And there on board was Mr. Ernest Marsh, who had come off with his daughter to greet us and give us our first English welcome

Then after 16 weeks together, Mr. James and I parted company with Mr and Mrs. Richardson and Enid, and left them to complete the journey up channel to London, which they reached next day and finally arrived at St. Pancras Station at 3 p.m. on the 5th. Without hesitation I can say that these 16 weeks have been the most wonderful of our lives—weeks of intense interest, wonderful scenes, novel experiences, and no small measure of success in ringing, but above all leaving wonderful memories of hospitality and lasting friendship made with kinsmen across the seas. The tour was largely a venture of faith; it has justified itself beyond expectation.

THE EDITOR.

THE 'NEW ZEALANDERS' ARRIVE.

The section of the tourists who, having visited New Zealand, made a round the world trip, landed in England on Tuesday evening. They were Messrs. W. H. Fussell, G. Martin, J. Hardcastle, W. Linter and R. Maude. The 'Rangitane,' by which they had travelled, reached Tilbury between 5 and 6 p.m., and the party arrived at St. Pancras Station at 8.45. Here they were met by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who came to bid them 'welcome home' and to make sure there were no missing members. There was only just time for cordial greetings before Bill and George disappeared into a taxi so that they should not be late home, but Joe and Ralph had to wait until the small hours of the morning for a train to Bradford, and the other William determined to stay the night in London. In the short time available it was learned that the party had a great time in New Zealand, spending nearly a week at Auckland and a week at Christchurch. The only ringing done was at the Cathedral at the latter city, where two peal attempts were made, one being lost through a rope slipping wheel and the other, to everyone's great disappointment, after 3 hours 15 minutes ringing. The method was Bob Major on each occasion.

The travellers had a good voyage home and landed looking very fit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having in days long gone by enjoyed the very great pleasure of many 'ringing holidays' in all parts of Britain, I should be glad if you will kindly allow me the privilege and pleasure of most heartily congratulating the whole band who recently took part in what has surely been the most wonderful, greatly admired and I may say the most envied of all the bellringing excursions ever planned!

I am sure that every ringer in the land has been quite as keen and eager as myself to devour every word of the excellently written accounts appearing from time to time in 'The Ringing World' from the pen of our able Editor. The word 'interesting' is certainly not strong enough to express our appreciation of it. We have quite enjoyed every item!

When the outing was first talked about no doubt many were of the same opinion as myself that the result as far as ringing was concerned would be about three ordinary eight-bell peals, possibly four at the outside, but now we all know that the 'nett profit' has been no less than 13 peals—proving a figure far exceeding everyone's wildest imagination! It included a ten-bell peal, but my own humble opinion is that the 'crowning glory' of all has been the peal of Grandsire Cinques. Speaking from experience, it is a creditable and tricky performance under any conditions, but seeing that it was accomplished on the most important and greatest day of all during the tour, it was an especially gratifying achievement. A special word of appreciation is certainly due to the conductor of that peal, in rising to the occasion from a sick bed after that abominable influenza, travelling 500 miles by sea and land, and then standing up to it for the necessary time to ensure success!

The various achievements 'Down Under' reflect the greatest possible credit on the whole band, and all will agree that the impression they created at the magnificent receptions and important official functions has reflected glory on our own old home country, and will prove of lasting value to the Australian ringers.

Needless to say, one of my greatest pleasures would have been to form one of the party, but it was impossible to be away from business the necessary length of time during that period.

So now then, 'hats off' to the tourists on their wonderful successes, for the result is excellent, especially considering the many and almost unsurmountable and unexpected difficulties they have had to overcome by sheer united perseverance!

F. E. DAWE.

NOTICES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, January 26th, at 3 p.m. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available from 6.30 p.m. for all ringers.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30 p.m., and after meeting St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Rose and Crown.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.40 p.m., 1s. each, to all those who advise me. Will local secretaries note committee meeting in vestry at 4 o'clock? Also to send me revised times of Sunday and practice ringing and list of quarter-peals rung during 1934.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Come along and enjoy a variety of methods from Doubles to London Surprise.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 26th. The bells (8), tenor 30 cwt., will be available from 2 till 4.25 p.m., and again after the meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon R. Brook, Vicar of Doncaster. Tea, 1/3, in the Memorial Hall, near the Church, at 5.15 p.m. The annual general meeting will be held in the same hall at 6 p.m. There are frequent train and bus services from all directions. The annual report will be available at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m.—L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Major J. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 26th. St. Chad's (12) and St. Mary's (10).—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.10 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough (6 bells) on Sat., January 26th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting when the balance sheet and report for 1934 will be presented and officers for the ensuing year elected.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Petersfield to-morrow, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at Halls Cafe, Chapel Street. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Hinckley, January 26th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee 3.30. Tea 4.45 in Church Hut (1s. per head). Short service 6 p.m. Burbage Bells (8) open in evening.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at 4 p.m., the Bishop of Oxford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring to six.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A joint meeting will be held between the Blackburn, Preston, Wigan and Fylde Branches on Saturday, February 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please notify me for tea by January 29th. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall. A good attendance is requested for this important meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. A. Cook, 35, Third Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than January 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Cold Higham (6 bells) on Saturday, February 2nd. Service 3.15, followed by tea and business meeting, when the balance sheet and report for 1934 will be presented and officers for the ensuing year elected. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

SHEFFIELD.—Re-opening of the fine ring of eight at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, which have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A ringers' day will be held on Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3.30. All ringers will be welcome.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, Haddenham, Cambs, numbers for tea. All ringers welcome. Ladies cordially invited.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A by-meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, February 2nd, for practice in plain methods. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 1s.). No rail allowance to this meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells open 2.30 to 9. Service 4 p.m. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome. Will those intending to come please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 42, The Drove, Sleaford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. G. Shepherd). Tea at the Royal Oak Cafe, Tower Street, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 30th.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting is at Aylsham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Marsham tower also open. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Room. Please give notice of attendance.—Nolan Golden, Berridge House, 8, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District meeting at Bures on Saturday, February 2nd, (six bells). Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30, at Mr. Baxter's tea room.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells from 5 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Pangbourne on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 9d. at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Whitchurch tower will be open after tea. All honorary and ringing members are invited to attend. Please notify Mr. T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, of the number for tea by January 31st.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside on Saturday, February 2nd. 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., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting following. A postcard, please, by Wednesday, January 30th, will assist in arranging tea. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting of the Guild will take place at London on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing: St. George's, Borough High Street, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, W.C., 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Lawrence's, Jewry, E.C., 4.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, E.C., 5.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Luncheon 1 p.m. (prompt) at Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand (behind Adelphi Theatre), 2s. 6d. each. Social 7.45 p.m. to 11 p.m., at Bedford Head Hotel. Will those attending please notify Mr. N. S. Bagworth, Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, London, W.2., not later than January 30th, and state approximate times of arrival and departure? Subscriptions for 1935 now due. Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held on February 6th at Sunderland. Meet at St. Ignatius at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing both afternoon and evening at the above church.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 4 and ringing till 5 p.m. Tea in Canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30, with ringing from 8 till 9. Shoreditch bells (12) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, February 5th. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 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 is kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Sun Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector 4.30 p.m. Method, Cambridge. For tea, notify the Rector, St. Francis Xavier's, 8, Salisbury Street, Liverpool 3, before Wednesday, February 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on February 9th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each., to be applied for by Wednesday, the 13th, latest. St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Cathedral (10) will be available from 4 to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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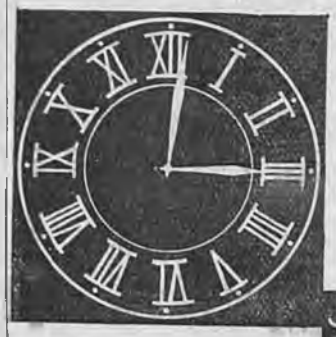

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE BELLS.

Speaking last week at the dedication of a restored peal of bells in the ancient Church of the Holy Rood, Southampton, the Bishop of Southampton declared our church bells to be a challenge to the nation in these days when people were dominated by the desire for pleasure and riches. It would be well if we, as ringers, realised more fully our duties in this respect. It is from this standpoint that more and more in the future we shall be called upon to justify church bellringing with a public that, living in a world of din of its own creating, is calling out for the suppression of noise; and already church bells have been mentioned in connection with the agitation. The ringing of bells for the church services is, our readers scarcely need to be reminded, the primary duty of all bands of ringers. Moreover, practice is necessary to efficient service ringing, and peal ringing is the highest form of such practice. Ringing which takes place other than for service can be justified on these grounds, and this is an argument which should be strongly placed before those incumbents who, taking the line of least resistance, will rather silence the church bells than oppose the wishes of an influential parishioner. The challenge of the bells is the challenge of the Church, and the nation should know it. The voice of the bells can reach farther than the voice of the preacher, and the incumbent who silences the bells is muffling the challenge of his own church.

But there is the other side of the question—the bells that are silent through the neglect of the ringers. There are far too many towers where the bells are not rung for the Sunday services, or where there are insufficient ringers to man all the ropes. As we recorded last week, the chairman of Bristol United Guilds said there was no ground for the excuse that ringers could not be obtained. There are constant examples coming to light which go to show that, properly approached, the difficulties of raising a band are not insurmountable. An interesting instance is seen this week in the report presented by the Farnham district secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. In the area there are 11 towers, with an aggregate of 76 bells, and there are 132 ringers who are members of the Guild. It is not everywhere—even in the area of the Guildford Guild—that such a record can be shown. It is the result of enthusiasm and youth and the practical application of the slogan of a well-known organisation in the social field—'service above self.' The more ringers realise that their primary duty is the efficient ringing of the bells on Sundays, the easier will it be to keep up the supply of material of the right type and the stronger will be their claim to the use of the bells on other days, in the face of

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individual or public opposition. It is the voice of the Church speaking through the bells which is the chief justification for bellringing, and once that point of view is lost sight of it will be a sorry day for ringers. The modern Church will have little use for bells when they are rung merely for the ringers' amusement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE OLLIVER	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
*JOHN O. WELLER	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
ROBERT SWIFT	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
LEONARD TIDY	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	CHARLES BROWN	5
ARTHUR WALKER	2	EDWARD ATKINSON	6
HARRY C. WALTERS	3	RONALD H. DOVE	7
*FRED NEWTON	4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Royal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD, BOW, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT MOLTON	*Treble*	FRANK C. NEWMAN	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE HAYDEN	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	3	ERNEST W. FURBANKS	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	ERNEST D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Specially arranged and rung on the 90th anniversary of the birth of Robert K. Knight, who was elected a member of the above association on February 20th, 1867, and has therefore been a member for nearly 68 years.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935 in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
ALFRED J. CLAYTON	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM GREEN	*Treble*	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	5
ARTHUR GILL	2	*GEORGE LEE	6
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	FRED WATKINSON	7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	PETER MANGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to a sister of one of the local band.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

MISS IRENE HASTIE	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED	5
ALFRED J. WYATT	2	S. PERCY MERSON	6
DAVID G. TAYLOR	3	S. GEORGE COLES	7
WILLIAM A. SIVIER	4	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. G. COLES.
First in the method as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE	*Treble*	‡FRANK CLAYDON	5
*FREDERICK RIDGWELL	2	ALBERT WIFFEN	6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	3	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
†ALEC M. GENERY	4	H. WALTER SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Claydon, wife of the ringer of the 5th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. WOODISS	5
W. CYRIL SMITH	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	6
NORMAN HOBDEN	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
*JOHN HOBDEN	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.
* First 'touch' in the method. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Capt. and Mrs. Acland, of Banstead.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS	*Treble*	ARTHUR SYMONDS	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2	FREDERICK BOREHAM	6
*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	LEONARD PRYKE	7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	4	LAURENCE POULSON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. D. A. S. and A. Symonds.

BACUP.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES WILLIAMS	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
H. W. EMMETT	2	F. KENDALL	6
JOHN HILL	3	JACK BRACEWELL	7
S. T. SLATER	4	*NORMAN BUTTERWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.
* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers. Rung to commemorate 25 years' service ringing by John Hill and Jack Bracewell and the 'emerald' jubilee of the church.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)
On Sunday, January 20, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. GREAVES	*Treble*	J. HALL	5
H. HALL	2	R. R. BARLOW	6
J. F. WOLSTENHOLME	3	W. RIDEHOUGH	7
J. SCOWCROFT	4	J. ROSTRON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RIDEHOUGH.
First peal for all except conductor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. Ridehough for his unceasing labour in teaching the band to ring. Believed to be the first peal by a local band at this church since 1889.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20¾ cwt.

ROBERT WALMSLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD WALMSLEY	5
ARTHUR W. LEIGH	2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD	4	RICHARD W. MOSELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FRED NEWTON	*Treble*	JOHN H. LENTON	5
*ARTHUR WALKER	2	RONALD H. DOVE	6
HORACE FOX	3	*HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HARRY BROWN	4	CHARLES BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.
* 50th peal together.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 23, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

KENNETH FORD	*Treble*	FREDERICK TARGETT	5
*JOHN E. METCALFE	2	HARRY J. SANGER	6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
*DAVID MACKAY	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First touch in the method. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CHESTERFIELD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ROBERT BARBER	*Treble*	WILLIAM FLATT	5
SELIM GOODSWEN	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
CHARLES LOOME	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, January 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	JAMES TOPP	5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

GUISELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	*Treble*	JOHN MCGLENN	5
JAMES A. TEALE	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
WILLIAM DIXON	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
MALCOLM ROBSON	4	WILLIAM E. ASH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of S. Brown, for 67 years a ringer at Guiseley, also to the memory of J. Hutchinson and Captain N. L. Cheetham.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
HARRY WINGROVE	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
ARTHUR MARTIN	3	JESSE ELDRIDGE	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

Arranged and rung as a 'welcome home' peal for Mr. George Martin and Mr. W. H. Fussell from their Australian ringing tour.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. in D flat.

MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	2	JOSEPH MARKS	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

This peal was specially arranged and rung, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt.

BRO. ERNEST T. ALLAWAY, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134	*Treble*
WOR. BRO. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, 4549	2
BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134	3
BRO. ARTHUR S. DOWNES, Benevolence Lodge, 4035	4
BRO. BERT HORTON, St. Peter's Lodge, 481	5
BRO. ROLAND BRAGG, Silhill Lodge, 4786	6
BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134	7
BRO. JOHN MARSHALL, Lodge Abbotsford, 937	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRO. THOMAS H REEVES.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Wor.Bro. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and Master of the Guild.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

W. CULL	*Treble*	W. RIMELL	4
F. PUGH	2	J. ATTWOOD	5
*F. WHITE	3	*C. CULL	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RIMELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wednesday, January 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob, two Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*REV. C. DAVIES	*Treble*	†E. GRIMES	4
CHARLES F. MEE	2	EDGAR RIVERS	5
K. W. WHITTELL	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Mee, of Sproughton, father of the ringer of the second. K. W. Whittell's 90th peal.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	4
FRANK L. FISHER	2	T. WILLIAM LAST	5
GEORGE PRYKE	3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT, JUN.

First peal of London Minor for the Suffolk Guild.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, January 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DENNIS E. ROBBINS	*Treble*	†GEORGE L. CORNWELL	4
THOMAS G. BEVAN	2	JOHN WEBB	5
†FREDERICK E. J. REYNOLDS	3	HARVEY H. WINNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WEBB.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

HOPE, NORTH WALES.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD P. EVANS	*Treble*	FRED HARTMAN	4
*J. HERBERT JONES	2	GEORGE SPERRING	5
*JAMES METCALF	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's.

*DAVID L. REES	*Treble*	EDWARD PHILLIPS	4
*WILLIAM J. THOMAS... ...	2	†JOSEPH LOVETT	5
ERNEST STITCH	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on six bells. First of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. A birthday peal for the 3rd ringer's sister.

ELSHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	GEORGE L. HALL	4
MRS. J. BRAY	2	ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
GEORGE W. MOODY	3	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. 100th peal together by Mr. and Mrs. Bray.

LEIGH, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

H. JIM RALPH	*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	3
HAROLD C. R. VINE	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*FREDERICK T. BOLTON ...	*Treble*	ERNEST G. STEVENS	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE...	2	WILLIAM E. REDROP	5
*FREDERICK J. BOLTON ...	3	WILFRED EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. REDROP.

* First peal in the method.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
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 12 cwt.

DAVID MACKAY	*Treble*	LEONARD DUNFORD	4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
FREDERICK TARGETT ...	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

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(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ...	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	*Treble*	ALFRED PRIOR	4
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	GEORGE DAWSON	5
ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE DAWSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday, January 18th, 1935.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT 28, FIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

*WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD...	1-2	HENRY HODGETTS	5-6
†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	JOHN E. ROOTES	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † 150th peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ...	1-2	HENRY HODGETTS	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by B. SWINSON. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
Umpire—John E. Rootes.

* 200th peal.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT HOLLY BANK,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 26 six-scores of Grandsire (four callings) and 16 of Plain Bob (four callings).

*DEREK M. SHARP	1-2	WALTER M. GODDARD... ...	3-4
*ARTHUR E. WEST	5-6		

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.
Witness—J. Atkinson.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, January 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

REV. E. B. JAMES	1-2	JOHN B. WOOLLEY	5-6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	†WALTER AYRE	7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the association.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT ENTHUSIASM.

'If all ringers carry out their duty to their respective churches every rope will be manned for service ringing. Punctuality is very necessary, and—do not get downhearted if a few members are slack. In ringing, as in everything else, it is the enthusiasts who keep the organisation alive.'

This is an extract from the report of the Farnham District secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, presented to a gathering of nearly 60 ringers at the annual district meeting on Saturday. It comes, we know, from the heart of one of the most enthusiastic district secretaries that could be found anywhere. Mr. C. W. Denyer is not only the mainspring of his district, but the principal driving force in his own tower at Aldershot, where there is a band of over 20 ringers, mostly young. Each of the eleven towers in the district is at full strength, and they have 132 members between them. When it is recollected that six out of the eleven are six-bell towers, the staffing of the belfries represents nearly two ringers per bell in the district. Seven of the eleven towers were represented at the meeting, viz., Aldershot, Seale, Yorktown, Bentley, Bagshot, Farnham and Ash. Other towers represented were Pirbright, Wokingham (All Saints'), Haslemere, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicholas'), Worplesdon, West Clandon and Dore (Sheffield).

Canon E. M. Girling (Vicar), who conducted the service, gave an interesting address on bell towers, and referred to the fact that Farnham was now confronted with the task of refacing the tower of its ancient church. He suggested that members of the Guild might like to assist in the work, and if so there were collecting cards available.

The Vicar, who presided at tea, reminded the meeting that Mr. Edward Clapshaw, the captain of the Farnham ringers, was that day celebrating his 90th birthday. With Mr. Hasted he had visited him and found him as well as one might expect for his advanced years.

A resolution of cordial greeting and congratulation was sent to the veteran from the meeting.

Before the Vicar left he was thanked by the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who mentioned that Farnham was selected by the Guild as one of the representative churches to be included in the album of pictures taken out to Australia by the band which recently toured the Commonwealth.

Mr. A. J. Stedman (churchwarden) presided over the business meeting, when the district officers were re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. P. L. Eldridge; representatives on general committee, Messrs. L. Muddell (hon. member), F. Nye and T. Upshall (ringing members).

The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed receipts amounting to £16 0s. 3d. from subscriptions and interest, expenses £5 7s. 4½d., remitted to general fund £8 1s. 3d., balance in hand £15 15s. 1d., against £13 3s. 5½d. last year.

The Ringing Master's report stated that ringing at the various towers had been maintained at the usual standard, but he regretted there was no marked advancement in change ringing. He congratulated the band at Yorktown upon their peal of Grandsire Doubles. The only other three peals rung in the district had been at Farnham, one for the birthday of Bishop Greig, one as a farewell on his departure and one as a welcome to the new Bishop. This last was representative of the whole diocese, being rung by the four district secretaries and the four Ringing Masters.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary's report showed that during the year the ringing members had increased from 120 to 132, and the hon. members from 24 to 30. Service ringing being the primary motive of church bell-ringing, he appealed to all ringing members of the district faithfully and loyally to do their job, thereby supporting the Guild's main object. Six district meetings, in addition to the annual meeting, were held during the year, with an average attendance of 36. This attendance included 81 per cent. members of the district—a very creditable percentage. The report regretted the death of Canon Stuart, of Bagshot, who was loved and esteemed by all the members. Thanks were accorded to Mr. T. A. Stroud, for his services as organist at the meetings; to the incumbents who had permitted meetings to be held at their churches, and to the hon. members for their support. Thanks were also extended to all district members, and particularly to tower captains for the assistance given during the year.

The reports were adopted with thanks to the Ringing Master and secretary.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Ash, Seale, Hawley, Bentley, Bagshot, Aldershot and Farnham (annual).

The Guild officers were renominated and two new members of the Guild were elected.

The proposed benevolent scheme was mentioned, and it was decided to leave the matter until the annual meeting of the Guild, when a recommendation of the committee will be brought forward.

At the suggestion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith a collection for the Farnham Tower Restoration Fund was taken and realised £1 6s. 6d.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman. The bells at the Parish Church were well utilised in a variety of touches during the afternoon and evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SONNING DEANERY ANNUAL MEETING.

An appeal for better attendance and more interest by the local ringers at the combined practices was made by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) at the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th. Wokingham, a small Berkshire town, has two churches, each with a ring of eight bells, and both peals were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service at St. Paul's Church was conducted by Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Guild and chairman of the branch). The sermon was preached by the Rev. B. H. B. Attlee, Rector of Binfield, who made an appeal for unity and loyalty in all forms of church work. It was very pleasant, he said, for the Rector of a parish who had a band of ringers who were an example to the whole parish, who not only called others to worship, but who symbolised the unity and harmony of the Church, and, working together happily, led the way. They needed the appeal of the bells to make known the message of the Gospel. The preacher mentioned that in Gallipoli, where he served, soldiers improvised a peal of bells out of shell cases, the homely tones being used to call to worship. After they left bells were heard there no more, but he hoped that one day bells would ring out for the liberation of Constantinople.

A collection was taken for the Branch Restoration Fund.

A sumptuous tea was served in the Parish Room, the wants of the large party being attended to by a number of ladies and gentlemen. The Master thanked Mr. and Mrs. Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. Eamer and the other friends who had so excellently attended to them at the tea. The Rev. R. D. Wetter thanked Dr. Attlee for his inspiring sermon, and expressed pleasure at having Canon Coleridge back in his place once more (applause). He thanked the two Rectors for their towers, also the organist at St. Paul's.

The annual general meeting followed, over which the Master presided, and was supported by the Deputy Master of the Guild (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), Rev. G. Kenworthy (All Saints', Wokingham), A. P. Carr (St. Sebastian's), R. D. Weller (Finchampstead), A. G. G. Thurlow (All Saints'), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), etc.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that he had received a letter enclosing a subscription, which, the writer said, was his 54th subscription to the Guild. That was from Mr. W. J. Fuller, who was present with them (applause).

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary reported the membership of the branch as two life members, 25 hon. members and 153 ringing members, several of the last-named being ladies. The figures showed an increase of seven over the previous year. They had lost by death Mr. F. Harrison, their oldest member, and the Rev. T. W. Sergeant (St. Paul's, Wokingham) by removal. The branch had rung no peals during the year, but East Berks men had rung a peal of Spliced Minor at Binfield. Combined practices had been fairly well attended.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand at the end of the year of £5 12s. 1d., compared with a balance at the commencement of £9 2s. 5d. Annual subscriptions were: Hon. members £6 10s. and ringing members £11 8s.: donations, including annual tea, were £4 17s. 6d. The expenditure included £2 2s. to the Jenkyn memorial and £8 19s. remitted to the parent society.

With great enthusiasm Canon G. F. Coleridge was re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. J. Paice hon. secretary and treasurer. The branch committee was constituted of the foremen of towers and the following representatives were appointed to the Guild committee: Messrs. J. Moth (Sandhurst), J. Rance (Binfield), F. Dentry (Twyford) and G. J. Wright (Sonning).

The following recommendations of the branch committee were adopted: 'That a half-yearly meeting be held in June at Waltham St. Lawrence,' and 'That combined practices be held monthly as before.'

The Master referred to "The Ringing World" account of the wonderful visit of English ringers to Australia and Tasmania, when two out of the 13 peals rung were credited to the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Another peal was rung by half Oxford Guild and half Australian ringers. Referring humorously to the peal rung on the Red Sea, the Master suggested that a band of ringers might now charter an aeroplane and ring a peal round the North Pole (laughter).

THE RESTORATION FUND.

Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer) said the Guild this year was in a much better way than last year. On the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn they might have expected to go down, but he was thankful to say the Guild had carried on successfully. He was glad to see the Sonning Deanery Branch had £6 7s. 5d. in its Restoration Fund. He would like to see every branch run its own Restoration Fund. Last year £18 18s. was granted from the Guild Restoration Fund, and there was still a little balance left. He hoped the fund would be in such a position next year that he would not have to refuse any grant applied for.

(Continued in next column.)

A CONDUCTOR'S JUBILEE.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS' NOTEWORTHY ANNIVERSARY.

We are very glad to see that Mr. George Williams, the popular Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has sufficiently recovered from his long illness to be able to return to peal ringing.

On Thursday, January 17th, he called Holt's Ten-Part at Soberton, Hants. It was a notable occasion, for it was the 50th anniversary of his first peal as conductor. On January 17th, 1885, Mr. Williams called the same composition from the same bell in the same tower!

Mr. Williams is in his 79th year, and in the band a fortnight ago was Mr. William Linter, sen., also in his 79th year.

A lot of water has flowed under the bridges since that day in 1885 when Mr. Williams called his first peal, and Mr. Williams has rung a lot of peals, but there is no youngster to-day who is keener on ringing than he is when nearing four score years, and we hope his health will now permit him to add many more peals to his list.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary) urged loyalty all through the Guild as described by the preacher.

Mr. Paice urged better attendance at practice and more progress. Every ringer should aim to qualify to ring his first peal, for peal ringing led to better ringing and striking. He deplored non-attendance at combined practices, as well as the absence of local ringers at these meetings. There might be more enthusiasm in wanting to make progress. He was sorry, he added, that some ringers preferred 'to dance the New Year in rather than to ring it in.' They wanted, he said, to try and make more progress (applause).

Mr. Moth said Mr. Paice's remarks were very timely. If young ringers would look up methods their foreman would help them.

Miss V. Robinson suggested that quarter-peals, in many different methods, could be rung for services.

Mr. Hibbert said ringers should go to towers in their own neighbourhood, prepared to ring some other method. It didn't mean much more mental worry. A wonderful example was recorded recently in 'The Ringing World' of a peal of 5,000 in 39 different methods by six ringers.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow praised the system of ringing a peal every month, as was done in one district in Essex.

The Chairman: 'A peal a week' (laughter). They were very grateful to Mr. Paice, he said, for bringing the matter forward. He had put very high ideals before them. Everyone should feel bound to do his utmost in the deanery to improve meetings (applause). To get on to something new would induce much greater interest.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations are extended to the following who have rung their first peal, and particularly to the seven Ramsbottom men, who have rung their first peal together:—

Rev. C. Davies.	Bramford, Suffolk.
Norman Summerhayes.	Dartford, Kent.
J. Albert Kearns.	Sydney, Australia.
George H. Bailey.	Wellington, Herefordshire.
Joseph Prince.	Wellington, Herefordshire.
John Thompson.	Lillington, Dorset.
Arthur G. Chubb.	Lillington, Dorset.
W. Amos.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
J. Amos.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
John Symm.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
R. Thompson.	Newton Hull, Northumberland.
Dennis E. Robbins.	Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire.
Edward P. Evans.	Hope, North Wales.
J. Herbert Jones.	Hope, North Wales.
James Metcalf.	Hope, North Wales.
Norman Butterworth.	Bacup, Lancs.
F. White.	Eckington, Worcestershire.
C. Cull.	Eckington, Worcestershire.
E. Greaves.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
H. Hall.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. F. Wolstenholme.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. Scowcroft.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. Hall.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
R. R. Barlow.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
J. Rostron.	Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
Ronald Thaxter.	Terrington St. John, Norfolk.

DEATH OF A LEWISHAM RINGER.

As a last mark of respect to Mr. A. E. Rowe, a member of the local band, who passed away on January 20th in the London Hospital, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Lewisham, by L. Roberts 1, J. Bennett 2, J. Foskett 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, W. Tyler 5, R. Wood 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katharine's Church on Sunday, January 13th, for evensong, 720 Plain Bob: Alick Cheaseley 1, George Welch 2, Kenneth D. Birt 3, Charles Killick 4, Bernard H. Wells 5, James Batters (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The faculty has been granted for the addition of four more bells to make a ring of twelve at St. Albans Abbey, to commemorate the jubilee of the Hertford County Association. The association is raising funds to provide one bell.

The new bells are to be cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. Robert Knight, of Leytonstone, who on January 18th celebrated his 90th birthday, joined the old St. James' Society in the year 1867. Among the peals rung to celebrate his birthday was one by members of this society under its modern title of the London County Association. Mr. Knight is one of its oldest, if not the oldest of its members.

Albert Lancefield, at the age of 14, and Edward Dixon, at the age of 74, have taken part in a peal together at Willesborough, Kent. Tell us of any other recreation, requiring comparable continuous physical and mental effort, sustained for three hours, in which 60 years can separate the ages of the participants!

Mr. Frederic G. Groombridge, youngest son of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., was appointed conductor at Whitstable tower at the annual meeting of the ringers there recently.

The three members of this family are now conductors at three different towers in Kent, Thomas, sen., at Chislehurst, Thomas, jun., at Crayford, and now Fred at Whitstable, which, one would imagine, is a record for one family.

The peals rung at Cradley on April 24th, 1934, and at Hanley Castle on April 29th, 1934, and published in 'The Ringing World' for May 11th should have been credited to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The weekly practice night at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, London, S.E.1, has been changed from Wednesday to Tuesday, but there will be no practices at all until February 12th next.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of Stedman Triples at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, January 12th, was Harry F. Holding, and not Harry F. Holden, as published.

Last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Broadley, of Bradford, celebrated their golden wedding. Joe is the doyen of Bradford ringers and the custodian of the Cathedral bells. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1879 and has rung close on 400 peals for his county organisation.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space this week several reports of meetings and letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.

SPLICING MINOR METHODS.

CHESHIRE MEN'S 'MARVELLOUS PERFORMANCE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the band that rang the peal in 40 Treble Bob methods at Sutton, Cheshire, on January 19th. It is a truly marvellous performance.

I must point out that the statement in 'Belfry Gossip' that only 42 methods are possible in the present stage is not correct. On page 14 of 'Method Splicing' Mr. J. W. Parker tells us that 46 are possible. This also is not correct, as I have figures of seven 720's, all having eight methods in them, and the only splices used are those explained in 'Method Splicing.'

Those who have seen the 'Splicing Tables' by Mr. A. G. Driver will know that even 56 are not the greatest number possible by using the splices explained by Mr. J. W. Parker.

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

EIGHTY-SIX METHODS POSSIBLE IN SEVEN 720's.

Dear Sir,—Your comment upon the 40-method peal appearing under 'Belfry Gossip' this week is surely due to an oversight. In 'Method Splicing' Mr. J. W. Parker stated (at the foot of p. 14) that 46 methods could be included in seven 720's, all coming round. Only a little later I discovered many new splices, and arranged a peal having 69 Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods in seven 720's.

If Plain, Alliance and Little Methods are used in conjunction with the above, the number in seven 720's can be increased to 86.

Belvedere, Kent. ALBERT G. DRIVER.

IN HONOUR OF BISHOP OF RIPON.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, and reported elsewhere, was arranged specially to commemorate the consecration of Dr. G. C. L. Lunt (late Vicar of Portsea) as Bishop of Ripon, which took place at York Minster on the same day. It is interesting to note that the ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang), who was also Vicar of Portsea from 1896-1901. Dr. Lunt will be succeeded at Portsea by Canon H. L. Robins (Vicar of Barking), who will be inducted to this living early in March.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We have received many letters of congratulation to the ringers who took part in the Australian tour upon the success which attended their visit. The story of their journey has evidently been followed with the greatest interest at home.

At the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, on Saturday, a resolution was unanimously passed recording pleasure at the success attained by the Australian tourists, and expressing the hope that it will result in lasting good to Australian ringing.

SUGGESTED MEETING WITH TOURISTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel sure all readers will have read with real pleasure and also heartily endorse the letter of Mr. F. E. Dawe in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' which conveys in glowing terms our deep sense of gratitude and real pleasure in the success of the tour.

One almost regrets it is ended, for all will miss those delightful articles which have appeared from time to time telling us of the doings of the tourists from start to finish. I trust it will be possible for the Central Council to have all these articles reprinted and recorded in pamphlet or book form, with a list of the names and photos of the tourists, and the peals rung during the tour, so as to be a lasting memento of a very splendid effort. Also I hope it may be possible, at some date in the near future, to meet all the tourists either in London or at the next Central Council meeting in Shrewsbury and to see the wonderful collection of films taken by Mr. Rupert Richardson throughout the tour, which would make a very delightful and instructive evening. I have already mentioned this matter to the president of the Central Council, and have no doubt that, in his able hands, it will bear fruit. Again, sir, our hearty congratulations.

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

A CANDLE LIGHTED.

Dear Sir,—As a reader of 'The Ringing World' may I thank you for your delightfully descriptive articles on the Australian tour. They have indeed evoked the greatest interest.

You and your colleagues are all much to be congratulated on the prowess with which you co-operated with each other and with those overseas, to crown the mission with success.

You have lighted a candle which one is convinced will grow with a mighty beam in the great cities of the Commonwealth.

Our thanks, Mr. Editor, are also due to those who, in your absence, kept the ball rolling so efficiently at the Woking office.

MARGARET E. SNOWDON.

Cartmel, Lancs.

STORY WANTED IN BOOK FORM.

Dear Sir,—May I add my small voice to the chorus of 'Welcome home' and congratulation? I sincerely hope that you will lose no time in writing a more detailed account of the Australian tour than has appeared in 'The Ringing World,' with a view to its publication, with illustrations, in book form. What a charming frontispiece Miss Shimmin's portrait would make!

Newbury. E. J. TAYLOR.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

In spite of the inclement weather, a good muster of members assembled at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for the meeting on Saturday, January 12th. The bells were made good use of in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, some members having their first try on ten and twelve bells.

A bright service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Jones), who also gave an inspiring address.

Tea followed at a neighbouring cafe, after which handbells were brought into use. Messrs. J. Jaggar and J. Screen demonstrated how tunes should be rung.

After the customary vote of thanks an adjournment was made to the tower, where, joined by Mr. F. Haynes (the newly-appointed Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and a few friends, a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was accomplished.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Pelsall on May 4th.

Rumour has it that a certain trio, while busily engaged in conversation, stepped into the wrong train and in a few minutes realised that they were miles off the right track. However, all's well that ends well, for eventually they reached their destination safely, though somewhat late.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES COTTERELL.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER FOR 27 YEARS.

With deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. James Cotterell, the honorary treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, who passed away with unexpected suddenness on Saturday last at his residence, 130, Harrogate Street, Bradford.

The sad news reached the members of the Yorkshire Association while assembled at their annual meeting at Doncaster during the afternoon, and naturally cast a gloom over the gathering.

With Mr. Joe Hardcastle, who had on the previous day returned from the Australian tour, Mr. Cotterell visited Mr. Tom Maude at Pudsey on Thursday morning. Later in the day he was taken ill. As treasurer of the association he would have been present at the meeting on Saturday, but was too unwell to go to Doncaster, and in the afternoon he suddenly collapsed and died.

It was only on January 8th last that Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell took part together in a handbell peal of Bob Major at their home, in celebration of the eighth anniversary of their wedding. Mrs. Cotterell called the peal, and the deepest sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to her in her irreparable loss.

Mr. Cotterell was one of the best known ringers in Yorkshire. He joined the company at what was then the Bradford Parish Church in 1887, when he began ringing with other young men who have also made their mark in the Exercise. For the past 27 years Mr. Cotterell has filled the office of hon. treasurer of the association, and for many years has represented the association on the Central Council.

Mr. Cotterell had rung a large number of peals, something like 240 for the Yorkshire Association alone.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being at the Cathedral, and the interment at Cuddenfoot.

A CHALLENGE TO THE NATION.

BISHOP OF SOUTHAMPTON ON BELLS.

The bells of Holy Rood Church, Southampton, have been restored through the Barron Bell Trust. The sixth has been recast and the whole octave retuned and rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The bells were originally cast by Lester and Pack, the tenor being 16 cwt. in F.

The service of dedication of the completed work took place on January 23rd, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a large congregation by the Bishop of Southampton. Ringers were present from Bishopstoke, Dibden, North Stoneham, Romsey, Southampton and Winchester. The dedication took place in the vestry, where the rope of the recast bell was handed to the Bishop by Mr. F. Hopkins, senior trustee of the Emma Barron Bell Trust.

In the course of his sermon, the Bishop said, as many of them knew, the bells had been famous in Southampton for 200 years, and they had rung the old year out and the new year in on every occasion except a recent one, when it was found that one of the bells was cracked.

Enumerating some of the purposes of bellringing, he suggested that the bells were a challenge to the nation. It was not true that England was godless, though just at present religion seemed to be overlaid with other things.

It would be wrong to say that we were a nation of hypocrites, because there was a lot of genuine religion in the hearts of the people, though it was apt to be overlaid with 'the cares, pleasures, and riches of this life.' He suggested that the bells should be a warning and a remirder of their solemn obligations, and that they should also be regarded as a call to rejoice.

The opening touch on the bells was rung by a mixed band from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham and Southampton, which comprise the three principal ringing strongholds in the Southampton district. The improved tone and the excellent 'go' of the bells gave great satisfaction.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY KING.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Bedfordshire Association has lost by death one of its oldest and most respected members in the person of Mr. Harry King, of Biddenham, who passed away after a somewhat lengthy illness on January 15th, at St. Columba's Hospital, London, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. King was one of the original members of the association, which was formed 51 years ago, and was a member of Biddenham Church choir for 45 years. Always of a cheery disposition and ready with a helping hand for a learner in the belfry, he was very much liked and respected by all.

The funeral took place in the parish churchyard on Saturday, January 19th, amidst every sign of respect and sympathy. The Vicar, the Rev. W. E. B. Norman, officiated. Immediately after the service 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, which was his favourite method, was rung with the bells half-muffled by: H. L. Harlow 1, F. C. Tysoe 2, Miss E. Steel 3, R. West (conductor) 4, N. Wiles 5, H. Tysoe 6. This was followed by 240 Woodbine, with C. Bransom and R. Brockett standing in.

GUILDFORD GUILD'S NONOGENARIAN

MR. EDWARD CLAPSHAW, OF FARNHAM.

Last Saturday, Mr. Edward Clapshaw, captain of the Farnham, Surrey, ringers, celebrated his 90th birthday and received the congratulations of many friends. Mr. Clapshaw became a ringer at Farnham in the year 1867, and has been a member of the band ever since. He was appointed captain in 1906, and still holds the office, although, owing to his advanced age, he has taken no active part in ringing for the past three years.

MR. E. CLAPSHAW.

Mr. Clapshaw joined the old Winchester, now the Winchester and Portsmouth, Diocesan Guild soon after its formation, and he is a foundation member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

He has rung in all about 24 peals, mostly in the Grandsire method, but he has not kept a detailed list of them.

Mr. Clapshaw was born at Upper Bourne, near Farnham, on January 26th, 1845, and left school when he was eight years old to commence work on a farm as carter boy with his father. After seven years on a farm he turned to gardening, and intermittently coupled with this work the post of coachman to his employers. It was not until he was close upon 80 that he retired from regular employment to look after his own large garden and allotment. He is an old and respected member of the Farnham Horticultural Society, and for years his name was prominent in the list of prize-winners at the local horticultural show.

Last Saturday he received many visitors at his home in College Gardens, where he has lived for the past 65 years. He was married in 1869, and lost his wife in 1916. His birthday coincided with the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Docesan Guild, and the members sent him a specially cordial message of greeting and congratulation.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO BEDWORTH BEARS FRUIT.

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Leamington on Saturday, January 19th, was poorly attended, but those who did put in an appearance had a very enjoyable time. There was ringing on the bells of the Parish Church from 3 o'clock until 4.30. Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, but the chief feature was the ringing in rounds of a boy of eight years of age, the son of Mr. T. Male, of Warwick. He handled his rope beautifully and rang with as much assurance as those of far greater experience. Mr. H. Bond, of Cirencester, was a welcome visitor at the meeting. His son, Mr. A. W. Bond (now residing in Brighton) is a member of the Guild, and while resident in Warwick assisted considerably in improving the standard of ringing in that district.

At the short service, held in a side chapel of the church, and conducted by the curate, the Guild form of service was used.

The curate accompanied the ringers to tea at Ballinger's Cafe, but had to leave early to conduct evensong. Shortly afterwards the Vicar (the Rev. G. Rolfe) arrived, and, after extending a welcome to the Guild members, proceeded to act as chairman for the business meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinde, Mr. A. J. Hinde, Mr. C. E. Rayson and Mr. W. Stote.

Mr. E. Stone reported that the instruction given to the local ringers on the occasion of the meeting at Bedworth had borne fruit, as they were to be found on practice nights practising Grandsire Triples assiduously and showing marked improvement.

The meeting places for the next two months were discussed, and finally it was decided to hold the February meeting at Bickenhill and the March meeting at Chilvers Coton. The following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Terry (Shilton), P. J. Hopkins (Warwick) and T. Male (Warwick, re-elected).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his presence at the meeting, proposed by Mr. J. H. W. White and seconded by Mr. A. H. Beamish.

On leaving the tea room the members made their way by car, bus or on foot to the small church of Lillington a mile or so away. This light ring of eight was kept going from about 6.30 until 8 o'clock in various methods, a few courses on handbells bringing the meeting to a close.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA.

KENT SCHOOL BOYS TAKE PART.

Mr. S. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, Mass., U.S.A., writes: I hope the following report of our humble efforts to practise the Exercise on this side of the Atlantic may be of some interest to your readers. The only places where there is any regular change ringing in the United States are the boys' schools at Groton and Kent. Near Boston there are four towers where ringing is possible, and in the Christmas holidays we try to bring together a band from the schools and English ringers who live in this neighbourhood.

On Christmas Eve we rang for an hour at a church in Boston. On January 1st we were asked to join in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Paul Revere's birthday, by ringing at the 'Old North Church.' Revere was himself a founder and a ringer of bells, and it was in this belfry that a lantern was displayed as a signal for him in starting the ride made famous by our poet Longfellow. Through long disuse the heavy bells were so hard to handle that we could try nothing more elaborate than Doubles with the back bells covering.

On January 6th we gathered a band at Groton and were ambitious enough to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples. Considering our rare chances for practice, the result was not bad, and there were long periods of really good striking, but after more than 3,000 changes trouble occurred and the attempt failed. The following took part in this ringing: I. J. Attwater (conductor) from Kent, his pupils, A. D. Bosson and S. Wheelock, together with S. W. Sturgis and W. Sturgis, of Groton, James F. Laker, William Bashford and J. R. Henson, of the Boston Guild. We were not discouraged by the failure and are hoping for another try in the Easter holidays.

May I take this opportunity of sending friendly greetings to the ringers—mostly of the College Youths—whom I have had the pleasure of knowing when in London some years ago.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WELL-ATTENDED ANNUAL MEETING OF HINCKLEY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, January 5th, some 50 members and friends being present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Pillifant), Mr. Nixon being at the organ.

Tea was served in the School, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair and was supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. A. Wood), Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. secretary), the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and the Rev. William Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth.

It was decided to nominate the retiring general officers en bloc.

The district officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. W. A. Wood (vice-president), Mr. A. E. Rowley (hon. secretary), with Messrs. G. A Newton and A. Ballard to serve on the committee.

The secretary reported that 12 meetings had been held during the year, all of which had been fairly well attended. He pointed out, however, that it was nearly always the same faces to be seen, and said he would like to see some of the other members take more interest in the meetings of the district.

Both the vice-president and the hon. secretary referred to the splendid support given by the clergy in the district, and thanked all those members who had attended during the past year.

Thanks to the Vicar for his services during the afternoon, to the organist and to the ladies who arranged the tea concluded the business. Some members lingered for tunes and changes on the handbells, others were soon in action in the belfry, the ringing concluding a very successful meeting.

FIRST 720 AS CONDUCTOR.

A peal of Bob Minor unfortunately failed at Perranworthal, Cornwall, on January 14th, during the sixth 720. The band was: W. E. Minors 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, A. S. Roberts 3, W. H. Sleeman 4, C. Gudgeon (Manchester) 5, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 6. Cyril E. Lanxon, of Truro, celebrated his 17th birthday on the previous day and had never before conducted a 720. Better luck next time!

GUISELEY VETERAN DEAD.

A RINGER FOR 67 YEARS.

At the advanced age of 85 years, Mr. Sam Brown has passed away at Guiseley, Yorks, where he had been a ringer for 67 years.. He had spent all his life in Guiseley, and was a weaver by trade. But he loved his garden, and he loved the bells. He began ringing at the age of 18, and had seen first one generation of ringers and then another disappear. Ringing with him was more than a hobby; it was a life work. Sam never wore a coat if he could help it. 'There's nothing like shirt sleeves for work,' he once said. 'The sight of shirt sleeves makes a tired man feel energetic.'

The funeral took place on Wednesday week, when at the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave. Among the many mourners and those who came to pay a last tribute of respect were the following Guiseley ringers: Messrs. F. W. Dixon, J. McGlenn, A. C. Walsh, M. Robson, A. Smith, J. Claughton and A. Hardwick. Other old ringing friends present were Messrs. W. D. Clough (Otley), T. M. Thompson, H. Smith, J. Woodhead (Leeds), M. Birsfield, C. Knipe and F. Dixon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT DISCUSSES PEAL RINGING.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Croydon, on Saturday, January 26th, and a representative gathering of about 60 attended despite the wintry weather conditions. Ringing continued at both churches, St. Peter's (10) and St. John's (8), throughout the afternoon.

A short service was held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Cooper, senior curate, who welcomed the association to Croydon in the name of the Bishop of Croydon and apologised for the Bishop's absence.

A company of 56 sat down to a very enjoyable tea at the Rose and Crown Hotel. The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by the District Master (Mr. E. G. Talbot).

Four new ringing members were elected, and the election of one member previous to a peal ratified.

The district secretary (Mr. D. Cooper) presented the committee's annual report, which showed that the district was in a very satisfactory position. Sunday service ringing had been maintained in most towers, and five district meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 40. The membership of the district had increased by nine, making a total membership of 186. The number of peals rung had decreased again, but this was thought to be due to the difficulty of getting towers for peal attempts in the district.

The treasurer's report was also satisfactory, showing an increase in the balance in hand of about £5 over the previous year.

It was agreed to hold meetings as follows, if possible, during the year: Easter Monday, Leatherhead; May 25th, Kingston; July 27th, Ranmore Common (jointly with the Guildford Guild); September 28th, Barnes; November 23rd, Benhilton; January 25th, 1936, Mitcham.

The officers and committee were all re-elected, a very hearty vote of thanks being accorded to them for their services during the year. The meeting also approved of the secretary's action of arranging mid-week meetings jointly with the Ladies' Guild.

It was also agreed that any young ringers who wished to ring their first peal or a peal in a particular method and could not do so with their own company, should apply to the district secretary, who would do all in his power to arrange such peals.

The suggestion for an annual dinner for the association was discussed. There was also much discussion about the reason for the decrease in peal ringing in the district during the year, and it was thought that more could be done if ringers kept in closer touch with the clergy at their own churches and pointed out to them that peal ringing was really necessary for the sake of good Sunday service ringing.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and ringing continued at St. John's until 9 p.m.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held at Cockermouth on Saturday, January 12th. Members attended from Arlecdon, Aspatria, Carlisle, Cockermouth, Egremont, Hensingham and Keswick. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. W Brighton (London), an old friend, who was staying in the district. Before the meeting the secretary paid a tribute to the late Vicar (Canon Parker), who had passed away about a week previously, and would have presided at the meeting had he been spared. He was president of the association and one of the original members when it was first formed in 1889. The members present rose for a few moments in silence as a token of sympathy to his memory. The secretary then gave his report on the past year's work. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £6 1s. 11d., a slight increase of the previous year.

An interesting discussion took place regarding alterations in the rules of the Ringing Contest, to be held at Workington on Easter Monday.

The tower of All Saints' was visited, and ringing took place in the following methods: Bob Minor, London Surprise Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Major, several touches being brought round.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT THE COUNTY TOWN.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Herts County Association was held on Saturday, January 19th, when the grand ring of ten at All Saints' and John Briant's eight at St. Andrew's were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. About 40 members attended and spent a good time.

The service was held at All Saints', conducted by the Rev. Gray, in the much-regretted absence of the Vicar, who is just recovering from illness. This was the first time for several years that he had been absent from this yearly service. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. P. Routh, the Ringing Vicar of Hitchin, and a vote of thanks to the incumbents of the Hertford churches was heartily carried.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's Church, Salisbury, on Saturday, January 26th, when there was a very good attendance. Members from all parts of the branch arrived during the afternoon, and the bells were kept busy.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. L. Bradyll-Johnson (Rector of St. Clement's, Oxford, and father of the Rector of Sarum St. Paul's), the lesson being read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary), and the address given by the Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson. The company subsequently partook of an excellent tea in St. Paul's Church Rooms.

At the business meeting which followed, the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine), the general secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson, and Rev. R. S. Smith (Vicar of Martin). There were also present members from Semley, Sarum St. Martin, Sarum St. Paul, Sarum St. Thomas, Berwick St. John, Winterbourne, Britford, Dinton, Longbridge Deverill, Bemerton, Martin, Wilton, Kington Magna, etc.

The balance sheet was adopted, and the election of officers resulted as follows: Branch chairman, Mr. E. G. Caple; branch secretary, Mr. F. W. Romaine; Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Harris and F. C. Smith; branch committee, Messrs. A. Southey, W. Roberts, W. Wright, A. E. Miles and F. Wyatt.

Two towers, with their bands, were admitted, namely, Hindon and Martin. Mr. R. Cooke, a new member at Wilton, was also elected. A joint meeting with the Devizes Branch, to be held at Heytesbury, was discussed, it being resolved, if convenient to the Devizes Branch, to hold it on April 6th.

The quarterly meetings during the present year will be held at Shrewton, Hindon and Martin.

The General Secretary, in the course of a short address, mentioned that he had heard recently from Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and he had called his attention to the enthusiasm of the new band formed at Hindon, and he, the secretary, welcomed them to the Guild. He also reminded the members of the excellent opportunity afforded for ringing, during the forthcoming jubilee of the King's reign. He closed by referring to the death at Bristol of an old friend of the Guild, Mr. Barter, late of Salisbury, the company standing for a few moments in silent tribute to his memory.

A vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Paul's and the organist for their good offices closed the business.

Rev. Bradyll-Johnson, replying, assured the members that they were very welcome at St. Paul's. They were particularly pleased to receive the Guild at that time, as they were in the midst of their patronal festival, and the Guild's gathering had been included in the official festival arrangements.

Later, the bells at St. Paul's, St. Martin's and St. Edmund's were rung.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

EXISTING ARRANGEMENT OF MEETINGS TO STAND.

The annual general meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th, when the towers of Adwick-le-Street, Darton, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Cawthorne, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Royston, Sandal, Rotherham, Wath, Wortley and the local company were represented. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and continued in various methods, both Major and Minor. Owing to the illness of the clergy, the service arranged could not be held.

Tea was served in the Station Restaurant, about 30 sitting down. Mr. C. D. Potter presided at the business meeting, by which time a few more members had put in their appearance. Mr. Idle proposed that the retiring officers be elected for another year, and this was carried unanimously. Two new members, Mr. Lamp and Mr. Beavis, of Sandal, were duly elected.

Mr. Moxon, of Sandal, and Mr. R. Haden, of Barnsley, were elected auditors for 1935.

A discussion arose on the rota of towers for the monthly meetings, but it was finally agreed to carry on with the alphabetical order arranged.

Mr. Moxon moved a hearty vote of thanks to the officers for services rendered, which was carried unanimously.—On the motion of Mr. Cutts, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements made.

A few touches were given on the handbells, and then the majority adjourned to the tower for further ringing until about 9 p.m.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, January 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. E. H. Chetwood Aiken, churchwarden: Leslie Francombe 1, Mrs. J. Gould 2, C. Harding 3, C. Gould 4, A. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, F. Lewis 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LINCOLN DISTRICT.

About 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Lincoln District held at Harmston on Saturday, January 12th. Though actually taking place in the New Year, the business of the meeting is to terminate activities of the past year and to arrange a programme for the coming year. The company represented Lincoln Cathedral, St. Giles', St. Mary-le-Wigford, St. Peter-at-Gowts, Blankney, Ashby-de-la-Launde, Navenby, Nocton, and the gathering included the following clergy: Revs. H. H. Smith (Harmston), Harding (All Saints', Lincoln), Olsen (St. Giles', Lincoln) and Howard (Ashby-de-la-Launde). To swell the throng were visitors from Lea (Gainsborough District), Ordsall (North Notts Association), Hough-on-the-Hill and Folkingham (Southern District).

The Guild form of service was used at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Olsen, and the Rev. Smith gave an address.

Tea and business meeting which followed were presided over by the Vicar of Harmston.

The whole of the district officers were unanimously re-elected. Places and dates for meetings during the year were selected as follows: Walesby, March 2nd; Nocton, June 8th; Fulbeck, August 31st; Scothern, November 2nd; Washingborough (annual meeting), January 11th, 1936.

The selection of Walesby will constitute new ground to many of the Lincoln District ringers, and the meeting will be held in co-operation with the Grimsby District. Given a good send-off, this meeting will make a most appropriate opening for the new programme, and will, it is hoped, be a source of inspiration to the ringing fraternity of both the Lincoln and Grimsby Districts. One representative present at the meeting expressed an opinion in favour of increasing the number of district meetings to further stimulate interest among the learners and lesser advanced ringers. The attendance at meetings in the past did not, it was intimated in a reply, merit an increase of meetings, which are attended by the same contingent of enthusiastic ringers, and the call of peal attempts, etc., claimed as much time as ringers were able to afford to follow up the art. There was, therefore, no change in the order of meetings, although the proposal, which came from a new member, was overruled, the enthusiasm of the speaker was much appreciated.

The Chairman intimated that his ringers (Harmston) were in need of assistance to extend their knowledge of campanology, and he hoped something could be done for them.—As an outcome of this there is every possibility of the neighbouring towers of this village amalgamating for combined practice ringing—a step which could be copied with advantage by other towers in the district.

The election of the following new members completed a very satisfactory meeting: Rev. H. H. Smith (Harmston), honorary member; Rev. Harding (All Saints', Lincoln), Master J. Freeman (Lincoln Cathedral), Mr. V. Briggs (St. Peter-at-Gowts), Mrs. Neal, Miss S. Norton and Messrs. Chambers, Millhouse, Hinton and Myland (St. Giles'), Messrs. Holmes, Cox and Toynbee (Navenby). St. Giles', it may be mentioned, is the venue of St. Peter-at-Arches Church, which has been removed from the centre of the City of Lincoln. From the secretary of the district we learn that this suburb is abounding with enthusiasm for campanology.

Thanks to those responsible for the arrangements of the meeting were accorded. The ringers then returned to the tower for further ringing. H. C.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN THE ELY ARCHDEACONRY.

A splendid muster of ringers turned up on Saturday, January 12th, to have a pull on the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Chesterton. Methods ranged from Bob Doubles to London and York Surprise Minor. Several of those present took a good step forward by ringing something they had not previously attempted.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. V. Wallace), with Miss Vincent at the organ. Tea was served by willing helpers in the Church Hall.

It was a great pleasure to elect Mr. P. A. Banyard and Mr. J. Taylor, both belonging to the local band, as members of the association.

Ringing continued until 7.45 p.m., when the last of the visitors left for home after a very happy afternoon and evening in Chesterton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY IN MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

A good meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association was held at West Malling on Saturday, January 12th. During the afternoon and evening good practice was obtained in Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, with several lots of rounds for beginners.

At the business meeting the district secretary (Mr. Charles H. Sone), who had previously expressed his wish to resign, could not be persuaded to continue in office for another year.

Mr. Sone was warmly thanked for his many services to the district during the past eleven years.

Mr. Alec Waddington was elected to fill the vacancy. Will tower secretaries please note the change and send 1935 subscriptions and particulars to A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Alverstoke on Saturday, January 19th, when members and friends were present from Alverstoke, Alton, Gosport, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Ryde, Soberton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Upham, Wickham and visitors from Brighton. The Guild service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (Canon G. Landon) officiated, and the Rev. S. Merby (Vicar of Titchfield) addressed those present. Tea was partaken of in Brodrick Hall, after which the business meeting was held, Canon G. Landon taking the chair. Apologies were received from the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and others. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Rev. E. H. Duke (Rector of Wickham) and Mrs. E. J. Harding, wife of a former secretary of the Portsmouth District.

The report and balance sheet were read and adopted, the accounts showing a balance of £13 12s. 3d. to the district after all expenses had been paid, and £5 18s. had been forwarded to the general treasurer.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and new members were elected from Portsmouth Cathedral, Wickham, Swanmore, Alverstoke and Portsea. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at the Cathedral on January 18th, 1936. It was proposed that a grant of £1 be made from the district funds towards the cost of new ropes at Curdridge.

A letter was sent to Mr. E. J. Harding, sen., from the meeting expressing the sympathy and condolence of the members on the sad loss of his wife.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Alverstoke for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service; also to the Rev. S. Merby for his fine address, to the organist, and to the ladies who catered for tea.—The Rector suitably responded.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Gosport bells were also available during the evening, thanks being extended to Mr. Reynolds for their use.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH AT SAXLINGHAM.

On Saturday week the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Saxlingham, when over forty ringers were present from Buxton, Dickleburgh, Diss, Garboldisham, Hethersett, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham, Shelfanger, Starston, Redenhall, Winfarthing, Wroxham, Wymondham, Yarmouth and the local band. A variety of methods, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman, were rung in the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, generously provided by Mr. W. L. Duffield and the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Deuchar occupied the chair. Mr. W. L. Duffield was re-elected branch chairman, and Mr. N. Golden was asked to continue as secretary for the seventh year in succession. Messrs. E. G. Bennett, A. G. Harrison, C. J. More, R. Riches and E. Whiting were re-elected committeemen, while Messrs. W. E. Bason and E. G. Bennett were asked to represent the branch on the committee of the association.

The next meeting of the association is to be at Redenhall on May 11th next.

The Rev. J. S. Deuchar was unanimously elected an honorary member and thanked for his services, as was Mr. W. L. Duffield for his work for the association.

The North Norfolk Branch holds its annual meeting to-morrow at Aylsham, when it is hoped members will make a special effort to be present.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT MEETING

The January meeting of Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on January 12th, when a large number of ringers enjoyed the hospitality of the local company. The bells were kept going from 3 to 9 p.m. in a variety of methods from Bob Major to Surprise.

Headquarters were once again at the Park Hotel, and tea was on the tables from 5 p.m. After tea the tower was again visited, and a number of ringers took the opportunity of looking round the beautiful interior of the church. The bells, both hand and tower, were in constant use until the business meeting. The president occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Almondbury, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad and St. Michael's, Holbeck, Idle, Ilkley, Ossett, Rothwell, Shipley and the local company.

Sixteen new members were elected, viz: Miss L. K. Bowling, of Headingley St. Chad's; Messrs. J. Broadley, E. Raynor and S. G. Kelly, of Bradford Cathedral; H. Barron and J. Aspden, of Drighlington; F. Rhodes, of Elland; H. Chaddock, of Eastwood; J. Ward, T. Duffin, E. Smith, G. Duffin, G. Dews and C. Ekert, of Ossett; N. Barton and J. Harrison, of Tadcaster. These were proposed en bloc by Mr. G. Steel and seconded by Mr. J. Ambler.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. C. Pratt and seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. W. Barton replying.

The next meeting is due to be held at Liversedge on Saturday, February 23rd.

NOTICES.

MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at 4 p.m., the Bishop of Oxford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring to six.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A joint meeting will be held between the Blackburn, Preston, Wigan and Fylde Branches on Saturday, February 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall. A good attendance is requested for this important meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, Haddenham, Cambs, numbers for tea. All ringers welcome. Ladies cordially invited.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells from 5 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells open 2.30 to 9. Service 4 p.m. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome. Will those intending to come please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 42, The Drove, Sleaford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Pangbourne on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 9d. at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Whitchurch tower will be open after tea. All honorary and ringing members are invited to attend.—T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A by-meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, February 2nd, 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, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

SHEFFIELD.—Re-opening of the fine ring of eight at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, which have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A ringers' day will be held on Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3.30. All ringers will be welcome.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting is at Aylsham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Marsham tower also open. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Room. Please give notice of attendance.—Nolan Golden, Berridge House, 8, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District meeting at Bures on Saturday, February 2nd, (six bells). Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30, at Mr. Baxter's tea room.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Harworth on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) open from 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside on Saturday, February 2nd. 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., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting following. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

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. Paul's Cathedral on February 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held on February 6th at Sunderland. Meet at St. Ignatius at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing both afternoon and evening at the above church.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 4 and ringing till 5 p.m. Tea in Canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30, with ringing from 8 till 9. Shoreditch bells (12) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, February 5th. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 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 is kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Sun Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector 4.30 p.m. Method, Cambridge. For tea, notify the Rector, St. Francis Xavier's, 8, Salisbury Street, Liverpool 3, before Wednesday, February 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on February 9th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting arrangements, Saturday, February 9th. Ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (12), 2.15-3.30 p.m.; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge (10), 2.15-3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 3.15-4.15 p.m. Short service in St. Clement Danes', 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. Carew Cox. Tea at Perdy's Restaurant, Essex Street, 5 p.m. Ringing again at St. Clement's, 6-7 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in Parish Hall at 7.15 p.m. If all members will do their utmost to be present a very pleasant gathering will result.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, February 9th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available: All Saints (8) 3 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 4 p.m. Tea 5, at Lakeman's Restaurant, 1s. each.—R. Sharpe and Miss K. Willers, Dis. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting to be held at Staunton, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Church School. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, February 6th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea and business at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m. All requiring tea please advise by Tuesday, the 5th.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 8, Beaumont's Buildings, Darton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 6th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

CHARING, KENT.—Kent County Association, Maidstone District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, February 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer welcome. Diagrams of Double Court on application to Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 2.45. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (5) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at Bedford Arms at 5. Good train and bus service. All ringers very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Aldbourne on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service and tea as usual. Will intending visitors notify me by February 6th?—A. Taylor, Branch Secretary, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday previous for tea.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Wednesday, February 13th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, February 16th. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rural Dean, Rev. E. C. Grimaldi. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Talaton tower also available. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, February 11th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Meeting to follow. All welcome. Notify for tea by Tuesday 12th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each., to be applied for by Wednesday, the 13th, latest. St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Cathedral (10) will be available from 4 to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Look up Stedman and come along, whether you can manage it or not. All welcome. Subscriptions due, reports ready.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, February 16th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available in the afternoon. Service at S. Nicolas' 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at Ayers' Cafe (next S. Nicolas' Church) at 5.30 p.m. Merrow bells available (if required) in the evening. Please send me numbers for tea and let me know if you would like to go to Merrow by February 12th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Finchingfield on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Wednesday, 13th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Yorktown, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 20th.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in school at 6 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells and good company.—Peter Crook and William Farrimond, Branch Secretaries.

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In a speech on Saturday, at the annual gathering of the National Guild of Police Ringers, Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, made a very pertinent point upon the existence of the smaller ringing organisations. The question was sometimes asked if such societies were necessary. If they were not actually necessary, said Mr. Duffield, they were eminently desirable. And with this view most thinking ringers, who are in touch with the larger aspect of the organisation of ringing, will agree. This does not mean that all sorts and conditions of independent small societies necessarily make for unity and amity in the Exercise, or that, established with impunity, they are of real advantage. But where there is a section of the ringing fraternity having a community of interest which will draw them together in friendly intercourse and for the promotion of the art, it is all to the good if they form themselves into organisations which can usefully promote their special interests.

Such cases can be found in the Ladies' Guild, the University organisations and some of the smaller territorial societies, the members of which, owning allegiance to larger associations, combine locally to secure greater opportunities for united practice which they cannot otherwise obtain. The Police Guild is also a society which definitely comes within this category. The members of the Force are in an exceptionally difficult position for joining in any form of organised recreation, on account of the frequent uncertainty of their duties, and as individual ringers, even in such cities as London or Manchester, where ringers among the police are fairly numerous, they are, as it were, the victims of circumstance, and might easily lose all opportunity to practise their art. The coming of the National Police Guild, however, has put the members on a firmer footing of recognition, and in the cities mentioned above, if not elsewhere, those in authority are ready to give them, within the requirements of duty, facilities for ringing together, such as they could not otherwise hope to obtain, except probably by the coincidence of leave.

The National Police Guild is a thriving organisation, and there is no little enthusiasm among the members. They are, of course, widely scattered, but last Saturday they came in numbers from many parts of England for their annual reunion. All ranks are represented, from constables to superintendents, and they are growing numerically. Every ringer who enters the Force should make a point of joining the Police Guild, not only to strengthen the organisation and maintain its prestige as a ground for increasing recognition with the powers that

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK HANNINGTON	*Treble*	ALFRED W. HEATH	6
EVAN COLES	2	ERNEST STITCH	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	ERNEST COOMBES	9
GEORGE LARGE	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWARD D. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE HAYDEN	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	LEONARD STILWELL	8
CHARLES A. HUGHES	4	JACK A. WAUGH	9
FRANK G. NEWMAN	5	GEORGE DAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JACK S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
ERNEST BISHOP	2	SIDNEY PALMER	7
CHARLES J. GARDINER	3	E. JOHN BERRY	8
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	9
NEIL ALLNATT	5	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

Rung by representatives of the three Swindon towers as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Bishop.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

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DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)
On Wednesday, January 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*ROBERT ALLSOP... ...	...*Treble*	†ALFRED H. BOWLER	5
*VICTOR E. TAYLOR	2	†HENRY HOPKINSON	6
†EDWIN HOPKINSON	3	GEORGE H. PAULSON ...	7
*BERNARD ALLSOP	4	*HERBERT E. TAYLOR...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 12⅝ cwt.

*EDWARD BUCK	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. BLOW	5
*WALTER D. POOLEY	2	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	6
CYRIL A. HOUSE	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	7
FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 68). Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES MEE	...*Treble*	JAMES DURRANT	5
JAMES ROSE	2	CLAUD WOODARD	6
CHARLES HEMMING	3	HARRY WELHAM	7
WILLIAM KINSEY...	4	GEORGE MOORE	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

*PERCY GRINDEY... ...	...*Treble*	*HENRY GRACE	5
JOSEPH LITTLER...	2	EDWIN BIRKETT	6
*THOMAS HESKETH	3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ...	7
STANLEY HARRISON	4	†PETER HOUGHTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ...	...*Treble*	FRANK DEWEY	5
ARTHUR J. FARR	2	*HAROLD BARSLEY	6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	3	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	JOHN G. AMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

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

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. HAYWOOD ...	...*Treble*	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	7
*LESLIE HAYWOOD	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a compliment to Miss Turner, one of the local band, upon her engagement to Mr. Kelly.

THORVERTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*W. BAKER	...*Treble*	H. CORRY	5
*R. B. FORD, JUN.	2	W. H. HOWE	6
W. A. WILLS	3	A. T. TRUMAN	7
C. R. LILLEY	4	T. H. POOK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.
* First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second for the manner in which he rang his bell. He is just 15 years of age and a member of the Thorverton band. The visitors wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ridler for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, January 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

NELSON ELLIOTT... ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. BULL	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	CECIL NICE	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
First peal on the bells since they were rehung and augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, January 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

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BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MORRIS J. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROWLAND BARROW	...Treble	GEORGE W. TILLSON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	KENNETH R. ELLIOTT	6
GEORGE WALKER	3	SIDNEY HARRISON	7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER	4	EDGAR ANKRETT	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged and rung as a farewell peal for the Rev. S. F. Winckley, curate at Belgrave, who is taking up the living of Snibstone, Leicestershire, the ringers offering their good wishes for success in his new sphere.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON	...Treble	*JOHN W. GARDINER	5
*JOHN ROBINSON	2	*WILLIAM ROBINSON	6
THOMAS W. HESKETH	3	HERBERT LUDKIN	7
*GEORGE HESKETH	4	*JAMES BARKER	...Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 23rd birthday compliment to G. Hesketh.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Friday, February 1, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' First peal of Stedman as conductor.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	...Treble	JOHN G. NASH	5
ERNEST W. PYE	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

STANLEY G. ROBINSON	...Treble	GEORGE W. JEFFS	5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY	2	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON	6
GEORGE JEFFS	3	CYRIL WILSON	7
WALTER COPPERWHEAT	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWES	...Treble	OLIVER G. BARNARD	5
MRS. A. E. LOCK	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	3	JOHN NOBES	7
JOHN P. PELLOE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*L. KATHLEEN BOWLING	...Treble	JAMES A. TEALE	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	WILLIAM WOODHEAD	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	7
†ARTHUR TEALE, JUN.	4	GEORGE ROBINSON	...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TOCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. 100th peal by J. W. Moorhouse. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. James Cotterell, who faithfully served the association in the capacity of hon. treasurer for an unbroken period of 27 years.

WEST WYCOMBE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	...Treble	THOMAS J. FOWLER	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR MARTIN	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	HARRY WINGROVE	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung to celebrate the foundation of the new church, dedicated to SS. Mary and George, for a rapidly growing part of the parish at Downley. The dedication, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, and the stone laying, by His Worship the Mayor of High Wycombe, took place the same afternoon.

ALDBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*ROBERT BARBER	...Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
STANLEY COPLING	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES LOOME	4	WALTER BARRETT	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT P. CLIFF	...Treble	JOHN A. BROWN	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON	6
*KENNETH ARTHUR	3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	7
*THOMAS W. CROWE	4	ADAM DEAS	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK CRAPNELL	...Treble	*CHARLES SHEMMING	5
*PHYLLIS E. TILLETT	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	*CHARLES CLARKE	7
*JOHN F. TILLETT	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. J. Sedgley. The conductor has now called peals of Cambridge Surprise Major in every possible number of changes from 5,024 to 5,184 inclusive, also the same numbers of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*REGINALD BOWEN	...Treble	ALFRED GOODING	4
DAVID DAVIES	2	WILLIAM RICHARDS	5
WILFRED NORGROVE	3	JAMES WILCE	...Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED GOODING.

* First peal (age 14 years). Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the rehanging of the bells. All are members of the local band.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

*ALBERT GOLDSMITH	...Treble	ALBERT RELFE	4
LESLIE W. JARVIS	2	JAMES G. POWELL	5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	3	WILLIAM GORRINGE	...Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

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

THORNFORD, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

HAROLD C. R. VINE	...Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD	3
ARTHUR G. CHUBB	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY	...Tenor		

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells. The Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Barnett very kindly entertained the band at the Rectory after the peal.

WALTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK WOODWARD	...Treble	†JAMES PRESCOTT	4
*ARTHUR JACKSON	2	JOHN BROWN	5
JAMES MARTIN	3	ERNEST BENNETT	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal and re-elected a member of the association previous to starting peal. Both these ringers are members of the local company.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN ARBON	...Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT	4
GEORGE PRYKE	2	GEORGE WHITING	5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	3	GEORGE BENNETT	...Tenor

Conducted by G. BENNETT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Rev. E. L. Collins, Rector of Otley for the last eight years, who was buried at the church earlier in the day. First peal as conductor.

MORDIFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES L. SADLER	...Treble	HENRY SYMONDS	3
NICHOLAS D. PREECE	2	JOHN WEBB	4
HENRY J. TAYLOR	...Tenor		

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, also as a farewell to the Vicar, who was leaving for a Gloucestershire parish.

CLIFTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

PERCY TOMPKINS	...Treble	JOHN CHURCH	4
ARTHUR DILLEY	2	HERBERT SHERMAN	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and 16 120's and two 240's of Grandsire.

*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	...Treble	LESLIE C. SMITH	4
EDWARD S. RUCK	2	WILLIAM LANCEFIELD	5
PERCY PAGE	3	EDWARD J. DIXON	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all the band except the conductor. The age of the treble ringer is 14 years and of the tenor 74 years.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK COLE	...Treble	WILFRED HAYWARD	4
FRED BLOWING	2	THOMAS PRICE	5
JOHN BALLINGER	3	LESLIE BARRY	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

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

On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS	...Treble	JOHN BASS	4
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	HARRY PRICE	5
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JOHN LLOYD	...Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Tulip, Cambridge Surprise, Queen Bess, New London, Royston Delight, London Scholars and Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ROBERT SYKES	*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT	4
ARTHUR PANTHER	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, January 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Stedman Slow Course, 10 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire with 20 callings.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HERBERT GROVES	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. CHURB	3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4

†HAROLD C. R. VINE ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods 'inside.' First peal in four methods as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, January 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	3-4	*GEORGE B. COLLINS	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes on the occasion of their silver wedding.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 8, WEST VIEW TERRACE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	1-2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	3-4

*JOHN TRANTER 5-6
Conducted by J. L. STANIER.

* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Stanier.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF RICHMOND BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ...	1-2	JOHN B. WOOLLEY	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	WALTER AYRE	7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 19th, in the City. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, where there is a ring of eight bells by Rudhall. Various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major were rung until 5 p.m., when tea was served at a nearby 'Lyons.'

At the business meeting subsequently held, the cash statement, presented by the auditor, Mr. F. C. Shorter, showed a record balance for the second year in succession.

The District Master reported another very successful year. Five meetings had been held with a high average attendance. The standard of ringing at these meetings had been maintained at a high level in all methods. In this connection he pointed out the practice which had been followed by the officers for some time of not crowding too many novices into one touch, with the result that both the novices and the striking benefited. Sunday service ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, for evening service on the fourth Sunday in every month had been regularly kept going since the restoration of the bells, and the Master asked for further support of this undertaking. Another 'high spot' of the year's work had been the joint meeting with the Southern District of the association, held in February at All Hallows', Lombard Street, with marked success, and it was hoped to arrange a similar meeting this year. Mr. Waugh concluded his report by thanking his fellow-officers for their support during the past year, particularly mentioning the secretary and the steward.

The officers were all re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh; secretary, Mr. J. G. Prior; steward, Mr. E. E. Holman; treasurer, Mr. R. G. Cousins; and committee members, Messrs. E. D. Smith and O. A. Hughes. It is a matter of interest that Mr. Waugh, who is 23, and Mr. Prior, who is 22, have been officials of the district in various capacities for seven years and five years respectively. It would be interesting to know whether this constitutes a record for youthful officers.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells concluded the business, and ringing afterwards took place on the famous ring of twelve at Bow Church, Cheapside, where touches to suit everybody were rung, from rounds to Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Two German press photographers were present at Bow, and they took several photographs of the bells and ringers for publication in the 'Berlin Illustrated News.' Prints of these photographs were promised to various ringers, but so far they have not materialised, but whether this, as was suggested, is because the combined good looks of district officials proved too much for the camera is not at present known.

Ringing ceased at 9.15 p.m. and concluded another most enjoyable and successful meeting.

FIRST 720's.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: W. A. Appleton (first 720) 1, J. R. Owers 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, H. R. Appleton 4, A. J. Cousins 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Appleton, father of the ringers of treble and 4th. Also 720 Bob Minor: J. R. Owers 1, H. Scobell 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, H. R. Appleton 4, A. J. Cousins 5, W. J. White 6. First 720 on an inside bell by H. Scobell.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, Miss Olive Biggs (first attempt for a quarter inside) 3, F. G. Biggs 4, A. G. Janes 5, R. Blaby 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, Mrs. R. Biggs (first attempt for a quarter-peal) 8.

At Egerton, Kent, for morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Field (first quarter-peal, aged 14) 1, Mrs. J. Pack 2, W. Henniker (Charing) 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, F. Good (Charing) 5, F. Roberts 6.

At Frittenden, Kent, on Thursday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Sidney Harmer 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, Harry Baker 3, Frederick Morris 4, Nelson C. Bourne (conductor) 5, Bertram Boots (first quarter-peal) 6.

At Barking, Essex, on Thursday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Feun (conductor) 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, C. Hawkins (Dagenham) 3, E. G. Cottis 4, D. C. R. Wardell 5, S. J. Holgate 6, P. C. Willmington 7, E. G. Moore 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 3, 5 and 7.

At St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, on Monday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Vann (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Underwood 2, C. Henry Webb 3, A. Grant 4, J. B. Fenton 5, L. Watkin s6, Henry Franklin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. Bramall 8.

At Halewood, Liverpool, on Monday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Young 1, T. Robinson 2, J. Robinson 3, G. Hesketh 4, H. Ludkin (conductor) 5, W. Robinson 6, C. Lomax 7, J. W. Gardner 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by a local band.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT AT APSLEY.

A very successful meeting of the Western District of the Hertford County Association was held on Saturday, January 26th, at Apsley, a very representative gathering being spent. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, having been delayed by a funeral. A very good selection of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening, including London, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise.

The service was taken by Mr. P. W. Wheeler (Bible reader), the Vicar being absent through illness. A bright service, with an unusual yet appropriate address, gave great pleasure to all present.

After tea in the Parish Room, Mr. A. V. Good presided at the meeting, the members first standing 'in silence' for a short period as a token of respect to the late president of the association.

Four new members from Redbourn and three from Tring were elected, and the election of Mr. J. B. Woolley was ratified.

Subject to the requisite permission being obtained, King's Langley was chosen as the place for the next meeting.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Vicar wishing him a speedy recovery and thanking him for kindly providing the tea, etc.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wheeler for the service and address, the choirboys for their attendance and the organist for her services.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. It was a very fine meeting indeed.

WALTHAMSTOW'S BELL HISTORY.

Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, gave a very interesting lecture to members of the Walthamstow Antiquarian Society on January 17th, his subject being 'The Walthamstow Belfry, the Bells, the Ringers and their Art.'

Mr. Coles dealt with the history of the bells from 1552 to the present day, and gave a brief review of the earlier ringing societies, mentioning that St. Mary's Guild was founded as a branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1874. He referred to the old ringers comprising the band of those days, two of whom still remain —Robert J. Maynard and John H. Williams.

The lecture also dealt with old ringers' rules, some of the 45 peal tablets and boards in the belfry and other peals rung there, including the Cambridge Royal record and the only peal of Caters in three methods ever rung.

Mr. Coles, with the aid of a model kindly lent by Mr. A. A. Hughes, described the mechanical operation of a bell, and also gave a brief description of change ringing.

DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Harold Gale (nee Alice Stokes) at the early age of 29 years. She was taught to handle a rope in Portishead tower when quite a child, and was held in affectionate esteem by all the band. For ten years she attended regularly for Sunday ringing and practices, always ready to ring for the church's services and festivals. During that time she rang three peals of Grandsire Triples, all of which she conducted, and one peal of Stedman Triples. After her marriage in 1929 she left her native town and the belfry saw her no more.

The funeral took place at Portishead on Tuesday, January 29th, the officiating clergy being Preb. H. W. Jukes, R.D., the Rev. H. S. Briggs and the Vicar of Hallin. In addition to the family mourners, several ringers were present, including Miss Orchard, Mrs. W. Edwards, Messrs. E. J. Goldstone, A. L. Gale, J. Nisbet and R. Williams. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening by many who had enjoyed ringing with the deceased lady, and whose sincere sympathy went out to her husband, infant son and her parents.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.

On Wednesday, January 30th, at the Cathedral Campanile, Chichester, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. T. Stoveld 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Doick 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Blake, who has reached the age of 74 years and has been a regular ringer at the Cathedral for over 40 years.

At Liversedge, Yorkshire, on Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 70 leads of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,120 changes) were rung in honour of Mr. Walter Idle, of Dewsbury, who had reached his 70th birthday: Walter Idle (Dewsbury) 1, Arthur Clough 2, Albert Marshall 3, Ernest B. Betts 4, Arthur Barlow 5, Wilfred Clough 6, Gilbert Jones 7, Fred Lodgson (conductor) 8. Composed by Mr. E. Jenkins, a member of the Bradford Cathedral Society. All the ringers are service ringers at Liversedge except Mr. Idle, the usual treble man standing down in his favour.

PEAL TABLET AT GATESHEAD.

On January 23rd a peal tablet was dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Gateshead-on-Tyne, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung to commemorate the Rector's (Canon H. S. Stephenson) 25 years' ministry in Gateshead. Councillor A. Payne (president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association) and Newcastle Cathedral Handbell Ringers were present, and rang a plain course each of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. The tablet was dedicated by the Rev. Harvy Clark, late curate at St. Mary's Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At a meeting on Monday of past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presided over by the present Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield), it was resolved to offer to the society a suitable Master's badge to commemorate the Tercentenary of the Society, which will be celebrated in 1937.

It is interesting to note that of the 20 living past Masters, no fewer than 17 were present at the meeting, together with the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), who has seen so many Masters come and go during his long term of office.

A well-known London worthy has passed away in the person of Mr. William A. Alps, who has been for many years connected with the tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and was formerly at Waltham Abbey, where he was buried last week.

A distinguished visitor at the College Youths meeting on Tuesday, both in the belfry and at headquarters, was Mr. H. V. Morton, the celebrated journalist, who was in search of further material for his 'Ghosts of London' series which is appearing in the 'Daily Herald.'

Mr. Robert K. Knight, of 165, Hainault Road, Leytonstone, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, asks us to convey his deep appreciation and thanks to Messrs. T. H. Taffender, C. W. Roberts and G. Dawson and all other ringers who took part in birthday peals rung in his honour. He also tenders his warm thanks to other ringing friends who have sent him their kind congratulations.

Unfortunately, Mr. Knight has been practically bed-ridden for the past twelve years, and his eyesight has now failed him. The kind thought of ringing friends, shown in the peals and congratulations, have therefore been a great cheer and pleasure to him. Mr. Knight, despite his great age, still follows what is going on in the Exercise with the greatest keenness.

The handbell peal at Bushey reported last week as rung on Thursday, January 17th, was rung on Tuesday, January 22nd.

It seems a pity that two such important events as the annual meetings of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association should be held almost within a stone's throw of each other and almost at the same time, as is the case to-morrow. A little co-operation might have avoided this clash.

Their many friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Taylor, wife of Mr. Tower R. Taylor, of the St. Mary's, Portsea, band, is home again after her long and trying illness.

By the birth of a son to Mrs. Payne (nee Miss Martie Jennings), of Higher Waterston, Dorchester, the Dorchester branch secretary becomes a grandpa. Hearty congratulations!

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we are again compelled to hold over a number of reports of meetings and letters to the Editor.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE STALWART.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY FUSSELL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Henry W. Fussell, of Dursley, Gloucestershire, who passed away on Monday, January 21st. He had been ill for about two months following an operation at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, where he died.

Mr. Fussell was a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for nearly 40 years. His first peal, which he himself conducted, was Holt's Original in 1900, and, although he only rang 14 peals in all, this performance revealed his capabilities.

He held offices of various kinds in the association for 20 years, was very keen and a valuable member in committee and meeting debates.

For the past two years Mr. Fussell, although being chairman of the Wotton Branch, had carried out the branch secretarial duties as well, no one having offered to serve in the office. Dursley without Mr. Fussell seems impossible, and the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association have lost a great comrade.

MR. AND MRS. A. A. HUGHES' SILVER WEDDING.

PRESENTATIONS BY COLLEGE YOUTHS

At a large gathering of ringers in the ringing chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes were the recipients of silver wedding gifts from the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The presents consisted of a handsome silver salver, suitably inscribed, a brooch for Mrs. Hughes, a silver pencil case for Mr. Hughes, and a parchment covered brochure, containing the names of the subscribers.

Mr. Hughes has been an office holder for many years in the society, and in the congratulatory speeches that were made tribute was paid to the many kindnesses received by the society at the hands of both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

A more detailed report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD CONDUCTOR.

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, Glam., on Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, R. Dobbins 3, J. Williams 4, W. Dobbins 5, W. T. Dobbins 6, H. Dobbins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. The conductor is only 16 years of age.

POLICEMEN RINGERS.

WHY THE NATIONAL GUILD WAS FOUNDED.

The Office of President.

Nearly fifty policemen-bellringers foregathered in London on Saturday for the annual meeting of their National Guild. It was a thoroughly representative party, members being present from the following Police Forces: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Bolton, High Wycombe, Somerset, Surrey, Herts, Essex and Warwickshire Constabularies. St. George the Martyr's Church, Southwark, made famous by Dickens, is the headquarters of the Metropolitan branch of the Guild, and here the members enjoyed ringing in the morning, before assembling at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, for lunch, to which a party numbering 76 sat down, including the wives of many of the visiting police. The chair was taken by the president of the Guild (Supt. F. Ralph Williams, Manchester) supported by Supt. C. Hilton (Surrey) and Chief-Insp. W. Bottrill (Metropolitan), vice-president, Det.-Sgt. H. J. Poole (Leicester), hon. secretary, etc. Among the guests were Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World'), Mr. A. W. Brighton, Mr. R. F. Deal, Mr. F. Dexter (Leicester), etc.

After an excellent meal, the loyal toast was honoured and the annual meeting of the Guild was held.

The President welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure at seeing so large an attendance of members, many of whom had travelled long distances to be present. The work of the members did not lend itself to gatherings of that kind, he said, and, as president, he was very gratified at the number present, which he thought was a record, and the interest which they were showing in the Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Constable of Leicester, Supt. A. Wiggins (Deputy Chief Constable of Berkshire), P.C. Butler for Insp. Meldrum and other members of the Liverpool Force, P.C. Heath (Cardiff), the only member of the Guild in South Wales.

AN OFFICE THAT SHOULD 'GO ROUND.'

Insp. Bottrill proposed the re-election of the president. Supt. Williams, he said, was rather desirous that the office should go round, but he did not say he would not stand if elected.

P.S. Crook (Bolton) said that, as he pointed out last year, he thought the office should go round. He, therefore, proposed Supt. Hilton, who was an active member of the Guild.—P.C. Bagworth (Metropolitan) seconded.

Det.-Sergt. Jenney (Leicester) seconded Supt. Williams' election, remarking that he had held office for two years, during which he had entered into the work of the Guild in a wholehearted manner and displayed great enthusiasm. He thought the best way to repay him was to keep him in office for another year.

On a vote being taken, Supt. Williams was re-elected, and, in reply, the President thanked the members for their confidence, but said he would really have preferred to see Supt. Hilton elected. He thanked Det.-Sergt. Jenney for what he had said, and if he had done anything to further the Guild he was satisfied, but the real work was done by the hon. secretary. He (the president) would do all he possibly could to carry their support for the next twelve months, but he hoped they would consider passing the office on next time.

Supt. Hilton proposed the re-election of the vice-president, committee and hon. secretary, and added that when his own name was put forward as president he wanted to withdraw in Supt. Williams' favour. Supt. Williams, however, wished him to stand. He was pleased they had confidence enough in him to propose him, but he was more pleased they had placed greater confidence in Mr. Williams.

The election of the other officers was seconded by P.C. J. Turner (Manchester) and carried.

A cordial invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Liverpool was received from Mr. G. R. Newton, but as the rota adopted last year provided for a meeting in the Midlands, Leicester was selected, it being understood that Liverpool's claims will be considered for 1937, when it comes to the turn of the North.

It was decided to postpone until next year (when the triennial elections take place) the question of electing a representative to the Central Council.

A SATISFACTORY REPORT.

In his annual report, the hon. secretary stated that the ringing membership of the Guild was 76, and there were two honorary members. Only two peals were rung during 1934, a peal of Treble Bob at Gorton, Manchester, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester. It was interesting to note that no less than seven members taking part in the latter scored their first peal of Stedman Cinques (applause). At the end of December, 1934, the Guild had a balance in hand of £8 17s. 0½d., compared with £6 3s. 0½d. at the end of the previous year.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and Det.-Sergt. Jenney (hon. auditor) paid a tribute to the excellent manner in which the hon. secretary had discharged his duties.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for all that he had done and was doing for the Guild, and this was carried with applause and acknowledged by Det.-Sergt. Poole.

Det.-Sergt. Jenney complimented the band who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques, and said that it was such an outstanding performance that it deserved to be recorded in the tower. He proposed that a grant of two guineas be made from the funds towards the cost of any tablet that might be erected.—This was seconded by ex-Inspector Wiffen and carried unanimously.—The hon. secretary said he hoped that Det.-Sergt. Jenney's name would be added to the board as 'reserve.' It was not usual to have a reserve for a peal, but in this case, as police duties were so uncertain, Mr. Jenney kindly volunteered to act as a standby (applause).

The President said that as Leicester was the place selected for the annual meeting next year, it would perhaps be possible to unveil the tablet on that occasion.

THE GUILD'S OBJECTS.

Insp. Bottrill said that was the fifth meeting of the National Guild, and as they went along their annual meetings got better and better, and the present meeting had touched high-water mark so far. The formation of the Guild really arose out of a meeting of a few police ringers at the centenary ringing of the Metropolitan Police Force. On that occasion a few London police ringers got together, some of the ringers from Leicester and the Midlands came along, and they rang at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster, and a peal of Cambridge Major at St. George's Church. It was mooted then that it would be quite practicable to form a National Guild of Police Ringers, and it came into being. It was one of the things he had been keen upon from the time he joined the force. He found that police duties would not allow him to ring when other bands were able to get away, and if he was to do any ringing worth speaking of he would have to do it with other policemen. Some of their own London members would know how they struggled for 20 years, and met seven times for a peal of Bob Major before they rang it. That peal was conducted by Ernest Brett, who was present that day (applause). They did get a little bit of ringing in those days, but they still realised they could not get a very large share of it as police officers. That was the real object of starting the Metropolitan Guild, which eventually evolved into the National Guild.

There was one thing, he added, which he would like to impress on the members, and that was that as far as opportunity offered they should give their help by ringing on Sundays for service at some church. Even if a man were stationed in some country village, he should make a point of ringing on Sundays, whenever his duties allowed, at his own village church, or, if there were no bells there, then of helping his neighbours (applause). He should get whatever practice he could and do his bit towards the art they were all so proud of. That was the only way bands of ringers could be kept going (applause). They found that their Guild centred largely round three areas—Manchester, the Midlands and London. He thought it would be a good plan if members of the committee could be supplied with the names of the members of their Guild in the surrounding districts so that they could occasionally get together for a peal, even if it were only Grandsire Triples (applause). In conclusion, Insp. Bottrill thanked the provincial members for supporting the Guild so finely at that meeting.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME.

The President endorsed Insp. Bottrill's remarks. He hoped they would adopt the suggestion of getting the members together in the various districts for an occasional peal. He also hoped they would do all they could to assist other bands in Sunday ringing. In Manchester, he said, they sometimes took a complete band to ring at the Cathedral to relieve the local band, who had to ring there three times on a Sunday. They had also been able to guarantee a band at other churches in the district. In Manchester they were always glad to welcome visiting members and to do what they could to provide them with ringing, either a peal or otherwise (applause).

At the invitation of the president, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke upon the recent Australian tour, his remarks being listened to with much interest.

Mr. E. P. Duffield, on behalf of the College Youths, gave the Guild a hearty welcome to London, and said that had the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths been present, he would, he was sure, have joined him in that welcome. He would be delighted to see any members of the Guild at the annual dinner of the College Youths in London next November, an event which they of the College Youths looked upon as THE ringers' dinner of the year. He had been very pleased to hear their vice-president refer to the Sunday ringing. When one heard of a National Guild of Police Ringers one was apt to wonder whether all these guilds and associations were really necessary. He would say wholeheartedly, whether they were necessary or not, they were most desirable (applause). He ventured to think that that kind of thing—that jolly good fellowship—was what they stood in need of; and many of their problems, moral, social and international, would take on a smaller stature if they could have more of the spirit which dominated their ringing societies. He hoped the advice of Insp. Bottrill to share in Sunday service ringing would be acted on, and he congratulated those responsible for carrying on the Guild upon the success which it had attained, and which he thought they would feel had made their labours worth while.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who had joined the company during the proceedings, was given a cordial welcome, and, in replying, expressed great pleasure at the way in which the Guild was progressing. He

congratulated the members upon their peal of Stedman Cinques and was glad to know it would be permanently recorded.

In the afternoon there was further ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, and Bow Churches, and the company with many other friends reassembled at the Bedford Head Hotel for a social in the evening.

THEIR DAY OUT.

The Leicester and Manchester party, writes a correspondent, numbering over 40, travelled together, and the journey was mainly occupied in talking over old times and future Guild prospects. When nearing London, however, we suddenly remembered that we did bring a peal of handbells, and four members of the party lined up for a touch of Stedman Triples. At this stage the train was travelling so fast that it made one wonder whether the dead end at St. Pancras was sufficiently solid to stop her progress, and it was quite a job to stand, never mind ring handbells. Then one of the band said in true die-hard tone, 'If them there Australian fame hunters can ring a peal on the "rushing Red Sea," then we can surely ring a touch on a race-away, rattling train.' This was sufficient to put all on their mettle, and the touch was brought round.

We landed at St. Pancras at 11.30 a.m., and were met by P.C. Bannister, who acted as guide. A solemn vow had been made to have no 'rabbiting' on this London trip, but this was killed by the very first instructions from our guide, when he said, 'Underground to Borough.' On reaching daylight again we stood facing St. George's Church, Borough High Street, and, after some traffic dodging, reached the belfry. Various touches were rung on the eight bells there, and then the party proceeded to the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a move was made to the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, and, on reaching the church, the bells could be heard in motion. Here the party was joined by one of London's Ancient Youths in the person of Mr. Charles Roberts. He was with Mr. Ernest Smith, who very shortly interrupted the conversation with 'Charlie, what about that peal for the bachelors of the last touring party.' 'Ah,' says Charlie, 'I've been thinking about it, we shall have to see about it.' With the noise of the bells it was difficult to catch all the conversation, but, following a remark by Charlie, something about look out and don't miss church, he returned a few minutes later with a member of the fair sex. Surely this is not playing the game—I mean it is playing the game—with those other bachelors. 'Bachelors bold, beware and be quick, or you'll have young Charlie doing the trick.' The ringing at St. Lawrence's Church included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The next item was the tit-bit of the programme—a ring on the famous Bow Bells. The peal of 12 were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, and then some rounds were rung for the benefit of those not sufficiently advanced to take part in the other ringing. The party now included some very notable ringers—to mention only a few in the terms of the humorist:—

This indeed was no Duf-field for Dextrous Fred to Pull-in or even Kip-in, and the way Reuben Saunters along with a big bell—believe me, Bow—is a delight to watch. It was equally delightful to see Dick Deal with a big bell so easily. His Misses, when dodging—were nil. To see George's wife Edith Park-her-self on the sixth for Cambridge Twelve was grand. The ringing—Prior to this—had been indifferent—nay—very different, but it just shows what Mag(w)ic changes can be performed when the talent is Pooled.

A return was then made to the Bedford Head Hotel for the social, and the evening was opened with a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Caters on the handbells. An excellent programme was then 'put over' by the Versatile Blues of the Metropolitan F Division. The end came all too soon, and then, to return to the Manchester-Leicester contingent, a move was made for St. Pancras. Some took the high way and some the right way, but we all landed safely at the station, accompanied by the Birmingham 'Stop-out' and our guides, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. On checking up our party we found two missing, and, after a race from one platform to another, discovered that they were nearly half-way to Leicester—oh, the train went to Leicester all right.

The party was well served with handbell ringing on the return journey, but, alas! we received one complaint—a very serious one, too—Our Freddie repeatedly moaned that he had been invited—even taken—to Bow Bells and not asked to ring on them. This was 'Dexter's Monologue'—not 'Dexter's Variation.' We did our best to pacify him, but to no avail. He has threatened to boycott the police. This would be fatal to the Police Ringing Guild, and I appeal to all those who rang twice at Bow to send a card of apology to Mr. Dexter, 4, Stuart Street, Leicester, for Monday's post. He may then consider attending our next annual meeting.

At 3 a.m. we left our Manchester and Bolton friends to continue their course—no, long peal. We found our two wanderers waiting for us at Leicester Station, after a decent but lonely journey.

The thanks of all are due to Chief Insp. Bottrill and P.C. Bagworth, Metropolitan Police, for the excellent arrangements which were made, and the church authorities for the use of the bells. This was, indeed, another great day and a brilliant page added to the annals of the Police Guild.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE DEATH OF THE HON. TREASURER.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Doncaster on January 26th. In spite of the very bad weather, there were about 64 members present, and good use was made of the Parish Church bells during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar of Doncaster (Canon Brook), who welcomed the members of the association, and, taking as his text St. Paul's words, 'Whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus,' spoke of the interest and pleasure and the real fellowship which were to be found in ringing, and of the fact that such a service, as a part of the meeting, did show that behind all was the desire to give some service for the glory of God. Speaking of the difficulty now so often experienced in securing ringers of the younger generation to carry on this work, Canon Brook expressed his belief that the clergy could do much to help in this matter.

THE LATE MR. J. COTTERELL.

A generous tea was followed by the business meeting. The president (Canon C. C. Marshall) took the chair, and, after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, he asked those present to stand as a mark of respect to Mr. James Cotterell, the hon. treasurer, whose sudden death on that afternoon had brought such a grievous loss to the association. Canon Marshall expressed his own sense of the loss of a very true personal friend, and paid a warm tribute to Mr. Cotterell's wonderful record as a ringer and as an indefatigable worker for the association, having held the office of hon. treasurer for 27 years, and having helped to steer the association through many critical and difficult times.—This was supported by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and it was agreed that a wreath be sent from the association and also a message of sincere sympathy to Mrs. Cotterell.

Amongst the apologies for absence was that of the general secretary, Mr. J. E. Cawser, who was about to undergo an operation. The meeting received this news with regret and sent a message of good wishes to Mr. Cawser for a speedy recovery.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and choir of Doncaster, and also to the local company and the ladies responsible for the tea.—In reply, Canon Brook said that he was glad to welcome the association for its own sake, and even more for the sake of Mr. G. Halksworth, in appreciation of his great work for Doncaster over 45 years.—Mr. Halksworth also replied and made reference to the unnecessary extra trouble so often given to local companies by the slackness of members in sending in the numbers for tea.

DROP IN PEAL RINGING.

The annual report, which was on sale at the meeting, was presented by Canon Marshall and was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. Halksworth, seconded by Mr. Fred Cryer. In the report it appeared that the membership of the association now stood at 1,221, being 13 less than the previous year. Eighty peals had been rung during the year, including 69 tower-bell peals and 11 handbell. This was a decrease compared with the previous year, and the report pointed out that, although the quality of this year's peals was above the average, it should be remembered that the peal list was just as much an indication of the association's healthy condition as was the balance sheet. Amongst the performances were the association's first peals of Whitminster Surprise Major and Belgrave Surprise Major, both rung at Bolsover, the former being the production of their esteemed vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis, and the latter being the work of the late Mr. Arthur Craven. Fresh ground had also been broken in the handbell section by two peals of Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob, rung at Pudsey, and this was the first time that the association had been able to claim peals of double-handed spliced ringing. Another peal which deserved special mention was the Spliced Treble Bob Minor rung at Felkirk in 20 methods. Although more methods than this had been rung in a peal of Minor for the association, this was the first time that so many had been rung in true and complete 720's.

The balance sheet showed that a gain of £11 7s. 4d. had been made during the year, and that the worth of the association now stood at £315 15s. 4d.

The auditors' report, presented by Mr. Stacey, was also passed, and a vote of thanks to the auditors was proposed by Canon Marshall, seconded by Mr. E. Hudson and carried.

It was agreed to leave the date and place of the next meeting to the committee.—Seven new members were elected, and Mr. J. E. Cawser was unanimously re-elected as general secretary. Mr.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S FORTHCOMING MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

The Shropshire Association held their annual meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 26th.

The privilege of the use of St. Mary's bells had been obtained, and from 3 p.m. until tea-time members enjoyed ringing on this fine peal.

A company of over 30 went to St. Chad's Parish Room, where they did justice to a substantial tea.

Major Trevor Corbett, Ringing Master, presided over the business meeting which followed. All the officers were re-elected. The report indicated that six peals were rung during the year.

Two new members were elected, and chief among other items of business was a discussion on the forthcoming Central Council meeting to be held in the town this year.

A sub-committee was appointed, and Major Corbett consented to become its chairman. Arrangements are to be put in hand at once.

St. Chad's tower was afterwards visited, and ringing in a number of methods was enjoyed. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Plain Bob Royal and Major. It is believed that the first touch of Spliced Treble Bob Major rung in Shropshire was that accomplished at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, during the afternoon. Cambridge Surprise Major was also included during the evening.

Meetings in 1935 will be held at Coalbrookdale, Hodnet, Worthen, Ellesmere and Edgmond.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEPARTURE OF WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH SECRETARY.

Eighty ringers and friends from 18 belfries gathered at Finedon on Saturday, January 19th, for the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The Guild service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw), who gave an appropriate address. A collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 13s. 9d.

Tea was served in the Town Hall by the lady friends of the ringers, after which the Vicar of Bozeat (the Rev. Marlow) presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. Fred Barber, also the general secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. G. Black. The report and balance sheet were read and passed, the latter showing a balance of £3 6s. 8d., which was given to the Earls Barton Bell Fund.

In his secretarial report, Mr. Barber mentioned that the quarterly meetings had been well attended, the average being 61. He regretted the loss of the past president (the Rev. P. Dodson), who had removed to Gloucestershire, and an honorary member (Major Stockdale), who had left the district. Eight members had lapsed, and they had now three honorary life members, 21 honorary members, 171 ringing members and 14 free life members. Feeling reference was made to the death of Mr. Lewis Chapman, of the Higham Ferrers belfry, also to the death of the wives of Mr. F. Jones (Earls Barton) and Mr. A. Y. Tyley.

The Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Finedon), was unanimously elected president in succession to the Rev. P. Dodson.

A new hon. secretary and treasurer was needed, as Mr. F. Barber, after 14 years of faithful service, was moving to Lincolnshire. He proposed as his successor Mr. A. Bigley, of Irthlingborough. This was seconded by Mr. J. Stratford and carried unanimously. Mr. A. Plowman (Wellingborough) was elected to serve on the Central Committee, other officers being re-elected.

After a suggestion, made by Mr. W. Perkins, to appoint a Branch Ringing Master, he was himself given the office.

As a token of regard and appreciation for his past excellent services during his long term of office as hon. secretary and treasurer, a presentation was made to Mr. F. Barber. This took the form of a wallet containing a sum of money. The Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, in making the presentation, paid tribute to Mr. Barber. It was a difficult job, he said, to hold the office of secretary for 14 years, and he regretted the branch was going to lose Mr. Barber. Northants' loss would be Lincolnshire's gain.

Mr. T. R. Hensher (Finedon) supplemented the remarks of the Vicar. He was pleased to think they appreciated the work of Mr. Barber, who was a most efficient secretary and who put enthusiasm and confidence in his work. The speaker also appealed for loyalty to their new secretary.

Mr. R. G. Black ,hon. general secretary (Kettering), also eulogised the work of Mr. Barber and the interest he took in the branch.

Mr. Barber, in thanking the members, said it was not his wish to receive anything of the kind. He had tried to do his duty for all, and it was entirely a labour of love. Although absent from them, his heart would be with them at their meetings.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies for the excellent tea, the Rural Dean for his services and the use of the bells, and also to the organist, whose services were appreciated.

Amongst the ringing done was the first course of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung on the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. W. PICKWORTH'S DEPARTURE.

The annual meeting of the North and East District, held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday week, might have brought a record attendance if the weather had been kinder; as it was, a muster of sixty or over was exceptionally good. A bright service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Lloyd), with Miss G. Church, a ringer and a member of the association, as an efficient organist.

Tea was served at the Express Dairy Company's High Street depot, after which the business meeting was held. A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham and with the Hertford Association members on the loss of their president was passed in silence. The balance sheet was submitted by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Oram). It showed a credit balance of £39 18s. 9d. and 3½ per cent. War Loan Stock, valued £73 13s. 8d. at par, whilst amongst items of expenditure were £5 to the Harrow Weald Restoration Fund and £1 spent on Central Council publications for the benefit of members. The balance sheet was adopted, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. G. B. Lucas, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

Amongst the 22 new members who were elected were eight of the band formed at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, where, under the leadership of Mr. W. F. A. Barrett, late of Willesden, good progress is being made. Ten members of the St. Mary's, Woodford, Society were also elected to membership of the association, they having expressed a desire to associate themselves with their ringing brethren in Middlesex. It says a great deal for the good relations existing between the Essex and Middlesex Associations that so many ringers in the Woodford, Walthamstow and Leytonstone districts can join up with a neighbouring guild without lessening their allegiance to their own county organisation.

Two elections made on the occasion of ringing a 'Thomas' peal at Bishopsgate on December 15th were ratified. The District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Oram), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) and the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. G. R. Goodship) were re-elected, as also were the three members of the Central Committee, Messrs. Geare, Kilby and Lucas. Mr. G. W. Fletcher was elected an auditor, and Messrs. C. T. Coles, Oram and Pickworth as trustees.

Mr. William Pickworth, who presided at this meeting, having expressed a wish to retire from the office of vice-president at the next annual general meeting, and also desiring to be relieved of the important task of auditing the accounts, which he had done for many years, it was resolved to ask Mr. Pickworth to accept an honorary life membership as a small token of the regard in which members held him. The hon. secretary said that Mr. Pickworth had done a great amount of work for the association, and he was sure that members would wish Mr. Pickworth much happiness in his retirement, and that Mrs. Pickworth would soon be restored to health. They all hoped to see Mr. Pickworth at some of their meetings, especially in the summer.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked to be allowed to associate himself with this proposal. As representing the South and West District, he wished Mr. Pickworth a long and happy retirement.—In reply, Mr. Pickworth thanked members for the honour they had conferred upon him. He spoke of the happy times he had had with them, and looked forward to seeing them again.

MR. WILLIAM PYE'S HEALTH IMPROVING.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: 'This meeting regrets the absence of the Master of the association and the cause thereof, and the members hereby accord to Mr. William Pye their good wishes and sincere hopes that his recovery will be speedy and complete.'

Mr. C. T. Coles said he was glad to be able to say that there was an improvement, and that there was every hope that Mr. Pye would soon be restored to health.

A resolution in connection with the tour to Australia was also carried unanimously. It was in the following terms: 'This meeting records its pleasure at the success attained by the Australian tourists, and expresses the hope that it will result in lasting good to Australian ringing.'

Mr. G. R. Goodship proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes congratulating them on their silver wedding, which they were celebrating that day. This was seconded by Mr. James Parker and carried with applause.

Hornsey was chosen for the next meeting of the district, and Southgate for the next annual meeting.

Mr. E. M. Atkins proposed a vote of thanks to the officers, mentioning especially the work done by the hon. secretary. This was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Coles, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to know that the work he did for the association was appreciated. It also gave him pleasure to meet his old friends at these meetings. This was his 25th year of office, and he hoped to carry on for another 25 years.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. A. H. Lloyd, to Miss G. Church for her efforts at the organ, and to Mr. R. E. G. Geare and the local ringers, was proposed by the chairman and carried unanimously.

A pleasing feature of this meeting was the presence of quite a number of young ringers, who were well to the fore in the ringing, and did not appear to lack the ability to join in the ringing of the

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT'S INTERESTING MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Underhill), who gave a short address. The services of Sister Helen at the organ were much appreciated.

Some 45 members were afterwards the guests of the Vicar, and enjoyed a well-prepared meat tea at the Church Institute. The Vicar, who occupied the head of the table, was supported by Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. general secretary) and Messrs. W. J. Jeffries (trustee) and T. Groombridge, sen. (Ringing Master).

A much appreciated touch of Bob Major was rung on handbells by Messrs. T. Groombridge, jun., E. A. Barnett, J. A. C. Alsom and G. V. Murphy.

At the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, one honorary and six practising members were added to the roll of affiliated ringers. The election of three members previous to peal attempts was ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett (district representative) read a report of the committee meeting held at Maidstone last November. This was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett for its preparation. Only those who were present at the meeting could realise the faithfulness of this report, but all who heard it could, and did, appreciate that the paper was a model of its kind.

Arising from this report, Mr. F. M. Mitchell had the pleasure of telling the company that Mr. W. Latter, late secretary of the Ashford District, was making a good recovery from his recent serious illness. The meeting took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Latter on this improvement, and expressed the earnest wish to see him quickly restored to his former robust health.

The choice of the place for the next meeting resulted in the unanimous selection of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, the date fixed provisionally being April 13th.

'Any other business' brought the usual bag of mixed items, some serious, some gay, but all essential ingredients to a successful meeting.

First, the chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for preparing for and attending to the creature comforts of the ringers.

This having been carried with applause, the Vicar welcomed the association to Erith, expressing his life-long association with and interest in bells and ringing. He then engaged the services of the handbell ringers for a few minutes to entertain the Sunday School scholars assembled in the adjoining hall for their Christmas party, which event he had had to start on its merry way before meeting the ringers, and which demanded his reappearance at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr. P. Ben, a former secretary of the Lewisham District, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect for one called to higher service.

The meeting instructed the secretary to convey sympathy and good wishes to Mr. R. Brett-Smith, of Chislehurst, whose health had recently necessitated a visit to hospital for treatment. All his many friends will join in the wish that Mr. Brett-Smith will soon be on the road to complete recovery.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and his address, for his generous hospitality and for presiding at the business meeting; also to the lady organist for her services.—This was carried with enthusiasm, and the Vicar's response concluded the meeting. Further ringing brought the proceedings to a close at 9 p.m.

During the day ringers attended from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Eltham, Gravesend, Lee, Lewisham, Deptford (St. John's), Greenwich, Woolwich and the neighbouring tower of St. John's, Erith.

Ringing, under the able direction of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., included rounds for beginners, interspersed with successful touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise, and a perfect eight leads of Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

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higher Surprise methods. The ringing altogether was good, both in quality of method and in striking. Rounds for beginners, plain methods to Surprise methods to suit tastes of others, with a good touch of 'Spliced' in four Surprise methods for the 'experts.' It was noticed that although a certain well-known writer once expressed his opinion that the tenor was the only bell worth ringing to Stedman, he was quite capable of ringing the seventh to that method and calling bobs from that bell as well. We wonder if it was a case of 'leg-pulling,' when he wrote to 'The Ringing World.' If so, he certainly succeeded in 'pulling' at least one leg.

Besides tower-bell ringing, handbell ringing was indulged in by the Edmonton contingent and others, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire being the methods.

Several South and West District members were prominent, including a young looking man without any hirsute adornment, who was afterwards recognised as Mr. William Hollier, the popular hon. treasurer of the association.

RINGING IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

A representative gathering of Isle of Wight ringers assembled at Carisbrooke on Saturday week, when the annual meeting of the island district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held. Ringers were present from Newport, Chale, Carisbrooke, Godshill and Ryde, and visitors from Portsmouth Cathedral.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by the Guild's service, the preacher being the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse, Rector of Chale, a ringing member of the Guild.

Dr. J. B. Williamson (district chairman) presided at the annual meeting, which followed tea at the Waverley Hotel.

Mr. F. Mew (Chale) referred to a suggestion made at the October meeting to add a sixth bell to the Chale tower as a memorial of the centenary of the wreck of the 'Clarendon' in 1836. An empty pit was available in the tower, and the idea was to put in a treble bell to complete the ring of six, or, if possible, to instal a peal of eight. With that object in view, Mr. Mew said he had endeavoured to get into touch with the owners of the ill-fated 'Clarendon' and others associated with ships wrecked in the neighbourhood subsequently, but could trace none of them; probably in each case the business had closed down or passed into other hands.—The Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse said it would be a great joy to him if they could have a peal of eight at Chale; it would mean three more bells in commemoration of the 'Clarendon.'

The accounts, presented by the hon. auditor, Mr. H. A. Phillips, showed receipts of £14 9s. 10d., including a balance of £4 10s. 10d. brought forward. The district expenditure was £3 15s. 10d., £5 4s. 6d. had been remitted to the general treasurer, and a balance of £5 9s. 6d. remained in hand.

Mr. B. J. Snow, hon. secretary and treasurer, in his report, referred to the active interest and assistance of the president, Dr. J. B. Williamson, and to his hospitality at the Chale meeting in the summer. Regret was expressed that some ringing members failed to attend at any of the meetings, even when held in their own tower, yet would go a distance to ring a peal. Interest in Guild matters unfortunately appeared to have waned at Freshwater, presumably through lack of ringers. With the completion of the restoration of the Godshill bells, the district could boast of one of the finest six-bell peals in the Guild, the 'go' being perfect. Two spare pits were added when the new framework was erected, in readiness for two trebles, and it was hoped that the octave would be completed in the near future. The passing of the esteemed veteran ringer, Mr. Woodford, of Chale, was recorded with regret. He was greatly missed, especially at Chale, where he was a regular service ringer. There were 11 honorary and 65 ringing members.

Mr. H. Barton presented a report on his visits as ringing master. He had endeavoured without previous notice to visit each tower in union with the Guild.

The retiring president, Dr. J. B. Williamson, asked the members' acceptance of a mallet and block for the use of the chairman at their meetings. The articles were made from a beautiful piece of oak 300 years old, from a tower in Walsall.

The gift was gratefully accepted, amid applause.

Dr. Williamson was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. H. Barton was reinstated as Ringing Master.

Mr. B. J. Snow, the zealous and able hon. secretary and treasurer, tendered his resignation, owing to pressure of engagements, although he had no intention of severing his connection with the activities of the Guild. Many tributes were paid to the efficiency of Mr. Snow's services for many years, and it was resolved to record in the minutes the enthusiastic vote of thanks accorded to him.

Mr. H. James, of Carisbrooke tower, was elected to succeed Mr. Snow, who promised his assistance.

Mr. H. A. Phillips was re-elected hon. auditor, and Mr. H. Barton as district representative to the Guild Committee.

Godshill was selected for the next annual meeting, and the quarterly meeting was fixed for April 27th at Ryde, with a by-practice at Brading.

On the motion of Mr. F. Mew, thanks were accorded the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse for taking the service and for his interest in the Guild.

The meeting resolved to write to the Vicar of St. Catherine's, Ventnor, promising the wholehearted support of the district in the event of a decision to place a peal of bells in the tower of that church.

A grant of a guinea was made from the district funds to the Godshill bells restoration fund.

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Halksworth proposed, and Mr. G. Lewis seconded, that for the time being the work of treasurer should be left in the hands of a sub-committee, consisting of Canon Marshall, Mr. W. Barton and Mr. P. J. Johnson. This was also carried.

It was proposed by Canon Marshall, seconded by Mr. W. Idle, that the best wishes of the meeting be sent to Mr. J. Broadley, of Bradford, who was that day celebrating his golden wedding.—This was carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a unanimous vote of thanks to the chairman, both for presiding at the meeting and also for his untiring work for the association throughout the year, proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer.

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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. Magnus' on the 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 4 and ringing till 5 p.m. Tea in Canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30, with ringing from 8 till 9. Shoreditch bells (12) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on February 9th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting arrangements, Saturday, February 9th. Ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (12), 2.15-3.30 p.m.; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge (10), 2.15-3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 3.15-4.15 p.m. Short service in St. Clement Danes', 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. Carew Cox. Tea at Perdy's Restaurant, Essex Street, 5 p.m. Ringing again at St. Clement's, 6-7 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in Parish Hall at 7.15 p.m. If all members will do their utmost to be present a very pleasant gathering will result.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CHARING, KENT.—Kent County Association, Maidstone District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, February 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer welcome. Diagrams of Double Court on application to Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea and business at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 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 is kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at All Saints', Edmonton, N. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—M. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector 4.30 p.m. Method, Cambridge.—Claude J. Davies, Branch Sec.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available: All Saints (8) 3 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 4 p.m. Tea 5, at Lakeman's Restaurant, 1s. each.—R. Sharpe and Miss K. Willers, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 2.45. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (5) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at Bedford Arms at 5. Good train and bus service. All ringers very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, February 16th. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Rural Dean, Rev. E. C. Grimaldi. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Talaton tower also available. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, February 11th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Sat., February 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Meeting to follow. All welcome. Notify for tea by Tuesday 12th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each., to be applied for by Wednesday, the 13th, latest. St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Cathedral (10) will be available from 4 to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Look up Stedman and come along, whether you can manage it or not. All welcome. Subscriptions due, reports ready.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, February 16th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available in the afternoon. Service at S. Nicolas' 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at Ayers' Cafe (next S. Nicolas' Church) at 5.30 p.m. Merrow bells available (if required) in the evening. Please send me numbers for tea and let me know if you would like to go to Merrow by February 12th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Finchingfield on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than first post Wednesday, 13th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—WANTED, 50 ringers to attend annual meeting to be held at Leominster Priory Church on February 16th. A splendid peal of 10 bells, available 3 p.m. Service in the church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Church Institute 6 p.m. All are welcome.—R. J. Jones, Dis. Sec., Old Priory, Leominster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, February 16th. Light peal of six. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A bi-quarterly meeting for the promotion of the art of change ringing will be held at the Parish Church, Boldmere, near Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Cranford (six bells) on Saturday, February 16th. Usual arrangements. Please send numbers for tea by February 13th.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Bickenhill, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided, 1s. a head. Frequent bus services from Coventry and Birmingham.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—Combined practice meetings: Waltham (six bells), Saturday, February 16th, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise; Thornton Curtis (six bells), Saturday, March 16th, Double Court and London Surprise; Barton-on-Humber (eight bells), Saturday, April 13th, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. All start 6 p.m. All interested please look up methods and attend.—J. Bray, Ringing Master, Burton-on-Stather; H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grimsby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, February 16th, the annual meeting will be held at Baldock. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. There are a number of subscriptions still outstanding, and I should be pleased to get them in at this meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. It is hoped a good number will try and attend, as it is the first meeting to be held at Meppershall. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 16th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. to all who notify me not later than Wednesday next, that they intend to be present. To be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16th, at Wolborough, Newton Abbot. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all those who intend coming please advise me by previous Wednesday? All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held jointly with Rossendale at the Parish Church, Bury, on Saturday, February 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Tea, at very moderate cost, can be obtained nearby. Will members please make an effort to attend? Practice, Miles Platting, 12th inst.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Stansted on Wednesday, February 20th, at 3 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Yorktown, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in school at 6 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells and good company.—Peter Crook and William Farrimond, Branch Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A by-meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Church Council, only for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 20th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. Please send names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 20th.—Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 1s., with business meeting afterwards at the Institute. Pease send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by February 20th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Those requiring tea should 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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on February 23rd. Tea in the Church Hall at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 23rd. City bells (6, 8 and 10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 20th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at Harlow Common. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea free to those who send notice before Friday, 22nd.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Members' subscriptions for 1935 are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify Cecil C. Dilnot, 3, Kent Street, Whitstable, before Thursday, February 21st.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 47th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's Church (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.

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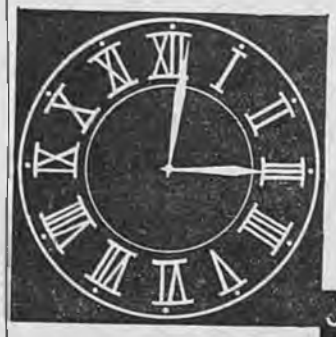

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His Majesty's silver jubilee next May will afford a special opportunity for the bells to play their historic part in a demonstration of loyalty to the throne, and thanksgiving for the King's reign; and ringers, we are sure, will not be slow to do their part. It should be the aim of ringers to get the bells rung in every church where there is a peal. Such advice may seem superfluous, but it is not entirely so. If the bells are to be rung in every church it will need no little organisation, for there are many places where they will remain silent for want of ringers unless arrangements are made to meet such cases. Usually what is anybody's business is nobody's business, and therefore in the weeks available before the celebrations begin the ringers in every area ought to get together to plan their operations. Peal ringing during the jubilee can be left to look after itself. There will be no lack of peals, and the more the better, especially at those towers where, under normal conditions, peals are few and far between. But even the peal ringers should be prepared to give part of their time to ringing at other churches where there are no bands or to assisting in those belfries where the numbers are depleted. They will not have done their full duty if they spend three hours in one tower ringing a peal when at a neighbouring church the bells are entirely silent.

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FRANK LAWRENCE ...	... 4	FRANK SADLER ...	... 10
*RALPH HARRIS ...	... 5	CHARLES CAMM ...	... 11
JOHN HALL ...	... 6	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on 12 bells. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Devereux, wife of the treble ringer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Devereux are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, February 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. WEST ...	... 6
JAMES BILBY... ...	... 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ...	... 7
WILLIAM LOUD ...	... 3	THOMAS F. KING ...	... 8
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ...	... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING...	... 9
JESSE FRANCIS ...	... 5	SIDNEY FRANCIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mr. S. L. Harding, churchwarden of this church and father of the conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM CUNDALL ...	... 6
*WILLIAM O. TALBOT..	... 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	... 7
*ERNEST RAYNER... ...	... 3	WILLIAM BARTON ...	... 8
JOB HARDCASTLE ...	... 4	THOMAS SMITH ...	... 9
PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (116). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. James Cotterell, conductor at Bradford Cathedral and for 27 years treasurer of the Yorkshire Association.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WIGGINS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE ADES ...	... 6
HERBERT RANN ...	... 2	GEORGE W. STOKES ...	... 7
FRANK BENNETT ...	... 3	NELSON ELLIOTT...	... 8
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ...	4	ROBERT J. DAWE ...	... 9
ROBERT W. E. DAWE ...	... 5	ALFRED J. TURNER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on Sunday, January 20th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Theobald 1, F. A. Burnett 2, T. R. Thorpe 3, F. W. Stemp 4, L. P. Cook 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, H. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	8
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
ROBERT SWIFT	5	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

JOHN FOSKETT	*Treble*	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ...	5
JACK DAFTERS	2	EDMUND MOUNTER	6
*MISS H. OAKSHETT	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ..	7
*WALTER J. TYLER	4	†ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (418). Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal and first of Treble Bob as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE...	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
*RONALD SUCKLING	2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6
BERNARD HOLDAWAY ...	3	H. WALTER SMITH	7
ARTHUR BUTCHER	4	ALBERT WIFFEN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by A. WIFFEN.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. The monthly peal for the division.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER... ...	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
*MISS I. B. THOMPSON ...	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ...	6
LAWRENCE CHADBURN ...	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Thornton, of Nottingham.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ...	*Treble*	REGINALD BROWN	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	6
JOHN W. FAITHFUL	3	D. C. WILLIAMS, MUS. BAC.	7
O. NEVILLE CURTIS	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal of Major on the bells. First peal since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. This is thought to be the first peal on the bells since December 27th, 1892. The band was drawn from the three local change ringing towers.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 6th, at the Church of St. Mary's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Hunt 1, R. Mackrill 2, H. Cook 3, W. Judd 4, W. Bottrill 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	GEORGE OLLIVER...	5
*WALTER CLAYDON	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
ROBERT SWIFT	3	CECIL NICE	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	4	NELSON ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, February 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
H. JAMES TURNER	2	ROGER W. DANIELS	6
JOHN E. EATON	3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	7
*VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ...	4	JOHN WITHERS, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal in the method.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, February 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE H. LIMMER ...	*Treble*	EDWARD S. T. FARR	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	*CECIL W. PIPE	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	7
*GEORGE GILBERT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This is the 100th peal in which Messrs. Stilwell and Welling have rung together.

COLCHESTER.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ...	*Treble*	*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ...	3	*FRED CHALK	7
WILLIAM CHALK	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
*RENE REDPATH	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal away from the treble.

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TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	HERBERT MARKWELL	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	4	FREDERICK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART, REVERSED. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*HENRY W. STOVELD	*Treble*	‡RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.	5
FREDERICK W. STEMP	2	HENRY JAMES TUCKER	6
†THOMAS A. DOICK	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
WILLIAM E. TICEHURST	4	*ARTHUR CARVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' for 30 years. ‡ First peal in the method. The ringer of the 2nd is only 16 years old. It was the 250th peal rung by the conductor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOSEPH REED	*Treble*	EDWARD F. MAWBY	5
WILLIAM BRAMMER	2	ERNEST SEDDON	6
*PERCY RUSHTON	3	CHARLES OLLIER	7
*ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	4	FREDERICK PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The above band are all Sunday service ringers at Brookfield Church.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

JAMES GEORGE	*Treble*	JOHN E. EATON	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	C. HOWARD STANLEY	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	JOHN MARSHALL	7
H. JAMES TURNER	4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. E. Perfitt, B.A., L.Th., who was to be instituted as Vicar of Selly Oak on February 14th. Also as a compliment to the Rev. K. D. Mackenzie, M.A., a former Vicar of the parish, on his election as Bishop of Brechin, Scotland. First peal in the method on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
*EDWARD LANKESTER	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	†GEORGE M. KILBY	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	HARRY KILBY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' † 250th peal.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN	*Treble*	HARRY WINGROVE	5
MISS MARIE CROSS	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EXTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. L. WARD	*Treble*	*W. H. SMITH	4
GEORGE GEARY	2	*J. B. WARD	5
N. GEARY	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since restoration.

HALSALL, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, January 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, London New Bob, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Single and Woodbine Treble Bob.

*WILLIAM SWIFT	*Treble*	WILFRED CORE	4
THOMAS PRESCOTT	2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	5
JAMES LONGTON	3	HENRY SERJEANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY SERJEANT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the above are local ringers.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN HODSON	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
†GEORGE HODSON	2	ROBERT SMITH	5
HAROLD WHITEHEAD	3	*ROBERT MITHAM, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal with a working bell. First, 2nd, 3rd and tenor belong to local company, 4th and 5th to Over.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE	...Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	3	CHARLES CAMM	...Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
R. G. Knowles' 300th peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, January 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge, Bourne, Annable's London, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	4
MISS K. M. BRADFORD	2	LEONARD STILWELL	5
EDWARD S. T. FARR	3	ALAN R. PINK	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, York, Wells, Durham, Norfolk, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE LORD	...Treble	DANIEL SMITH	4
WILLIAM GREEN	2	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	ARTHUR GILL	...Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gill on the 33rd anniversary of their wedding. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*WILFRED PRESTON	...Treble	CYRIL ARCHER	4
†HERBERT ARCHER	2	SIDNEY MUNTON	5
HORACE MOULT	3	LEONARD WARD	...Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD WARD.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob, with different callings.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	...Treble	JOSEPH BOWELL	4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS	5
WILLIAM CHALK	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
Rung to commemorate Mr. J. Bowell's first peal, rung on the same bell on January 28th, 1905.

BRACEBOROUGH, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES W. WOODS	...Treble	WILLIAM NEAL	3
CHARLES E. BLACK	2	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HARRY GIBBARD	...Tenor		

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*CHARLES COLLIS	...Treble	*ARTHUR BOTT	3
†DENNIS ALLSOP	2	*ARTHUR MILLWARD	4
GEORGE A. HOLLICK	...Tenor		

Conducted by G. A. HOLLICK.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The band wish to connect with this peal the names of Mr. E. A. Marsh, for making necessary arrangements, and Mr. E. Bott, father of the ringer of the third, on attaining the age of 71 and on the completion of 42 years as a ringer at Welford. (Since this peal was rung Mr. Marsh has passed away.)

TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	...Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS	4
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD	2	RONALD H. DOVE	5
CHARLES DAVIES	3	JACK BAILEY	...Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
First peal on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	...Treble	HORACE M. DAY	4
ARTHUR J. FARR	2	*HARRY NICHOLS	5
*ARTHUR GROUND	3	JOHN G. AMES	...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt

JAMES W. WILKINS	...Treble	PERCY NEWTON	4
A. REGINALD BLABY	2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	ROLAND BIGGS	...Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band and rung at the first attempt. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ronald, son of the ringer of the 4th.

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On Thursday, February 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten 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, 14 callings.

*PERCY H. J. CHANT ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR G. CHUBB ...	... 4
MISS PAMELA J. PALMER ...	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	... 5
E. T. PAUL FIELD	3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Field), father of the conductor, on his 68th birthday. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Palmer, of Sunderland, sister of the ringer of the second.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's in 42 methods, viz.: (1) Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Dover, Fotheringay Delight and Hull Surprise; (2) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone, Ely Delight and Bourne Surprise; (3) Melandra, Castleton, Bucknall Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (4) Crowland, Abbeyville, Canterbury, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh Delight; (5) Marple, Taxel, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden Delight; (6) Braintree, Humber, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby Delight; (7) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

KENNETH LEWIS	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	... 4
JAMES FERNLEY	... 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	... 5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, January 26th, when a large number of members and friends were present. The bells, a fine ring of ten with a tenor of 30 cwt. by John Taylor and Co., were requisitioned soon after 3 o'clock by the early arrivals, and were continuously in use until service time. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also contributed a very inspiring sermon, taking as a basis for his remarks the inscriptions which are to be found on bells generally, and particularly those of his own bells.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by the St. George's ringers and their good ladies, and about 60 members and friends partook of an excellent repast.

A rather lengthy business meeting followed under the chairmanship of Mr. Hough, who first congratulated the band who were recently successful in ringing 40 Minor methods in a peal.

The secretary, in presenting his report, said that both membership numbers and the financial position were lower than last year, but, on the other hand, there seemed to have been an increase in the peals rung, several Surprise peals having been rung at Norbury, including one of Manchester Surprise, which was the composition of one of their members.

All the past year's officials were re-elected, and as there were vacant places caused by the deaths of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Fernley, a number of new officers were elected.

This meeting always seems to produce a crop of new members, and no less than ten were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the organist for the music in church, to St. George's ringers and their wives for the trouble taken with the tea, and to all who in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

During the evening the bells were made full use of, touches in 'standard' methods being rung, including three leads of Treble Ten.

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DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LEICESTERSHIRE RINGER.

A LIFE OF SERVICE.

It is with deep regret we record the sudden death of a well-known member of the committee of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. Ernest Augustus Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth. The deceased gentleman, who was 57 years of age, had attended the funeral of a relative at Burton-on-Trent, stayed overnight and was found dead in bed the next morning.

His life had been spent in the interests of the church. He had been Rector's warden since 1906 (29 years' continuous service in an office in which his father served for the previous 30 years). He was secretary of the Parochial Church Council, trustee of church charities, lay representative on the Diocesan Conference, member of the Market Harborough District and Parish Councils, Public Assistance, Highway, Housing and Rating Committees. He was also a member of the Midland Counties Association and Peterborough and Warwickshire Guilds.

The first part of the choral funeral service at All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rev. M. Lamb, M.A. (Rector), the lesson being read by the Rev. W. Grome-Merrilees, Vicar of Theddingworth. In addition to the family mourners, brother, sisters and cousins, representatives of public bodies were present, as well as the following ringers: The Rev. T. W. Long (president), F. Wilford (Master), G. Hollick, Guilsborough Branch, Peterborough Guild; J. Harris (vice-president), Dr. F. S. Poole, A. Cheney, E. Cattell, Harrison, Allen, Brian, Leicester District, Midland Counties Association; A. Rowley, secretary, Hinckley District, and over 40 members from Billesdon, South Wigston, Hallaton, Welford, Great Glen, Saddington, Kibworth, Theddingworth, South Kilworth, Stanford-on-Avon, Naseby, Northampton, Hinckley, Croft and Market Harborough.

The cortege, consisting of over 150 persons, wended its way to the village cemetery, and at the rear followed a wagon full of floral tributes. The Rector officiated, and, in addition to the prayers, a hymn was sung and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

So passes from our presence a gentleman, ringer and friend ever ready to help a young ringer and to bring others along with him to ringing meetings; one who gained respect by his quiet sincerity, by his work on public bodies and as a faithful servant of the church.

Ernest Augustus Marsh, born May 3rd, 1877, died February 6th, 1935, aged 57. R.I.P. H.

An Appreciation.

BY THE REV. W. GROME-MERRILEES.

On Saturday, February 9th, we buried at Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire, one of the best known and most respected members of the ringing world in the Midlands. He died quite suddenly in his sleep on Wednesday, February 6th. He went to bed on Tuesday night seemingly in his usual health, and was found dead in his bed on Wednesday morning. He was intensely interested in ringing and never missed a Saturday afternoon meeting if he could possibly get to one. He was also extremely keen to help beginners, and almost every night in the week he was at one tower or another giving his help to younger ringers so that they might became more proficient in the art of change ringing. He and his little car were always at the service of his ringing friends, and many young ringers owe him a debt which will not easily be repaid.

Mr. Marsh was a convinced and loyal churchman and a most regular and frequent communicant; he brought all his influence to bear on the ringing world to deepen the realisation of the spiritual side of the Exercise. He was extremely shy and retiring, and very much disliked pushing himself in any way, but once he was convinced that a certain course of action was right, nothing would deter him from taking it. This was particularly noticeable in the share he took in the work of the Leicester Diocesan Mission. With all his shyness and difficulty of expressing himself, he would face any congregation, indoors or out, and in the most natural and simple way give the reason for the faith that was in him. If he gave his friendship, he gave it generously and never withdrew it.

Ernest Augustus Marsh will be remembered with respect and sincere affection by all those who had the privilege of calling themselves his friends.—'Grant to him eternal rest, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.'

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWCESTER BRANCH'S IMPROVED BALANCE.

By kind invitation of the Rev. R. Howse (hon. secretary), the annual general meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Cold Higham, where there is a light peal of six bells. Service was intoned by the Master, Mr. F. Wilford, and the Rev. R. Howse preached. About 60 sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting, over which Capt. Grant-Ives presided.

The accounts, with an improved balance, were passed, and all the officers re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. M. Gray, who had removed from the district, Mr. B. Summers, of Wappenham, taking his place on the committee.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the Master congratulated the branch on having so many young ringers to carry on the art.

ASTON BELLS TO BE RECAST.

WILL THERE BE ANOTHER TAYLOR TWELVE?

The Loughborough Foundry have been favoured with the order to recast the ring of ten of Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, and rehang in a new framework. The present bells are a poor lot, tenor about 20 cwt., and the peal is to be increased in weight with a tenor of 25 cwt.

Tentative arrangements have been made for the dedication to take place on the patronal festival of the church, St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1935, and it is hoped that before that time two trebles will be ordered to complete the peal of twelve.

Aston Parish Church has historic associations with change ringing. For instance, in 1789 a peal of 14,224 Bob Major was rung there, followed by a peal of 15,360 in 1793, and, until 1933, this remained the longest peal of Bob Major on record, rung by eight men only. Henry Johnson was associated with this tower and many good stories are told of the days when he used to ring there. He is buried in the churchyard.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A very enjoyable time was spent at Westbury on Saturday, February 2nd, when a monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held. Visitors were present from Bath, Chilcompton, Stourton, Mere, Castle Cary and Kington Magna. The Vicar (the Rev. R. O. Turner) conducted the Guild office, after which tea, arranged by the local ringers, was served. Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and welcomed the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) and those who attended from outside the branch area.

Seven new members were elected. Potterne was decided upon for the next meeting. The secretary (Mr. W. C. West) brought forward a suggestion that some instructional matter should be inserted in the annual report. If there was lack of space, then extra pages should be included. After discussion, a resolution was passed that the branch representative bring the matter forward at the Guild committee meeting shortly to be held in Salisbury.

Votes of thanks were passed, the Master and Vicar replying.

Members then returned to the tower, and ringing took place in most methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major. The number of ringers taking part reached just over 60.

Representatives attended from the following towers: Bratton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), North Bradley, Rowde, Melksham, Trowbridge, Holt, Westbury, Warminster and Longbridge Deverill.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the above district took place at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th, and, despite the very cold weather, over 80 ringers sat down to tea.

Service was held at St. Michael's Church, and the address, given by the Rev. Canon Boustead, D.D., was very much appreciated. At the business meeting, which followed tea at the Church Cottage, Canon Boustead was voted to the chair, and was supported by his churchwardens, the Rev. Judewine, the Rev. Macauly, the Rev. Sewell, Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral) and others.

The district secretary (Major Stillwell) presented an encouraging record for the past year, both financially and numerically. The district meetings had been well attended and successful.

Various items were very widely discussed.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, the Rev. Canon Boustead, D.D.; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Ostler; hon. secretary and treasurer, Major Stillwell; auditor, Mr. Ives; representatives on the committee, Mr. Chesterman and Mr. Balaam.

Meetings were arranged for Odiham and Upton Grey, Overton, Bramley, and the annual meeting at Basingstoke in 1936.

During the day the bells of both towers were kept going to a variety of methods, the bells of All Saints' especially in the evening being very much appreciated and good work done among the beginners.

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The second annual meeting of this district was held at Petersfield on Saturday, January 26th, when members were present from Alton, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Bramshott, East Meon, Hawkley, Liss, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Privett, Portsea and Steep. Mr. George Williams (Ringing Master) and the Rev. E. Bankes James also attended, making a total of 37. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to the standard methods. The Guild's service was held and tea was afterwards served at Hall's Cafe. The Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman) conducted the business meeting.

The accounts and balance sheet were read and adopted, and the Ringing Master complimented the district on its general and financial position

All the district officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Dr. J. P. Gabbatt, of Liss, was elected an honorary member, and five ringing members were elected from Bramshott, Hawkley and Petersfield.

The next annual meeting was fixed for January 25th, 1936, at Alton, and the next quarterly meeting for April 13th, 1935, at West Meon.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman, the organist (Mr. R. G. Harwood), and the Rev. C. Minton- Senhouse for officiating.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The half-muffled peal rung on February 5th at Bradford Cathedral to the memory of the late Mr. James Cotterell, conductor at the Cathedral and for 27 years hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, was originally arranged as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley and a welcome home, from the Australian tour, to Mr. Joe Hardcastle. Mr. Cotterell was to have taken part in it.

The bells of St. Clement's, Ipswich, upon which a peal in seven Minor methods was rung on February 2nd, were all cast by John Darbie in the year 1680.

Mr. William Alps, of Idol Lane, London, whose death we recorded in our last issue, joined the College Youths in 1874, and at their meeting last week the members passed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the relatives.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor, head of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, is recuperating at Torquay, after several weeks' illness.

It would be interesting to know, writes P.C. B. Sharp, who the young constable was who allowed himself to be literally 'turfed' off a rope end at Bow, during the Police Guild meeting, by a lady ringer, who is not even a policeman's wife. It is rumoured that the incident may have its sequel in the Courts (Bow Street, perhaps). A noted K.C. has been briefed for the lady, but it is expected that the constable will win with his forensic skill—as he usually does.

A peal book presented to Benhilton tower over 25 years ago has just been found in the vestry. Information as to the peals rung at this church from 1915 to 1930 inclusive is therefore sought, in order that the records may be entered in the book.

Information on early efforts in change ringing in the county of Bucks is desired by Mr. Frank West, of Bradenham Road, West Wycombe. Will any reader who has the information be kind enough to forward it?

The engagement is announced of Mr. Ivan Lindsay Barnett, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnett, of Upper Takaka, Nelson, New Zealand, and Kathleen Annie Jutson, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jutson, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

PEALS IN 1934.

A FURTHER FALL IN THE NUMBER.

Members of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee of the Central Council are now in the throes of the most exacting part of their task for the year—compiling the statistics which ultimately appear in the tables.

But here is some early information which will be of interest to our readers.

The total number of peals recorded for the year 1934 was 1,783. This is exactly 50 less than in 1933 and 419 fewer than in 1932.

The peals rung in 1934 are made up of 12 Maximus (compared with 27 in 1933), 29 Cinques (against 36), 66 Royal (against 56), 77 Caters (against 79), 771 Major (against 838), 331 Triples (against 361), 362 Minor (against 308), 135 Doubles (against 128). The handbell peals in 1934 numbered 87; in 1933 there were 99.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MASTER.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on Saturday last, it was decided to place a suitable memorial in the belfry of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields to the memory of the late Mr. J. D. Matthews, who held the office of Master of the society for 21 consecutive years.

Subscriptions should be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. All subscriptions will be acknowledged from time to time through the columns of this paper.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Albert J. Laucefield.	Willesborough, Kent.
James Prescott.	Walton, Liverpool.
Peter Houghton.	Woolton, Liverpool.
Charles Collis.	Stanford-on-Avon, Northants.
Arthur Bott.	Stanford-on-Avon, Northants.
Arthur Millward.	Stanford-on-Avon, Northants.
Ronald Suckling.	Bocking, Essex.
Wilfred Preston.	Desford, Leicestershire.
W. Baker.	Thorverton, Devon.
R. B. Ford, jun.	Thorverton, Devon.
Edwin Hopkinson.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
Alfred H. Bowler.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
Henry Hopkinson.	Darley Dale, Derbyshire.
William Swift.	Halsall, Lancs.
Kenneth Arthur.	Blackhill, Co. Durham.
Thomas W. Crowe.	Blackhill, Co. Durham.
Reginald Bowen.	Lyonshall, Herefordshire.
Percy H. J. Chant.	Buckland Newton, Dorset.
Henry W. Stoveld.	Chichester, Sussex.
Arthur Carver.	Chichester, Sussex.
John Hodson.	Swavesey, Cambs.
Robert Mitham, jun.	Swavesey, Cambs.
Arthur Teale, jun.	Holbeck, Leeds.

A MASTERLY PERFORMANCE.

FORTY-TWO METHODS IN A PEAL OF MINOR.

The Cheshire men, who have been making history in Spliced Minor ringing, are striding from triumph to triumph. Last Saturday at Disley they spliced 42 methods into seven true extents, the greatest

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DISLEY,
Where the Peal was Rung.

number ever included in a spliced peal, and two more than the Cheshire men's own record.

The composition was an arrangement by Mr. A. G. Driver. Six methods were included in each 720, and altogether there were 71 changes of method. The band, and particularly the conductor, Mr. John Worth, will be congratulated on a masterly performance.

Disley Church, where the peal was rung, is a picturesque building, 400 years old.

'VILLAGE BELLS.'

We have received a copy of the second edition of a little book which no doubt is familiar to many of our readers, but which deserves to be even better known. It is entitled 'Village Bells' and is a simple explanation of five six-bell methods and five five-bell methods. The author is the Rev. H. Howes, of Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester, from whom copies may be obtained.

It is intended for learners, and as it is provided with a substantial cover, it can be carried in the pocket and studied at any odd time that presents itself. And that is what the learner should do. Far too many of them leave everything until they go into the tower and they expect their instructor to tell them things that they ought to find out for themselves. The excuse is often that they do not know where to look for the necessary information. The standard books are too advanced for them and assume that they already know the fundamentals. It is the rudiments that they want to be instructed in, and here they will find just what they want.

The work is, of course, no substitute for those in the Snowden series and does not pretend to be one. Rather it will serve as an introduction to them, and the man who has had his curiosity and interest aroused by this little book will the better be able to appreciate and understand the more advanced publications. The selection of methods is excellent, and an average six-bell band than can ring them all need not be ashamed of themselves.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Guy 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, L. A. Smith 3, S. Worsfold 4, J. Peyman 5, E. Cooper 6, H. Acock 7, J. Hope (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on tower bells by all except the ringers of 3 and 8.

THE SYDNEY PEAL RECALLED.

A LADY TELLS HOW SHE MET THE ENGLISH RINGERS.

In an interesting letter to her brother, Mr. John Jaggar, of Warley, Birmingham, a Sydney lady, living at Manley, one of the charming suburbs of the city overlooking the harbour, has described her meeting with the English ringers while they were there. She wrote:—

'The days came and went, and I began to despair of ever seeing or hearing anything of your friends. I was taking two papers a day, so as not to miss anything, when I gladly saw the enclosed cutting (announcing the visit to Sydney). So on the Tuesday, to make sure of seeing Mr. Fussell and party before they started ringing, I went in good time to the city—seven miles from Manley and two trams. As I neared St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral I heard the bells in full swing.

'"They are having a practice," said I. In a couple of minutes I was out of the tram, ran up the Cathedral steps to find the four front doors shut and locked. I went round the side and saw a priest. No one could help me. Then I saw a door open and two men came out. I rushed them. . . . I asked if they would take my card up to Mr. Fussell when the practice was over.

'"PRACTICE! Madam. PRACTICE! They have started a wonderful peal, and they won't finish for three hours!!"

'My turn—"Three hours!!! um-m, you mean to tell me the ringers won't finish for three hours!!! *** Allow me to step inside before I faint."

'I stepped inside, sat down and listened and enjoyed the glorious peal. The attendant said, "The ringers were locked in the tower and the whole church was locked against everybody during the peal—even the St. Mary's ringers were locked out."

'At long last, the ringers came down. I was introduced to Mr. Fussell, and he introduced me to others. The Rev. James was at home, not well. Mr. Fussell told me to tell you they rang a Treble Bob Major.

'A dinner was waiting them at a cafe and no time to be lost. They slipped away—Mr. Fussell and I walked a few yards. Then he cut across the park, and I went on to my tram. There was no time to get into any conversation. I should like to have asked what gifts were brought for the Australian ringers and if "The men who make history" was among them, etc. As they were doing the honours, I did not think it wise to forestall them, the situation was a little delicate. I should like to have seen more of them—it was a case of "half a loaf." They were only here a few days.

'The Prince is in Sydney, I watched the "Sussex" come in from my verandah, and the air-planes swish out. The excitement gets "wusser and wusser," guns booming, thousands of people hurtling about, giant buses looming up, soldiers and martial music everywhere. Ah ha! these are no ordinary days. This stirring up will do the people good.'

'SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When I was at the dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on January 12th, listening to the account of the ringers' tour in Australia, I wondered whether any of my colleagues thought of the lines in Tennyson's play of 'Harold,' the last of the Saxon Kings, in which the poet describes the death of King Edward the Confessor, just before the Battle of Hastings. The dying King is supposed to be roused from a dream, or a vision, and cries:—

'The green tree!
Then a great angel past along the highest,
Crying "the doom of England," and at once
He stood beside me, in his grasp a sword
Of lightnings, wherewithal he cleft the tree
From off the bearing trunk, and hurled it from him
Three fields away, and then he dashed and drenched,
He dyed, he soaked the tree with human blood,
And brought the sundered tree again, and set it
Straight on the trunk, that thus baptised in blood
Grew ever high and higher, beyond my seeing,
And shot out sideloug boughs across the deep
That dropt themselves, and rooted in far isles
Beyond my seeing, and the great Angel rose
And past again along the highest crying,
"The doom of England."'

Is not the visit of our brother ringers to these 'far isles,' where they found themselves among friends and fellow-subjects of the same great commonwealth of nations, speaking our native tongue, a splendid example of the supposed vision of the dying King of England? It is surely something to be proud of to have done something which has never been done before, and which cannot be done now by the subjects of any other country in the world.

'A RINGER.'

A CHURCH'S TERCENTENARY.

Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, commemorates its tercentenary this year. On Sunday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells for evening service: A. Lees 1, W. Fitton 2, H. Langden 3, R. Langden (conductor) 4, J. Wilson 5, B. Walshaw 6, H. Lees 7, J. Wright 8. Practice night at this church is Tuesday.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. A. A. HUGHES.

SILVER WEDDING GIFTS FROM THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

There was a large gathering of members and friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths last week for the periodical practice at St. Paul's Cathedral. The occasion which brought this numerous assembly together was a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes to commemorate their silver wedding. In addition to the members who usually attend these meetings of the society, there were numerous visitors from a distance. The Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield) was supported by the stewards (Messrs. C. W. Roberts and E. H. Lewis), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), and the following Past Masters of the society: Messrs. W. D. Smith (1891), W. H. Pasmore (1901), C. S. Burden (1909), A. B. Peck (1910), C. H. Horton (1918), R. T. Hibbert (1923), T. Groombridge (1926), J. S. Hawkins (1927) and E. J. Chooet (1929). Mr. Hughes was Master from 1914 to 1917. Among other members present were Mr. Challis Winney (a trustee), Mr. J. Christopher Mitchell, J.P., Major J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), Mr. Stafford Green (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. W. Smith (Reading), Messrs. H. Hodgetts and M. F. R. Hibbert (Bushey), Mr. J. Hoyle (Ashtead), Mr. E. J. Taylor (Newbury), etc. A distinguished visitor was Mr. H. V. Morton, a well-known writer, whose series of articles, 'Ghosts of London,' is just now exciting a great deal of interest among readers of the 'Daily Herald,' and who was looking for ghosts among the College Youths. He was accompanied by Mrs. Morton, and several lady members of the Exercise were also present.

In a very happy speech during an interval in the ringing, the Master explained that at the last meeting of the society a small committee was formed, consisting of Mr. Cockerill, Mr. Roughton and himself, to organise among the members of the society a presentation to their very good and dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. There had been a wonderful response to the committee's proposal, and he hoped that what had been procured would meet with the members' approval. Mr. Hughes had been Master of the society on no fewer than four occasions, and very difficult years they were. He had also been treasurer for something like 20 years, and, practically, they might say, the name of Hughes had been written large across the pages of that Ancient Society's script for the past 60 years. As for Mrs. Hughes, in her own charming and gracious manner she had been an equally good friend to the society. They thought of her most, perhaps, on account of the enrichment she invariably brought to the programme at their annual dinners, but to mention that would be only to begin to mention the debt they owed to Mrs. Hughes.

Having reminded the company present that, as they were met for that little ceremony in the belfry of the Cathedral, where there was more room than at headquarters, they could not give such a demonstration of their affection as they might under other circumstances, he asked Mr. and Mrs. Hughes to accept a silver salver in the name of every member of the society (hear, hear). He asked them to accept it with their best wishes. He congratulated them not only upon 25 years of married life, but of really happy married life (hear, hear). He trusted that God's richest blessing would remain with them, and if some of those present were permitted to rejoice with them on the completion of a further 25 years, they would, indeed, be very pleased (hear, hear).

After Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had jointly received the salver, Mr. Cockerill handed to Mrs. Hughes a silver brooch mounted with a stone, and to Mr. Hughes a silver pencil case.

Mr. Roughton then presented them with a parchment bound brochure containing the names of the subscribers. This neatly executed booklet contained on the title page the name of the society and an illustration of its 'mace.'

These gifts were also accompanied by expressions of congratulation and good wishes.

Mr. Hughes, who had been unaware of what was in store when he entered the belfry, in acknowledging the gifts, said it was impossible for him to find words to express what he really felt. He could only say, 'Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.' Had he known of this conspiracy they would have had a job to get him there that night (laughter). What he had done for the society had been, as they knew, because of his love for it. It was his heartfelt desire to see its ancient integrity maintained (hear, hear).

Mrs. Hughes also made a graceful little speech. 'I would very much like,' she said, 'to add my word of thanks for this marvellous presentation. Not only do I thank you for these magnificent gifts, but I do thank you for what we value most, the wealth of affection and warmheartedness you have shown us. I join my husband in saying, "Thank you very much"' (hear, hear).

The handsome salver was engraved with the following inscription, the signatures being in fascimile:—

The Ancient Society of College Youths.
Presented to
MR. and MRS. A. A. HUGHES
On the occasion of their Silver Wedding,
26th January, 1935.
Edward P. Duffield, Master. William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary.

Subsequently, at the conclusion of the customary business meeting of the society at headquarters ('The Coffee Pot'), the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes was enthusiastically drunk, on the call of the Master,

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THE LATE MR. JAMES COTTERELL.

AN APPRECIATION.

Probably for more than a decade no announcement has caused more deep regret to the members of the Yorkshire Association than the news received at the annual meeting, held at Doncaster, on January 26th, of the passing of the highly esteemed treasurer, Mr. James Cotterell, on that date.

Born at Bradford, the deceased was left an orphan at an early age, and was brought up by a kindly uncle and aunt at Bradford. He showed in early life a keen interest in ringing, to which art he was introduced by his old friend, Mr. W. Cundale, of Bradford. There was at that time an excellent band, under the leadership of the late Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, who were famed for their striking, and, as was common in those days, talked of and rang nothing else but Treble Bob, for ringing of which method the county became so famous. Mr. Cotterell rapidly became one of the best known ringers in the county, both as an excellent method ringer and a fine striker.

Business called him to Halifax, and there he remained until 1921, when he again took up residence in Bradford, where he became the mainstay of the Cathedral band. He rang 239 peals for the Yorkshire Association, his last peal being a handbell peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mrs. Cotterell, on Tuesday, January 15th.

In 1906 Mr. Cotterell succeeded the late Mr. W. Stainthorpe as treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, an office he retained until his death. He was presented with a gold watch by the members as a mark of esteem on completing 25 years in that office.

Visiting ringers will long remember the hospitable reception accorded to them by Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell, and his long and sustained interest in the affairs of the Yorkshire Association will ever remain a grateful memory with his fellow-officers, while his kindly manner with learners, his sincerity as a friend, his devotion as husband, and as a gifted adviser, will long be remembered by all who were privileged to meet him.

This short appreciation is a slight acknowledgment of much advice and kindly interest extended to the writer in a period of nearly 40 years, and the living friendship has been broken in the only possible way. R.I.P. P.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The fifth annual general meeting of the St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society was held in the Cathedral belfry. The Provost occupied the chair and there was a good attendance. The captain (Mr. Sargent) and vice-captain (Mr. W. Pickett) were re-elected. The hon. secretary is Mr. E. H. Leaver, 64, Grant Street, Glasgow, C.3.

After the meeting Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

A YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

The band at St. Mary's Church, Highley, Kidderminster, which was formed a year ago, have just rung their second 720 of Grandsire Doubles. All the ringers have been taught within the last twelve months with the exception of the conductor, who is also the captain. The 720, which was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. O. Beddard, J.P., was rung by E. Howe 1, J. Davies 2, E. Brown (conductor) 3, W. Turner 4, W. B. Unitt 5, J. Blount 6.

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who renewed the good wishes of the company for their future health, long life and prosperity.

Mr. Hughes again expressed sincere appreciation of the extraordinary kindness shown to his wife and himself. He hoped all the members present would long be spared to work together for the honour and glory of the old society.

Mrs. Hughes said she would like to second what her husband had said and to thank the Master for his kind words.

Afterwards a vote of thanks to the committee was passed on the motion of Mr. Challis Winney, seconded by Mr. Tom Hibbert. The latter, in characteristic mood, alluded to the many happy hours he had spent with the society—some of the happiest of his life—and to the hospitality which ringers always experienced at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

Earlier in the meeting the Master extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the society to the many visitors, and specially mentioned Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who had recently returned from the tour in Australia, and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Morton. Mr. Morton, he said, was looking for more of London's ghosts, about which he was writing a series of articles. Although in the past journalists had been inclined to poke fun at ringers, he thought they could look forward with pleasure to the way in which Mr. Morton would deal with that old society and its activities.

Mr. Goldsmith acknowledged the cordial reception accorded to the visitors, and, acceding to the request of the Master, spoke for a few minutes on some of the aspects of the Australian tour.

Mr. Morton, who also replied, said the ghosts of the College Youths appeared to be very substantial ones (laughter). Links with London's past were fast disappearing, but when he saw Mr. Hughes in his shirt sleeves ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral and remembered that his bell foundry was started in the days of Queen Elizabeth, he could not help thinking that there, at least, was continuity, if ever there was. It was a great privilege to meet the College Youths in the romance of their Ancient Society (applause).

A LONDON SOCIETY.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD'S GOOD WORK.

Founded by the late Mr. W. E. Garrard in 1896, St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, continues to flourish, and the bells at this celebrated church are regularly rung for the Sunday services. Although the conditions which have sprung up round the church have made even occasional peals out of the question in recent years, the Guild spirit has been maintained, and, numerically, it continues as strong as ever, under the leadership of Mr. W. H. Judd, who was one of Mr. Garrard's earliest pupils, and succeeded him as captain of the company.

St. Mary Abbot's original peal of bells was a ring of eight, cast in 1772 by Thomas Janaway, whose bell foundry in Chelsea, carried on from about 1763 to 1785, began and ended with him. In 1869 the old church was pulled down and with it the steeple. The present building was completed in 1879, when the bells were increased to ten by the addition of a treble and tenor and the recasting of two of the old bells by Warner and Co. The first peal—Bob Major—on the old bells was rung in 1773 by the Cumberland Youths, who also rang the last peal in the old tower in 1869 and the first in the new steeple in 1882, the latter being a peal of Stedman Caters conducted by John Cox. Numerous peal boards in the tower record past performances, including a peal of Grandsire Triples by the London Society in 1774, 'the first whole peal rung on these bells,' and the 60 course ends of Oxford Treble Bob Major (6,720 changes) by the College Youths in 1791, conducted by James Bartlett.

Last Saturday evening, St. Mary Abbot's Guild held their annual dinner at Slater's Restaurant, Knightsbridge, when a company numbering about 30 members and friends, under the chairmanship of the Vicar (Canon E. Brook-Jackson), spent a pleasant evening together. Among the company were the Rev. C. P. Cowley (chaplain of the Guild), Mr. H. C. Haldane (churchwarden), Mr. A. B. Bennett (treasurer), Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), Mrs. F. Humphreys, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, etc.

OLD RINGERS DID NOT OUTRAGE PUBLIC OPINION.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, Mr. Daniell proposed 'The Church' in an interesting speech. The connection between ringing and the Church, he said, had always been very intimate, and, had the clergy used their rights and shut their towers against its practice, there would have been no change ringing. In the old days the churches were kept in repair by compulsory church rates made by the Vestry. When these were abolished there were many who were afraid the church buildings would fall about their ears, but instead the clergy and laity took a fresh interest in their churches and the fabric had become an object of greater interest to a greater number of people. In the same way the parishioners took a greater interest in the towers and bells, and the ringers became churchworkers and were recognised as such. It was through the clergy of the past age that change ringing was able to develop, and it was a tribute to their old ringers that they, as a body, never outraged the public opinion of the time; had they done so they would not have been allowed to ring the bells. It was owing to the development of the good feeling between the clergy and ringers that they were able to meet as they were that night, and there was no body of men who would drink to the toast of the Church more cordially than the ringers (applause).

The Vicar, in reply, said he was glad to think the Church had been so great a help to ringers in the past, and he hoped the Church would prove to be equally generous towards ringers in the future. In Kensington they were sometimes up against little local difficulties in the matter of ringing, but the ringers had apparently very wonderfully overcome those difficulties, which had been responsible for outside criticism. This year, continued the Vicar, they would have a magnificent opportunity, and he hoped they would make the most of it, when the King's Silver Jubilee arrived. He hoped the bells of St. Mary Abbot's would ring out a really memorable peal. They could start at whatever time they liked in the morning and go on until any time the next day (laughter and applause).

CHURCHWARDEN JOINS RINGERS.

Mr. Churchwarden Haldane submitted the toast of 'St. Mary Abbot's Guild,' and said he was pleased to be among ringers again. Before the war he used to ring regularly at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and made a great many friends among ringers. Now he had been able to begin again, he hoped to make many friends among the ringers at St. Mary's. Everyone connected with St. Mary Abbot's must be very proud of the bellringers (applause). They had a splendid band and amongst them were some of the finest ringers in London. He had to couple with the toast the name of their old friend, Mr. Judd, who did so much for the Guild. He was always first in the tower and the last to leave. He wished specially to thank Mr. Judd and the other ringers who had shown so much patience with him in his effort to try and recover such ringing as he knew years ago (applause).

Mr. Judd, who responded to the toast, said they were very pleased to have Mr. Haldane among them as a ringer. It was a great advantage to have a gentleman so closely identified with the church showing an interest in their Guild. Mr. Judd thanked the members for their united support during the year. The Guild, he said, was fairly strong in numbers, but he expressed regret at the loss by death of Mr. A. E. Cutmore, a regular service ringer for a great many years, and also the loss, through continued illness, of Mr. Wood. They

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YOUNG RINGERS IN BRADFIELD DEANERY.

An increased membership, including an encouraging number of young people, was announced in the branch secretary's report presented to the annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Pangbourne on Saturday, February 2nd. A beautiful day helped to bring together a splendid attendance of members and visitors.

Some very fine touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were brought round on Pangbourne bells before the special service, conducted by the Rev. A. Browning, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D., and Canon B. Long. The Rev. A. Browning gave a very interesting and instructive address.

Forty-four members and visitors were present at tea, over which the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D. (chairman of the branch), presided, supported by the Rev. A. L. Whitfield (vice-chairman), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), the Rev. A. Browning, Canon B. Long, Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) and Mr. S. W. Palmer (branch secretary).

At the business meeting the branch secretary reported that he had received good support from all members during the last year. Membership had increased and the most encouraging feature was the number of young people who had taken up church bellringing and were most keen. Combined practices had been arranged at different towers in the branch every three weeks, and these had met with a great success. These practices will be continued.

The Rev. A. L. Whitfeld, treasurer, presented the balance sheet, which showed a good balance in hand. Financially, the branch is in a very good position.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. J. Bower, of Goring (member of the Guild Committee), who said he could not continue and wished for some younger man to take the office.—Mr. A. Webb, of Pangbourne, was duly elected.

It was decided to hold a summer meeting at Aldermaston, and the next annual meeting at Goring.

The Chairman thanked the Rector of Pangbourne for entertaining the branch, and said how very much the meeting had been enjoyed by all.—Responding, the Rector said he was pleased to welcome the branch, and hoped to meet the members there again.

Whitchurch tower was open to ringers after tea, and ringing took place at both Whitchurch and Pangbourne during the evening.

MILTON KEYNES' NEW TREBLE BELL.

On the occasion of the dedication of a new treble bell by the Bishop of Oxford to make a peal of six at Milton Keynes, about 40 members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild assembled on February 2nd. They represented the various towers in the branch, with visitors from the Bedfordshire Association, including Miss Steel, of Bedford, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. The service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by various clergy from the district, and the address was given by the Bishop of Oxford. The new bell was cast at the Loughborough Foundry, and the inscription indicates that 'This bell is the gift of the people and friends at Milton Keynes.'

The local ringers rang the bells at the dedication.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and the Rev. H. Adeane-Byard, chairman of the North Bucks Branch, congratulated Milton Keynes on the fulfilment of a long and splendid work. He was glad that the Oxford Guild had been able to assist in some small measure and hoped that the bells would be rung regularly.

The branch secretary (Mr. W. Sear) said it was a pleasure to the Guild to be able to assist financially such works as these, and hoped that other five-bell towers would, if possible, be augmented to six.

Ringing in various methods continued throughout the afternoon and evening.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual committee meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at the usual place ('Cambridge'), and a number of new faces were noticed.

The efforts of the treasurer to balance his budget in spite of an exceptionally heavy expenditure met with the approval of the meeting.

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, May 4th, and it is hoped that it will be convenient for Beaconsfield to be visited.

After tea and some handbell ringing, the party adjourned to Stoke Poges tower, where the ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise (not forgetting Double Court). Afterwards:—

He packed them all in with the greatest of ease,
That daring young man with the flying trapeze,
But we can't say if one had to sit on his knees,
As he took all our sweethearts away.

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added three new members last year in Mr. F. Skevington, Mr. C. H. Dobbie and Mr. Haldane, and Mr. E. C. Turner had joined them this year. Mr. Judd thanked the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. Cowley and Mr. Bennett for their help and encouragement, and said the members would be highly delighted to take advantage of the Vicar's request to ring for the King's Silver Jubilee (applause).

Mr. Selby proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Goldsmith responded, and interested the company with a short account of the Australian tour.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COMPOSITIONS TO BE OMITTED FROM REPORT.

On Saturday, January 26th, the members of the Midland Counties Association held their third quarterly meeting at Hinckley (more popularly known locally as 'Tin-Hat,' owing to the famous sign of that nature displayed by a bygone local tradesman). The very fine ring of eight bells at the Parish Church was kept going throughout the afternoon and evening by a much smaller gathering than had been anticipated. The weather was most unkind, the wind being piercingly cold and boisterous, with occasional sleet and snow showers. This, coupled with the fact that there was a 'cup-tie' football match at Leicester, probably kept away many who would otherwise have attended.

At the committee meeting a long discussion, in which all the committee men present joined, took place on the subject of whether peal compositions be printed in or omitted from the report. The pros and cons were freely discussed, and, on a vote being taken, it was decided not to include compositions this year owing to the extra cost involved and funds not sufficiently allowing it.

The general hon. secretary would like to stress very strongly and feelingly that if those members who are anxious to see the annual report more fully printed with details of compositions, practice nights and other matter, they should use their influence more to get the apathetic members, who so frequently allow their subscriptions to get behind or lapse altogether, to take a greater interest and pay up promptly. There would then be no cause to discuss the matter at all. Funds would amply allow of the additional printing, and the association would then pay its way without drawing on capital.

In the unfortunate absence of the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) owing to illness, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, presided over the tea and meeting. Owing to the causes mentioned above, only 32 members and friends were present. Members were very pleased to welcome Mr. R. F. Deal, of London, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, of Cambridge University Guild, and other visitors.

The Chairman said he was sure all members present would join him in wishing the president a speedy recovery, and suggested that a message of regret and sympathy be sent to him.

In the president's absence, Mr. William E. White, hon. treasurer, read the notes Mr. Taylor had sent. In these he gave a review of the peals rung during the last quarter, which were up to the average. The general hon. secretary had been very busy in this direction and had passed his 600th for the M.C.A., a total never before attained by any member. He included in this the longest ever rung of Little Canterbury Pleasure Major (6,720), and the quickest tower-bell peal, 5,040 Cambridge Minor, in one hour fifty minutes.

The members had all read with the greatest interest the great adventure of the Australian tourists, and he wished to put on record the M.C.A.'s appreciation of that effort. He trusted that the seed sown in that far off portion of our great Empire would bear fruit, and that they would see their friends 'down under' ringing peals regularly, and bells generally more used and appreciated than ever before.—The members present were all unanimous in this and asked the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and other members of the expedition to accept their best thanks and good wishes.

New members proposed since the last quarterly meeting, viz.: 15 ringing, 3 honorary, 1 life, 9 rejoins, were duly elected.

The question of the inclusion or omission of peal compositions in the annual report was freely discussed, but as the committee had already gone into the matter most thoroughly and decided that in this coming report they should be omitted, the matter was postponed.

Mr. Colin Harrison and Mr. J. H. Dean were elected to audit the treasurer's balance sheet.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the local committee for splendid arrangements made, and the ladies for catering, were passed.

Members then adjourned for more ringing at the Parish Church, and, for those who wished to go, the nearby Burbage bells were also available.

DEATH OF A CHESHIRE RINGER.

We regret to have to record the death on February 6th of Mr. Charles Sutton, of Acton, Cheshire, at the age of 59 years. He had been a loyal ringer for 40 years at Acton Church. Mr. Sutton had been in failing health for some months, and right up to the end he spoke continuously of his bells and church. Two of his sons are ringers at Acton, and his brother, Mr. W. Sutton, is the leader at Nantwich Church.

The funeral took place at Acton Church on Saturday, February 9th, when ringers from Acton, Nantwich and Crewe were present. While the funeral was approaching the church, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand 59 times to represent the deceased's years, as the coffin was carried into the church.

A very impressive service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Herbert Moore), and after the singing of the hymn, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul,' the organist played the Dead March in 'Saul.'

Mr. Sutton was laid to rest in the churchyard alongside the belfry door.

After the service several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Mr. Sutton had been a most loyal member of the Crewe branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild for many yars.

DEATH OF MR EDWARD A. HERN.

A NORTH SHIELDS STALWART.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Edward A. Hern, of North Shields, on Thursday, January 24th, at the age of 54 years, somewhat suddenly after a long illness due to heart trouble. He was a most enthusiastic ringer, and, being a son and pupil of one of the finest ringers in the North, Mr. Joel Hern, he soon became one of the standards in North Shields belfry. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1899, and held the rank of vice-president for three years (from 1929 onwards), as did his father before him and also his uncle, Mr. Johnson Hern, of Hurworth-on-Tees. The latter was one of the two original vice-presidents of the association (1877), but he eventually went to Reading, where he was a leading change ringer and licensed victualler until his death some ten years ago.

'Eddie,' as he was affectionately called by his pals, was an excellent striker and a safe conductor. He rang in 144 peals for the association, conducting 31 of them, and they ranged from Minor and Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques. He was a good safe man always in a peal.

During the war Mr. Hern served with the 9th Northumberland Fusiliers and was badly wounded. His passing is a great grief and an equally great loss to the association, and more particularly to his own belfry, where his successor will have a difficult task to follow in the wake of so capable a ringer and conductor.

He was buried in Preston Cemetery, North Shields, on Monday, January 28th, six of his brother ringers acting as pall bearers. The service was taken by Canon C. Milner, the Vicar of Christ Church, and was attended by a goodly number of ringing and other friends. His own band rang a course of Stedman Doubles over the grave on handbells, Stedman being his favourite method.

Unfortunately, Council business prevented the president, Mr. Arthur Payne, J.P., being present, but he was represented by Mr. C. L. Routledge, the editorial secretary of the association. The secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, of Sunderland, was also present, and a wreath was laid on the grave in loving memory of a good and distinguished companion. Nearly all the North Shields ringers attended, headed by Mr. J. E. Scott, and were supported by Messrs. W. L. Gofton (Whitley Bay), Adam Dean (Gosforth), William Sheraton (Chester-le-Street and Houghton), G. R. Holmes (Tynemouth) and many others of both sexes.

Mr. Hern's fellow-ringers rang 1,008 Stedman Triples on the Parish Church bells on the previous day muffled, and Canon Milner made very touching reference to 'Eddie's' kindly and sterling worth as a man and a ringer.

On the night of the interment a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung muffled by T. Burns 1, J. Scott 2, A. Cook 3, J. L. Gray 4, R. M. Gray 5, M. Livesley 6, J. E. Scott (conductor) 7, R. A. Skeoch 8.

At St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on Monday, January 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled: W. L. Gofton 1, R. Alder Gofton 2, G. R. Holmes 3, G. Johnson 4, S. W. Stratford 5, R. S. Stratford 6, R. A. Gofton (conductor) 7, W. Parker 8.

May we have many more like Eddie Hern in our association.

C. L. R.

A HERTFORDSHIRE APPEAL.

FUNDS WANTED FOR ASPENDEN BELLS.

The bells of St. Mary's, Aspenden, near Buntingford, having been silent for a long time, the Rector and ringers are trying to raise funds to have them put in repair. An appeal is therefore made through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to ringers throughout the country for donations, however small, to enable the work of rehanging the peal of eight in a new frame to be carried out. Contributions can be sent to the Rev. R. D. Fear, Aspenden Rectory, Buntingford, or to the secretary, Mr. G. Smith, 14, Sunny Hill, Buntingford, Herts.

LATE NOTICES.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting in Clergy House at 6 p.m. Will all members make own arrangements for tea? Plenty of cafes near the church.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Quorn Church on Saturday, February 23rd. The bells (8), which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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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. Magnus' on the 21st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Sat., February 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Meeting to follow. All welcome.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6.30 p.m. St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Cathedral (10) will be available from 4 to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Look up Stedman and come along, whether you can manage it or not. All welcome. Subscriptions due, reports ready.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, February 16th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available in the afternoon. Service at S. Nicolas' 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at Ayers' Cafe (next S. Nicolas' Church) at 5.30 p.m. Merrow bells available (if required) in the evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 16th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, February 16th, the annual meeting will be held at Baldock. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. There are a number of subscriptions still outstanding, and I should be pleased to get them in at this meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—WANTED, 50 ringers to attend annual meeting to be held at Leominster Priory Church on February 16th. A splendid peal of 10 bells, available 3 p.m. Service in the church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Church Institute 6 p.m. All are welcome.—R. J. Jones, Dis. Sec., Old Priory, Leominster.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Bickenhill, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided, 1s. a head. Frequent bus services from Coventry and Birmingham.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Finchingfield on Saturday, February 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, February 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. It is hoped a good number will try and attend, as it is the first meeting to be held at Meppershall. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16th, at Wolborough, Newton Abbot. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held jointly with Rossendale at the Parish Church, Bury, on Saturday, February 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Tea, at very moderate cost, can be obtained nearby. Will members please make an effort to attend?—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, February 16th. The bells of St. Mary's (6) will be available. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Dujon Cafe. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Stansted on Wednesday, February 20th, at 3 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Christchurch on Wednesday, February 20th, at 6.30 p.m. A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. If possible, the bells of St. Peter's will be available from 6.45 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Yorktown, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 20th.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in school at 6 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells and good company.—P. Crook and W. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A by-meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Church Council, only for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 20th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. Please send names or numbers for tea.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 20th.—Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 1s., with business meeting afterwards at the Institute. Pease send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by February 20th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Those requiring tea should 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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on February 23rd. Tea in the Temperance Hotel at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 23rd. City bells (6, 8 and 10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 20th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at Harlow Common. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea free to those who send notice before Friday, 22nd.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (eight bells), on Saturday, February 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Subscriptions are now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Members' subscriptions for 1935 are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify Cecil C. Dilnot, 3, Kent Street, Whitstable, before Thursday, February 21st.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Laxton on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) open from 2.30 p.m. Please notify the hon. secretary by February 20th if you require tea. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Business meeting in tower at 6 o'clock.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 20th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. Will all members requiring tea please notify Mr. Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by February 20th?—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 20th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30, with unveiling of peal board. Tea to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 23rd. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 2.30, and tea in Mission Hall at 5. Please drop postcard for tea. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Monday, February 25th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 47th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's Church (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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd (not on the 16th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by February 28th, for same. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due. The annual report available. A good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of Lincoln and Grimsby Districts will be held at Walesby, near Market Rasen, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells recently restored and increased from three to eight, rehung in new frame, etc., available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. except during service. (Special bus from Lincoln will be chartered if sufficient names sent in to H. Marcon.) Names for tea prompt by Monday previous to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, and H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secretaries.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 117th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open at 12 noon. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Saintbury, on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged and provision will be made for those only who notify me not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on March 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by February 23rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Llandilo. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 26th certain?—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 2nd, when all ringers are invited to try the recently restored 10 bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the afternoon a committee meeting will be held in the vestry. No branch meeting, but subscriptions welcomed; reports to hand.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m. Other details to follow.—W. H. Harris, Branch Secretary, 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

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*FRED PRICE...	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. CHESTER	5
THOMAS HURD	2	RICHARD T. HOLDING... ...	6
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...	3	WILLIAM P. DEANE	7
*REGINALD W. CHESTERS...	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal and first attempt.

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CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ...	5
CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER	2	REGINALD CHANCE	6
JOHN BASS	3	WALTER FARLEY...	7
*FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ...	4	JOHN GOODMAN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*WALTER ELSEY... ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM STEGGALL	5
FREDERICK ROPER	2	DAVID WHITING	6
GEORGE ARCHER	3	CLEMENT J. MORE	7
WILLIAM MUSK	4	ERIC BENNETT ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.
* First peal of Major.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER PAUL ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR W. DIX	5
RICHARD G. BELL	2	STEPHEN H. HOARE	6
CHARLES N. LEMAN	3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. L. Evan Hopkins, newly-appointed lecturer at this church.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*ERNEST G. FLETCHER ...*Treble*		VICTOR G. H. HEMUS	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
JOHN F. ATKINS	3	WILLIAM B. CARTWIGHT ...	7
JOHN MARSHALL...	4	KENNETH J. DAVIS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS ... ...*Treble*		*JOHN W. EUSTON	5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	2	JOSEPH MARKS	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
JAMES E. DAVIS	4	CHARLES DAVIS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Triples.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*BENJAMIN COPPING ... ...*Treble*		ISAAC CAVILL	5
FRED WHITBY	2	†EDWARD ROCHESTER... ...	6
STANLEY CLARK...	3	WILLIAM MORRIS	7
LEWIS CORDELL...	4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. WHEELER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Clark and Mr. G. Dent, both churchwardens at the above church. Mr. Dent is also the esteemed captain of the local ringers.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MISS I. B. THOMPSON... ...*Treble*		FRANK BRADLEY	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
SAMUEL PINDER	3	JOHN E. HOBBS	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ...	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. E. White, wife of the vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, and to Ronald Salter, a member of St. Peter's company.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.
First peal in the method and rung at the first attempt.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...*Treble*		GEORGE M. RASBROOK ...	5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
BERNARD W. PETTITT ...	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled' this tower.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HORACE HINGLEY ... ...*Treble*		DAVID HINGLEY	5
GEORGE BUTLER	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
GEORGE MEATH	3	BERT HORTON	7
J. DENNIS HOLDING	4	HOWARD HOWELL ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BERT HORTON.
First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the 4th. It was in this tower in March, 1891, that the first peal of Darlaston Bob ever rung was conducted by the composer.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	...*Treble*	EDWARD S. T. FARR	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	GEORGE GILBERT...	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FRANK CORKE	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method, which is the production of Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, and is a compound of Leatherhead Surprise and Superlative Surprise. The composition was also arranged by Mr. Driver, who, however, does not wish to claim it.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ...	...*Treble*	WALTER R. FARROW	5
RUSSELL W. CURSON	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

First 'touch' in the method by ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th and 6th.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Treble*	L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ...	5
LUCY M. KELLY	2	REGINALD PAYNE	6
FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	3	*DORICK TURNER...	7
JAMES H. HAYWOOD	4	LESLIE HAYWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE HAYWOOD.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935 in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES GROUNDS	...*Treble*	NORMAN BROWN...	5
FRED HINDLE	2	JOHN BOOTH	6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
JOHN BROWN...	4	*ISAAC WHALLEY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HEALEY	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of London Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM HEAD...	5
BERTRAM H. HEAD	2	WILFRED OVERTON	6
JOHN ELCOCK	3	HORACE W. OVERTON ...	7
WILLIAM HEAD	4	*WALTER FOWERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Overton, foreman ringer of St. Leonard's, and Ringing Master of Bridgnorth District of Hereford Guild, who attained his 84th birthday on February 15th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WALTER MARTIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. GROOM	5
FRANK RUFFLES...	2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	6
WALTER RUFFLES	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
*JOHN FORD	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*S. R. S. DEARLE ...	...*Treble*	NORMAN HOBDEN...	5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
*A. J. ADAMS	3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN... ...	7
JOHN HOBDEN	4	EDWIN T. WOOLLOFF ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal and only 14½ and 13½ years respectively.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CLAUDE WOODWARD ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST KIMM	4
HERBERT W. SHEMMING ...	2	HAROLD HARPER	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL... ...	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, February 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM	...*Treble*	PERCY L. JOHNSON	4
*LEWIS J. BATLEY	2	GEORGE FILBY	5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in five methods.

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AMERSHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich, London and Cambridge, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED ELBURN	...*Treble*	LESLIE J. BETTS	4
FREDERICK J. BOLTON ...	2	WILFRED EDWARDS	5
EDWARD C. AYRES	3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all and rung at the first attempt. All are members of the local band except the 2nd ringer, to whom great credit is due, as he had not previously rung two of the methods.

EXTON, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Single Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob differently called. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN R. NICHOLS ...	...*Treble*	C. ARTHUR MANNING	4
PERCY AMOS	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ALBERT L. WARD	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

Specially arranged for treble ringer, author of 'Bells through the Ages,' and fifth ringer, author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' The 200th tower in which Mr. Ernest Morris has rung peals of 5,000 and over.

CADOXTON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*ALBERT J. DAVIES ...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. BLOXHAM	4
*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS... ...	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ALBERT DEVONALD	3	EDWARD PHILLIPS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

JAMES WATTS	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. CHUBB	4
SIDNEY WYBURN	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
HENRY W. LLOYD	3	ALBERT J. STEVENS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

First peal of Minor in three methods by all the band.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK H. HICKS ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
JOSEPH HART, SEN.	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
GEORGE WIGGINS	3	*ARTHUR J. HART, JUN.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the 2nd. First peal as conductor and rung at the first attempt. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of this church (the Rev. A. C. D. Ryder), who is 87 years of age. F. H. Hicks is from Rotherfield.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On February 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: W. S. Smith 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, G. W. T. Briggs (first quarter-peal) 3, L. Greenhow 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, C. Pothecary 6, W. H. Joiner 7, F. G. Cole 8.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN E. MERRIOTT ...	...*Treble*	‡ARTHUR J. CALLOW	3
†H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4

PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells. Specially arranged for the treble man.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG	...*Treble*	†GEORGE BURRELL	4
*MISS LOIS M. NEAL	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ...	5
CYRIL R. BURRELL	3	HAROLD BARSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS ALICE VARLEY ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM BARWELL	4
*CHARLES HUTCHINSON ...	2	*WILLIAM DAWSON	5
CHARLES GEARY	3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ...	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON...	5-6
JOHN AMBLER	3-4	GEORGE AMBLER	7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 15 in C.

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	JOHN B. WOOLLEY	7-8

*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN A. C. ABSON...	1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3-4	*MISS M. REDPATH	7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire—E. Barnett.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt. 100th peal as conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	FREDERICK PAGE	7-8
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	3-4	HAROLD JACKSON	9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY...	5-6	PETER LAFLIN	11-12

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT 18, GLISSON ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn)	1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	5-6
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity)	3-4	*R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn)	7-8

Composed by G. H. BREVOR. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

RINGERS' SERVICES APPRECIATED.

AN EXETER EXAMPLE.

Exeter Cathedral authorities and ringers are fortunate in having friends like Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Thomas, of Coaver. The former augmented the famous ring from 10 to 12 bells about 10 years ago, and entertained the band, Cathedral dignitaries and leading citizens to dinner when the dedication and opening took place. On Saturday, February 2nd, the new Dean of Exeter (Dr. S. C. Carpenter) was installed with ancient ceremonial, and the ringers gave their services for the purpose of welcoming him on the bells. This brought appreciation from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in the form of a dinner and whist drive at the chief cafe in the city, where a company of 17 had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Nothing was lacking in creature comforts, and the supplies of tobacco and cigarettes enabled the reputation of ringers for smoking capacity to be well and truly sustained. It goes without saying that as trenchermen the ringers upheld West Country traditions for heartiness.

There was a short toast list, headed by 'The King,' and followed by the health of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, which was proposed by Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary of the Cathedral band and also of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), who alluded to the generous hospitality shown on this occasion as well as previously; to the great satisfaction afforded by having the work of ringers recognised by leading citizens, and to the opportunity provided for social intercourse.

The toast was supported by Mr. C. Glass (chairman of Exeter District Branch of the Guild), who expressed a wish that there would be similar gatherings in the future. Musical honours and 'three times three' were accorded the toast.

Mr. A. W. Searle (past chairman of the district), who presided on behalf of the host and hostess, read the following letter from Mr. Thomas: 'Will you kindly convey to the ringers my thanks for ringing in the new Dean this afternoon. All parishes that have bells usually offer welcomes through them on corresponding occasions, and I am glad to think that the Mother Church of the Diocese has done so this afternoon. Will you excuse me this evening and express my hope that all will have a pleasant time.'

Mr. Searle referred to the keen interest that had been taken in bells and ringers by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for many years; to their readiness and heartiness in promoting and recognising good work, whether for the church or for charity; and to the spontaneity with which they had come forward in this instance (applause). He could not commit Mr. and Mrs. Thomas to any prospective undertaking, but was sure suggestions about an annual gathering would receive favourable consideration. Such a gathering would be particularly acceptable in connection with the Cathedral band, which was built up by representatives from four different societies in the city; co-operation would be encouraged and the best means of ensuring progress be facilitated (renewed applause).

The health of the new Dean and of the Chapter was given from the chair and acknowledged by Mr. Cox, from the Chapter Clerk's Office. References were made to the happy relations existing between the ringers and the Cathedral authorities.

The choice of 'ladies' to partner gentlemen at whist resulted in some Falstaffian rather than angelic examples. A 'lady' (Mr. R. Wilmington, Heavitree band) carried off first prize (a dainty clock in wooden case); a representative of the sterner sex (Mr. Searle, St. David's), three points behind, secured second prize (a cake dish with silver-plated stand); while the mystery prizes (ash container shaped as a bell and a midget teddy bear) became the treasured possessions of Mr. T. G. Bartlett (St. Sidwell's). Gramophone records of bells, vocalists, musical comedy, etc., provided plenty of music.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A RINGER'S STRIKING SERMON.

'For the bells themselves are the best of preachers;
Their brazen lips are learned teachers,
From their pulpits of stone, in the upper air,
Sounding aloft, without crack or flaw,
Shriller than trumpets under the law,
Now a sermon, and now a prayer.'

This extract from Longfellow's poem, 'The Golden Legend,' formed the text on which the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis, based an exceptionally interesting address at St. Clement Danes Church, Strand, London, on Saturday, February 9th, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced in the afternoon at 2.15 p.m. at the Church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, where Mr. H. Mance, the Master of the Southern District, took charge. At the same time Bow Bells were set going under the supervision of Mr. J. Waugh, Master of the Northern District. Unfortunately, in the former tower, after 45 minutes' ringing, the 7th bell rope broke. This resulted in a sudden rush for hats and coats and a dash down the stairs to St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Many had looked forward to this opportunity of a touch on the new peal, and were very well satisfied with the going of the bells. From 3.15 until 4.15 p.m. the bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, rang unceasingly. Many were the methods, and, although the tower was packed with ringers, no better music, we are told, had ever before left the louvres of this famous church.

The service in the church was an inspiring one, a choir and organist being in attendance, and between 80 and 100 in the congregation.

Mr. A. H. Keighley read the first lesson and Mr. E. Alex Young the second.

THE PERFECT PEAL AND TRUE SERVICE.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, in a striking sermon, said if they had developed change ringing as a purely secular art, their progress would have been very small indeed. Their progress had always been through their relation with the Church. The highest use that could be made of their bells was to call Christians together to worship their God and Saviour. Their challenge must be clear and strong; their music must be beautiful and appealing. Alas! it was not always so, because somehow or other there were sometimes poor bells in a ring. There was no excuse to-day for founding a poor bell, and no parish should be satisfied until they had the best possible bells, and no ringer should be satisfied until every effort had been made by him and others to have the very best that was possible at the end of the ropes. It did seem a pity to keep one or two poor bells in a ring for mere sentimental reasons, or on account of their age. He would be the last to advocate the destruction of anything of antiquarian value. Let them keep their pre-Reformation and ancient bells by all means, but if they were not entirely in tune, if they were not so beautiful as others in the ring, let them keep them apart. The perfect bell was symbolical of the perfection of our Lord and Master, but a poor, weak-sounding bell was symbolical of a weak character, out of tune with Christian discipline. Would any man be content to leave such a character unhelped toward improvement? Let ringers, therefore, make every effort to see that their rings, as a whole, were beautiful. Moreover, they did not want a ringer who was out of true harmony in the belfry and church life in the parish, or one who was a hindrance to the progress of those who were anxious to press on.

The preacher went on to impress upon his hearers the importance of using their best gifts in the service of the church, by punctual attendance and striving for perfect striking. 'Are we,' he asked, 'using our gifts and privileges to please ourselves only, because if we are we do not preach service, but we preach selfishness, and our art is brought into disrepute?' Let them, he continued, rise above pettiness, remembering that the bells depended upon the ringers to move them into voice. It was not true to say that any work that came into the category of service could be substituted for personal worship in God's house and before His altar. If a ringer was devoted to his art, he should be devoted to his God, Who had given him his gifts and privileges. In conclusion, the preacher urged the necessity of a submissive will which enabled one to accept correction in ringing without resentment. That submissive will, he said, was the basis of a spirit in tune with the spirit of perfect service.

YOUNG BAND WIN DAWE CUP.

The party afterwards adjourned to the nearby Perdy's Restaurant and thoroughly enjoyed an excellent tea, cigarettes, two or three touches of handbells and then another happy hour with 'the bells of St. Clemen's.'

The annual meeting was held in the Parish House. After the ordinary business had been attended to, there took place one of those happy, if stormy, debates which seem to make association meetings most interesting, and this year it was the old die-hard 'Joe' who 'took the cake' for his humour.

The year's report was most satisfactory. There was, it stated, an increase of funds, 18 new members were elected and 11 peals rung.

The officers for 1935 were elected as follows: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. general secretary, Mr. Charles O. Moore; first assistant secretary, Mr. Harding; second assistant secretary, Mr. F. Hawthorne; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; trustees, Messrs. F. E. Dawe

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LARGE GATHERING AT EDENBRIDGE.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Edenbridge on Saturday, February 2nd. Fifty members from in and out of the district were present. The special service was conducted by the Rev. E. L. M. Allen (Vicar), the lesson being read by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, of Shipbourne. At the business meeting Tunbridge Wells was selected for the next meeting place in May. On the proposition of the chairman, a telegram of best wishes for a speedy recovery was sent to Mr. W. Latter, the late district secretary.

Four new practising members were elected, and one honorary member was added to the roll.

The district secretary had his usual quarterly 'grouse.' He said that it was high time the Tonbridge District rang a few more peals with members of the district, and, though he was an advocate of Sunday ringing being put first and foremost, he realised that peal ringing was good practice, and must tend to improve the standard of service ringing. He congratulated the Horsmonden band on their peal of seven Surprise methods in December last.

The Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, Rector of Chiddingstone, met the members for the first time, and intimated that they could be sure of a warm welcome when they came to Chiddingstone in July.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. M. Allen), to the churchwarden (Mr. Chapman), who was responsible for the tea; to the ladies, who made it their business to see that the members enjoyed it, and to Edenbridge ringers in general for the welcome that had been given. Nobody thanked Alfred for blowing the organ, though it was thought he did it very well.

During the afternoon it looked as if the Ladies' Guild had mistaken their meeting place; six of the fairer sex were present, and four of them, Miss Oakshot, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Hazelden and Miss Avenall, took the front four ropes away from the men and showed them how to ring a touch of Triples. Mrs. Mayer and Mrs. Pankhurst thought it would be too much of a good thing to join them and make a majority of ladies. Mr. Jack Steddy was present, of course, and Alfred Batten came to liven up the meeting.

The evening concluded, as the afternoon had begun, with good, bad and indifferent ringing.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Helen's, Selston, Nottingham, on Monday, January 7th, a half-peal of Minor, consisting of 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 1,080 Oxford Treble Bob, was rung by the East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Thomas Hand 1, Frank Cooke (conductor) 2, Gerard Rawson 3, Charles Cottam 4, Leslie Rawson 5, Cyril Jaques 6. First half-peal by all the band.

DEVON GUILD.

ACTIVITY OF THE PRESIDENT.

Upwards of thirty members of the North-West Branch of the Devonshire Guild on February 2nd welcomed the Rev. E. V. Cox at Peters Marland, more famed for china clay than bellringing. This tower is the twenty-fifth Mr. Cox has visited during his year of office, and to his pleasure he found that in this remote area Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were practised.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Smale, Rector, and the Rural Dean of Torrington (the Rev. B. Hallows) preached to a congregation of 60 ringers and friends. After the service tea was served by the lady friends of the church, and altogether the party spent a happy time.

Messrs. Sanguine and W. Shears were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively, and the Rev. Ravenhill, of Sutcombe, was re-elected president of the branch.

Pleasure was expressed at the satisfactory balance in hand.

The next annual meeting was fixed for Pyworthy, and it was decided that a summer meeting of the branch should be held at Derrington.

Members attended from Bridgerule, Pyworthy, Bradworthy, Sutcombe and Holsworthy, while friends came from the Plymouth and Exeter branches.

During the afternoon touches in Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were brought round. Mr. Cox and his band visited other towers in the neighbourhood and supplemented their pioneer work by getting local round ringers to stand in for courses in Grandsire. In one instance the 'local' got through 120 on the treble.

NORTH DEVON BRANCH.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the North Devon Branch, held at Ilfracombe Parish Church belfry on Tuesday, January 29th.

The Rev. R. Seymour (Combe Martin) presided, other members present including the Rev. Preb. H. M. Johnson (Ilfracombe), the Ilfracombe band and the Combe Martin band. Letters of inability to attend were read from the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) and the Rev. Evelyn Jones (Archdeacon of Barnstaple).

The financial statement showed an increase on last year.

The Rev. R. Seymour was re-elected chairman and Mr. A. H. Hayward secretary. The following were elected to serve on the General Committee: Messrs. J. Sprague and E. Hall (Ilfracombe), with Mr. J. G. S. Sanders (Combe Martin).

The Rev. R. Seymour paid a high tribute to the secretary's work during the past year.

Mr. C. Filer having left the county, his name is to be included in the list of non-resident life members.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Braunton in January, 1936.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It will interest many of our readers to know that Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to rehang the heavy ring of eight bells at South Molton Parish Church, North Devon.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Maresfield, Sussex, on February 9th, to celebrate the 87th birthday of the Rector, the Rev. A. C. D. Ryder, whom the ringers desire to thank for his kindness in providing tea for them after the peal.

The peal rung at Waltham Abbey on Saturday last was the 250th twelve-bell peal rung by Mr. G. R. Pye. No one, we believe, has rung peals in more twelve-bell towers than he has, and had he gone on the Australian tour he would have been 'one up' on all the rest.

Mr. Leonard H. Baybut, of Morden, Surrey, who is well known among London ringers, leaves for India next Wednesday, having been appointed to represent a London firm at Grinagar, Kashmir. He will travel by air to Marseilles, thence by boat to Bombay, and will complete his long journey by coach. His ringing friends in London and elsewhere will wish him every prosperity and success. He is going for an uncertain period.

There were two conductors in a peal of Treble Bob Minor at Neath last Saturday. Three 720's of Oxford were called by A. J. Pitman, and four of Kent by G. I. Lewis.

Darlaston Bob Triples, a method by the late Mr. John Carter, in which the bob is made before the treble gets to lead, is seldom rung in these days, but a peal was scored last week at Darlaston, Staffs, in the tower where the first peal in the method was rung 44 years ago.

Old Len and Bill, with right good will,
Have shared a hundred peals together;
If 'Well in' health, and both 'Still well,'
We hope they'll live to share another.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson rang their one hundredth peal together.

The K.C. has given notice to withdraw from the defence in the case of 'the Lady in Bow Belfry' incident, having learned that the POLICE are in direct opposition. The lady has now requested her husband to Deal with the matter.

The Dexter v. Police Guild boycott has been avoided, as a result of the response to the appeal. The following reply has been received to the question of 'Any further complaints?': 'No, no, a thousand times no. I'd sooner be dead than say YES.' The 'Post Bag' method is strongly recommended for dealing with any complaints of this sort.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Sharples, of Blackpool, who took part in the Australian tour and broke their homeward journey to visit their son in India, expect to reach England next Friday. They are travelling by the S.S. 'Naldera.'

PORTSEA AND RIPON.

A COINCIDENCE.

An interesting coincidence linking St. Mary's, Portsea, with Ripon Cathedral is pointed out by Mr. Edward Hudson, of the Ripon Cathedral Company and hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association.

The new bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, he reminds us, were dedicated during the incumbency of Canon Lunt on the same day in April, 1933, as the dedication of the recast peal at Ripon Cathedral. No one at that time dreamt of Canon Lunt becoming the next Bishop of Ripon. In both cases the work of bell restoration was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Ripon Cathedral bells were rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman on Wednesday, February 13th, by the local ringers in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop.

Mr. Hudson also points out an error in the note relating to the peal at Portsea, in which it was stated that the consecration of the Bishop of Ripon was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of York.

A COACHING RINGING TOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Bristol United Ringing Guilds, in response to numerous requests, propose to hold a charabanc tours week, August 12th to 17th inclusive, 1935.

The tours will be through Gloucester, Wiltshire, Somerset and Devonshire, also touching Oxfordshire. Many towers for ringing.

The programme will be entirely different to the 1932 tours. Mileage 400-500; cost of tours 36s. (inclusive of tips, etc.). A new super de luxe coach.

On one day during the week a visit will be made to inspect Messrs. Fry's chocolate factory at Somerdale and Messrs. Wills' tobacco factory at Bedminster. Will those interested please apply to me for detailed programme?

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Sec.

46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

BALLAARAT PEAL COMMEMORATED.

TABLET ERECTED IN THE TOWN HALL.

Change Ringing Begun at Darling Point.

One of the best performances of the English ringers during their visit to Australia was the peal of Stedman Triples at Ballaarat Town Hall. The peal was specially memorable as being the first of Stedman Triples rung outside the British Isles. Great local interest was shown in the ringing and there were a number of spectators all the while it was proceeding. Some of the local ringers sat in the ringing room and other members of the public were accommodated with seats in the corridor, from which the chamber opens, and were able to watch the proceedings through the doorway.

His Worship the Mayor of the City (Councillor L. Lederman) and the town clerk (Col. G. F. Morton) were the first to offer congratulations to the successful band, and promised that the achievement should be suitably recorded.

This week's mail from Australia brings news that this has been done. Writing on January 10th, Mr. Harold R. Maddern, hon. secretary of the Ballaarat Ringers' Society, who gave the English visitors a remarkably warm welcome and made their brief stay in the city most interesting and enjoyable, says: 'It is now approximately two months since your cheery party visited our city and treated us to something rare in the art of campanology. During these few weeks, time has passed very rapidly, for, with our local Centenary Celebrations, we have experienced an almost continuous round of gaiety, and this, as you know, will continue until April next. So rapidly has the time passed, in fact, that it seems difficult to fully realise that our newly-found and deeply respected friends can already be separated from us by half the world. However, despite space and time, the friendships established will continue, for, with the pealing of our bells each Sunday, memories of your visit will be preserved.'

BALLAARAT TOWN HALL,
where the first peal of Stedman Triples outside the British Isles was rung, and a board commemorating it has now been erected.

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Mr. Maddern states that the tablet 'to commemorate for all time the distinction with which the English ringers endowed the city' has now been placed in position in the belfry. It is of polished Australian Blackwood, with the following inscription in gold letters:—

CITY OF BALLAARAT.

This tablet commemorates the occasion on which the undermentioned bellringers from England rang, for the first time outside the British Isles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES,

Consisting of 5,040 changes, in 3 hours 17 minutes, as follows:

William Linter ...	...Treble	Charles Sharples	5
John S. Goldsmith ...	2	William Fussell	6
Mrs. R. Richardson ...	3	George Martin	7
Rev. E. B. James ...	4	Rupert Richardson	...Tenor

Conducted by George Martin.

Weight of Tenor, 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

13th November, 1934. L. Lederman, Mayor
George F. Morton, Town Clerk.

ACTIVITY AT DARLING POINT.

It is encouraging to hear, by the same mail, from St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, that the visit there by the English ringers has resulted in a new activity. Mr. J. A. Kearns, who, it will be remembered, stepped into the breach and rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples, when the visitors were shorthanded, although he had never covered changes before, writes: 'Your visit to St. Mark's certainly created a great interest in the art of change ringing. The majority of our ringers have shown every inclination to carry on with the work you started. We are also getting our old members back again, so that by this time next year we should have an A1 team of what you might call "change ringers." Mr. Botting, who used to ring at All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, about 23 years ago, and whom we met at St. Mary's Cathedral one night, has joined up with us. He will be a great asset to us.'

STILL RINGING AT 83.

Mr. Alfred Burgess, the veteran Basingstoke ringer, celebrated his 83rd birthday on February 16th by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung in his honour at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke: H Munday 1, E. Austin 2, F. A. Munday 3, R. Flew 4, C. W. Munday (conductor) 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Ballard 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

Mr. Burgess has rung forty or fifty peals, all of Grandsire Triples, in different towers in the neighbourhood, and he hopes to further celebrate his 83rd birthday by ringing another peal in the near future.

HANDBELL QUARTER-PEAL IN AMERICA.

PROGRESS AT KENT SCHOOL.

The steady work being done at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., by the instructor, Mr. I. J. Attwater, is beginning to bear fruit, and he and three of his pupils have recently rung the first quarter-peal on handbells in the United States. This was a 1,260 of Grandsire Triples, and was rung in 38 minutes in the chapel belfry by H. Van Rensselaur 1-2, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 3-4, A. D. Bosson 5-6, S. M. Wheelock 7-8.

Mr. Attwater lost three of his last year's band, who graduated and left the school. The autumn term of this school year was therefore taken up in getting the reorganised band from plain courses to short touches of Grandsire Triples, the longest touch being 448.

The second band of second and third form pupils are now struggling with Grandsire Doubles, and both bands, of 16 ringers all told, are slowly advancing in change ringing. One course of Caters was rung at the end of the last school year, but Mr. Attwater feels it will be unwise to start it this year till the striking of Triples becomes more regular and consistent.

The handbell band have two short practices a week, but as A. D. Bosson graduates in June next, the visions of a peal on handbells may not be realised by then, although that is the ideal they are aiming at.

Dorothy Sayers' book, 'The Nine Tailors,' has been widely read at the school and also by numerous visitors, and it has aroused a good deal of interest in the mysteries of the art, while figures and diagrams that are in the belfry have been used to explain the cryptogram to the keen visitor.

DEVON GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH MEETING AT WOLBOROUGH.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Christow, Buckfastleigh, Brixham, Paignton and Plymouth. The fine peal of bells were kept going during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples being rung. A service was later held in church, conducted by the Rector of Wolborough (the Rev. C. A. W. Russell), who gave a very delightful address. The visitors afterwards adjourned to Messrs. Thomas' Cafe for tea, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman). The report on the past year, which was adopted, showed that three meetings had been held during 1934, and that the attendances had slightly improved. Two peals had been rung in the branch, and there was a balance in hand on the year's working.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and Cockington was chosen for the next meeting, which will take place on Saturday, May 4th.

Under revised Guild rules the branch was allowed to elect three representatives to serve on the General Committee, and Messrs. C. F. Austin (Paignton), R. Whiting (Collaton) and A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) were appointed.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) suitably replied.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for his address, to the organist, and to Mr. F. Robins, the local captain.

'HAPHAZARD' SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

GUILDFORD GUILD CRITICISM.

District Secretary's Suggestions.

At the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, a plea was made that a peal attempt should be made in every tower in the district in connection with the King's Silver Jubilee. The meeting was held at Guildford and followed service in S. Nicolas' Church. The Provost (the Very Rev. E. O. Kirwan) presided, supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Mr. W. Melville (Ringing Master of the district), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guild) and Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary of the district).

The Provost extended a welcome to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; to Mr. T. Groombridge and Mr. A. Hughes (London).

The Ringing Master reported that there had been an improvement in attendance at the district meetings. A number who could ring the higher methods had been present, and they had had Surprise and other methods rung. He regretted having to resign on account of pressure of business, and appealed for the same loyalty towards his successor. Ten peals had been rung in the district during the year. There was only one ringer at Godalming who scored his first peal during the year.—The report was adopted.

Mr. R. Whittington proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Melville for his services. He came at a time when they were very hard up for a ringing master, and he had proved his worth (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith endorsed this view, and mentioned the trouble Mr. Melville had taken in training young ringers and the energy and enthusiasm he had displayed. Commenting on the report, Mr. Goldsmith said there were 23 towers in the district, and only four where a peal had been rung. There ought to be many more towers where peals were rung, and as that year was the year of the King's Silver Jubilee, he hoped that there would be a peal rung in every tower in the district.

Mr. C. E. Smith: I think the difficulty is getting the bells.

The Provost: The Jubilee year will give an occasion.

GUILD GRATEFUL TO 'STEADY PLODDERS.'

The hon. secretary, in his report, said the district had a membership of 168 ringing members, an increase of two, and their honorary members totalled 18, against 21 who paid in 1933. He appealed to tower secretaries to do their best to increase the number of honorary members. The average attendance at district meetings showed an increase, and there was an average per meeting of 61 per cent. of the members. Their accounts showed that their balance was growing steadily, but for the next few years at any rate they must be very careful with the district funds and try to keep each year's expenses below the income, thus gradually building up a balance, out of which, in course of time, they would be able to make more substantial grants towards improvements and restorations.

As they knew, there was a proposal coming before the Guild's annual meeting to start a benevolent fund, and he proposed that if the fund was started the district should vote two guineas. There seemed to be a little confusion as to the principle to be followed in regard to distributions from the proposed fund. It was never intended that it should be worked in the same way as a benefit scheme of a friendly society. The idea of the scheme was that assistance could be given to members in need of help through prolonged illness.

Last year he made an appeal for a greater endeavour to be made to help members to score their first peal. Only three attempts were made in that direction, at Shere (2) and Chiddingfold. He was disappointed in the interest in the scheme, not only by the rank and file, but also by the leading ringers. He mentioned the good work Mr. Pulling was doing in training a number of Albury boys. No boys could have a better start on their ringing career. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, but there was still room for improvement.

It was evident that although they might not have many progressive bands in the district, they had throughout the area a number of steady plodders who were quietly keeping Sunday service ringing going, and the Guild was extremely grateful to them.

MORE ORGANISATION WANTED.

The combined practice scheme had failed, continued the hon. secretary, not because the conveners made no effort to arrange them, but because members generally required too much driving and showed little desire to make progress. He felt there were in the district too many ringers who were content to be fairly regular in their attendance for service ringing and practice, but who were content also to ring the same old method, and that often indifferently, Sunday after Sunday, and who, on the top of this, were always ready to give any trifling thing priority over ringing. It had occurred to him that service ringing was often too haphazard, depending too much upon chance as to who was going to turn up and who was going to stay away. A little organisation would save a lot of wasted time and disappointment. Did they not think that in their Sunday service ringing during the coming year they could go just one better than last year. If they did not ring on Sunday mornings, make a determined effort to get a band together once a month or even once a quarter. Do not always leave fixing the method until they got to

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

YOUTH IN FORCE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The large number of young ringers present was a very encouraging feature of the annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th. Shoreditch tower was opened at 2.30 p.m., and a company of about 40 kept the bells going until 4 p.m. at this church. The methods rung were Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, also rounds for the beginners, and special mention must be made of the way in which Mr. G. Gilbert's boys rang their first rounds on twelve bells. St. Martin's tower was opened at 4 o'clock and a large company assembled here and were later joined by the party from Shoreditch, which completely filled the belfry. Stedman Cinques and rounds for the beginners were rung and a move was then made to the canteen for tea, where a company of 78 sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by the Vicar and Church Council, to which ample justice was done, and where the company were joined by the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormack) and the Vicar of Shoreditch (the Rev. H. L. Pelly).

Tea being over, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, Miss Magniac and her assistants for their work was accorded.

A move was then made to the Vestry Hall for the business meeting. The treasurer (Mr. G. W. Steere) read the balance sheet, which was adopted as very satisfactory, showing a balance on the right side.

The secretary (Mr. G. A. Card), in his report, said records had been made during the year, but the record that concerned the society more than anything was that a record number of new members had been admitted during the year. There had also been failures, chiefly that no twelve-bell peal had been rung, although there had been a number of attempts.

The next item was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The present Master (Mr. C. J. Masters) announced that owing to pressure of business he did not intend to stand for re-election. The following members were then proposed: Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. L. Baybut, Mr. T. Bevan, and resulted in Mr. G. H. Cross being elected. The following are the other officers for the ensuing year: Hon. Secretary, Mr G. A. Card; treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere; trustees, Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy; stewards, Mr. L. Baybut and Mr. F. Arnold; auditors, Mr. T. Newman and Mr. R. Bevan.

Quarterly meetings are to be held as follows, if possible, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World': Lewisham in March, Burnham in July, and Leyton in October.

Votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the year were carried unanimously.

The very large number of young members present augurs well for the future of the society. Nine new members were elected. The business being over, a move was then made to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. By special request, touches on handbells were rung in the canteen after the meeting.

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the ringing room and saw who had come, but on practice night, say at least once a month, pick the best band they could raise and attempt a quarter-peal or a longer length than they usually rang for Sunday services. And then on one practice night this year go as a band to a neighbouring tower, and, even if they did not teach them anything, they would at least have shown their neighbours that there were other ringers in the diocese besides themselves.

Major Hesse said he had had two or three letters from the Rev. P. Gray telling him of the trouble Mr. Pulling was taking in teaching the Albury boys. He hoped the boys would not get discouraged by early difficulties.

Mr. Pulling expressed his thanks to two other members of the Cathedral band for their services in training the Albury band, and also to Wonersh for the use of their bells.

The balance sheet showed an expenditure of £42 13s., including a balance in hand at the end of the year of £24 9s. 9d. The year started with a balance in hand of £21 13s. 6d.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Major Hesse said as regards the bell restoration fund at Albury, he had a letter from the Rector stating that the subscription list was practically at a standstill. He proposed that, subject to the approval of the Guild annual meeting, the sum of two guineas be voted from district funds.—Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded, and this was agreed.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. C. E. Smith (Godalming); hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover (East Clandon); auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden (Guildford); hon. member on Executive Committee, Mr. S. Marshall (Puttenham); ringing members on Executive Committee, Messrs. W. Melville and S. Petter.

Merrow, Ewhurst, Worplesdon, Albury and Haslemere or Chiddingfold were chosen for district meetings during the year.

The retiring Guild officers were renominated, and 12 ringing members, one compounding member and two honorary members were elected.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. de G. Lucas for his address at the service held in S. Nicolas' Church previous to the meeting, and to the Rectors of S. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity for the use of the bells during the afternoon. The Provost was also thanked for presiding.

BELLS OF ST. MARIE'S, SHEFFIELD.

REOPENING AFTER RESTORATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, a ringers' day was held to commemorate the reopening of the fine peal of eight bells at the beautiful Church of St. Marie, the Cathedral Church of the Catholic community in Sheffield. The bells have been cleaned, retuned and rehung in ball bearings in a massive cast iron frame, built on a strong foundation of heavy steel girders. The work has been carried out in a first-class manner by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, who cast them in 1874, when the late Duke of Norfolk defrayed half their cost, and the other half was raised by public subscription.

The ceremony of handing over the bells took place in the ringing chamber, where Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, asked the Rector (the Very Rev. Canon Dolan) to receive the bells. The Canon accordingly received the bells in the name of the church, after which eight members of St. Marie's company rang a touch of Bob Major: Henry Hurst 1, Thomas O'Hara 2, Robert Harrison, jun 3, George Lewis (conductor) 4, R. Harrison, sen. 5, James A. Dixon 6, William Burgar 7, George Holmes 8.

The 'go' of the bells speaks for itself, six, seven and eight being rung in fine style by youngsters whose ages are 73, 74 and 75 respectively. The weight of the tenor is 25 cwt.

After the opening touch, Canon Dolan said that he was very pleased with the bells, and remarked that their beautiful tone had been improved by the bells having been cleaned and tuned. The bells seemed much easier to ring than they had done before. 'In fact,' said the Canon, 'I am very proud of such a fine peal of bells, and I am happy to know that they have not been out of the hands of their founders.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes suitably replied, after which Mr. G. Lewis, on behalf of St. Marie's company, congratulated the Whitechapel Foundry upon the splendid way in which the work had been carried out.

Canon Dolan said that he was pleased to know that everyone was satisfied, and added, 'We have reopened the bells of St. Marie's free from debt, the work having been paid for a few weeks ago.'

The fame of this grand peal being known for many miles around was no doubt responsible for the large number of ringers present on this occasion. It is a credit to St. Marie's people, ably led by their Rector, the Very Rev. Canon Dolan, that the whole of the work, which includes rehanging the bells and extensive alterations and repairs to tower and ringing chamber, are free from debt as a result of an appeal made about twelve months ago, and to those ringers and friends in the outlying districts who have helped this great cause. To them the Bells Committee at St. Marie's tender their hearty thanks.

The bells were kept going throughout the day until 9 p.m., everybody expressing their satisfaction at the way in which the whole of the work had been carried out. The day was one of the most memorable in the history of the Church of St. Marie and its glorious peal of bells.

The bells were originally solemnly blessed by the Right Rev. Dr. Cornthwaite, Bishop of Beverley, on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16th, 1874. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—'Salve nobilis Regina, Regis sponsa Catharina' (6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.).

II.—'Purgatus Aulæ, Cæ li nos jungito Paule' (6 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.).

III.—'Tu Petre pulsatus, perversos mitiga flatus' (7 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.).

IV.—'O custos matris Domini, Devotos, tuo nomini. Joseph Alme per aspera. Salva semper et prospera' (9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.).

V.—'Missi de cælis, Habeo nomen Gabrielis' (11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.).

VI.—'Musa Raphaelis, Sonet auribus Emanuelis' (12 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.).

VII.—'Adjuvat nos Sanctus Michael Diebus ac noctibus, Ut nos poual in bonorum Sanctorum consortibus' (17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.).

Tenor.—'Est Mihi collatum, Cordis Jesu nomen, amatum.'

'Orate pro bono statu Henricus Ducis, Norfolciæ, Presbyterorum et Fidelium, de Sheffield, Qi has VIII. Campanas fieri fecerunt.'

'Feliciter Regnante Papa Pio IX. Roberto Episcopo Beverlacensi Samual Walshaw, Rectori hujus ecclæiæ.'

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AN ANCIENT OXFORD SOCIETY.

VOLUNTARY RINGING IN THE CITY.

The Oxford Society of Change Ringers, which has its roots two centuries deep in the history of the Exercise, held its annual dinner at the Wheatsheaf, Oxford, on Saturday week. About 40 members and numerous visitors attended, the chair being taken by Alderman C. H. Brown.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. J. P. Pelloe, proposing 'The Church,' said that ringers were accustomed to hear one aspect only of their connection with the church—their obligation to attend. He did not deny that that was of real importance, but what he wished to bring out was the relation between ringers and clergy as human beings.

'We are apt to forget the multifarious duties our clergymen are expected to carry out,' he said. 'A clergyman is expected to be a general factotum. He cannot please everyone. We, as ringers, are servants of the Church. There is no reason why we should be looked after like people who really need it.'

Speaking of the suggestion that ringers should be paid, he commented: 'I hope members of this society will turn it down. Where there is paid ringing, ringing goes down. The bulk of ringing in Oxford is voluntary, and I hope it will remain so.'

The Dean of Christ Church, responding, thanked the society for their hospitality. He was glad to make his first public appearance at a dinner of the change ringers.

'In ringing, an important part of the art is that each person performs his function in succession, so that it chimes in with those of others,' he said. 'As long as we are all trying to work together, the fact that the noises are various does not matter.'

Dr. R. E. Harvard, proposing 'The Mayor and Corporation,' said the society was very much indebted for the encouragement given to it by the City.

'Of course, there are people who object to the art of bellringing,' he said. 'They complain that the art is not a grateful noise but a grating noise, but these, I believe, are in a minority.'

Councillor J. Somerton, the Sheriff of Oxford, who replied, said: 'Oxford is no mean city. It has been described as the home of lost causes and impossible creeds, but we have been the pioneers of several new movements. Believe me, that as a Council we shall try to do our duties better than we did last week.'

Mr. W. Simmonds, proposing the toast of 'The Oxford Society of Change Ringers,' referred to the University Society, and stressed the importance of University men taking part. 'It is particularly important for young men taking Holy Orders,' he said.

Mr. W. Collett, responding, paid a tribute to Oxford bellringers as a fine body of men, and spoke of the cordial relations existing between the University and the Oxford Society.

Councillor H. C. Ingle proposed 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies,' and spoke of the facilities existing in Oxford for bellringing.

'What would Oxford be without its bells?' he asked. 'Where there are bells there must be ringers.'

Mr. E. P. Duffield, responding, said that Oxford of all places had a distinct appeal for visitors. He expressed surprise at the small number present. He thought that an ancient society such as theirs should be more widely known and the annual dinners attended by increasing numbers year by year. He remarked that the society was very fortunate in having as a leader a man like Mr. W. F. Judge, whom he knew personally as an excellent ringer and very capable conductor. It was a privilege to him to be present on that occasion amongst such distinguished visitors, and he was pleased to see the University and civic authorities so interested in the ringing activities of Oxford.

He referred to the parent Society of College Youths, and thought it probable that its influence had been brought to bear on the early pioneers of the Oxford Society.

He said he would be most pleased to welcome the Oxford Society at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths in London in November, when it would be his privilege to preside.

A programme of songs, music and handbell selections was given during the evening. Those taking part included Miss Allen, the Rev. P. G. Latham, Miss Ann Burchell, Mr. V. Bennett, Miss Barbara Sammon and Mr. Lloyd. Mr. J. Foreman was at the piano.

IS THIS A RECORD?

BURNHAM RINGERS' REGULAR ATTENDANCE.

During 1934 the possible number of attendances for service ringing of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks (a voluntary band), was 1,177. Out of these, the attendance sheet shows a total of only 25 absences against members' names! Also, during the year, six additional members of the society rang their first peal—one at 12 years of age, present total four peals; one at 13 years, present total four peals; one at 14 years, present total five peals; one at 14, present total three peals; one at 14 years and one at 17 years 5 days. This society have also during the year rung their first local peal of Triples, and for 6 a.m. celebration on Christmas Day their first local quarter-peal of Major.

These facts were disclosed at the annual meeting of the society, which took place recently.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES JOIN FORCES AT BURY.

A joint meeting of the Rossendale and Manchester Branches was held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, February 16th. Wild weather, no doubt, was the cause of many absentees, yet what was lacking in numbers was made up for in calibre. Very little ringing time was lost, for those present had evidently come to ring, and meant to do so. And such was the talent in the tower that methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise were rung. It was, in fact, just one of those meetings which make one feel—but for the fact that one has to go home sometime—like ringing indefinitely.

Those present included Mr. T. B. Worsley (vice-president of the association), Mr. W. H. Shuker (general secretary), Mr. C. Gudgeon (Manchester Branch president), and members and visitors from Bury, Bacup, Bolton, Helmshore, Todmorden, Haxby, York, Pendleton, West Didsbury, Stretford and Radcliffe.

The business meeting of the Manchester Branch was conducted in the tower, with the vice-president in the chair.

Next quarter's meeting places were chosen as follows: March 16th, practice meeting at Pendlton; April 27th, practice meeting at Pendlebury; and May 18th, quarterly meeting at Stretford.

The election of Mr. Joseph Littler, of Stockton Heath, was confirmed.

The secretary made mention of the forthcoming Silver Jubilee of their Majesties, and, taking his cue from the leading article of the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' requested all towers in the branch to do their utmost to see that their bells are rung for this occasion. He undertook, also, to do whatsoever could be done to provide ringers for those towers which were shorthanded if the leaders would let him know their circumstances.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Shuker proposed and Mr. J. H. Baukes seconded a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Hornby) for the use of the bells; to the chairman for his attendance and services at the meeting, and to the Rossendale members for the arrangements made.

Ringing was afterwards continued, and the end of the ringing day started the secretary's great hunt. Thrown into the hunt from the moment the tower closed, he hunted up street and down street for some sign of his flock, but not one could be found. Eventually, however, he espied one threading his way across a busy thoroughfare, and soon afterwards had them all under his care once more. They had found a corner which protected them from the weather. But, alas, his troubles were not yet over, for, after keeping them together until the train steamed into the station, one ran amok at the last moment, and was last seen watching the train go by with lips parted in utterance. Unfortunately, or otherwise, the utterances were drowned to the rest of the flock by the noise of the train. News of the straggler is still anxiously awaited in the Manchester fold, but what a blessing, on such a night, it was not the last train home!

MUFFLED BELLS AT CLAINES.

After the funeral of the Rev. Moore at Claines, Worcestershire, where he was formerly Vicar for 22 years, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung on February 13th by the local band: E. Wilson 1, R. Elt 2, G. E. Large (conductor) 3, D. Sayers 4, R. Sayers 5, G. Checketts 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. G. Yates 8.

With the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for Douglas Clinch, R.A.F., son of the Vicar of the parish, who was killed in an aeroplane crash and was interred at Claines, on Saturday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the funeral: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large 2, R. Woodyatt 3, J. Woodyatt 4, R. Sayers 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, G. Checketts (conductor) 7, F. G. Yates 8.

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and T. W. Taffender; senior steward, Mr. T. Wyatt; and junior steward, Mr. P. Carter. The meeting regretted the absence through illness of the chaplain and Rector, the Rev. Pennington Bickford, and expressed their thanks to all who had kindly helped to make the day so very pleasant.

A most interesting item which brought the meeting to a close was the outstanding performance of a band from St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, young and newly-trained by Mr. Arthur D. Barker, which by a most excellent course of Grandsire Triples won the Dawe Silver Cup for handbell ringing. At 10 p.m., 'That's all' was called, and everyone arrived home 'without crack or flaw.'

LATE NOTICE.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Thursday, March 7th, at 7 p.m. the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln. Peal restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a large gathering of members of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Dorchester for the annual meeting. The towers represented were St. Peter's, Dorchester, Fordington, Wool, Wyke Regis, Preston, Upwey, Charminster, Bradford Peverell, Sydling, Frampton, Bere Regis, Poole and Bournemouth, and members of the Wimborne Branch. Service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby), who preached.

Following tea in St. Peter's Institute, served by ladies of the congregation, the annual meeting was held, the branch chairman (Rev. E. S. Tarrant) presiding, and briefly addressing the members on fellowship and brotherhood.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, referred with satisfaction to the results of the past year's working. The outstanding event of the year was the great fellowship rally of ringers and friends at Milton Abbey, where a service of praise and thanksgiving, organised by the Guild, was held to celebrate the acquiring of Milton Abbey as a perpetual heritage for the Church, together with the magnificent grounds in which it stood. Over 600 ringers and friends took part. The membership showed a slight decline. They regretted they could not report restoration to some of their peals, although there was much that should be done in their towers. They regretted the passing of the Rev. A. C. B. Dobie (an old member who took great interest in the Guild and who, while Vicar of Wool, had the bells recast and two added), Mrs. Wynn Werninck and Mr. S. G. Dubben, Sydling.

The balance sheet for the past year showed total receipts of £34 11s. 11½d., and the expenditure was £19 7s. 9d., leaving a balance in hand of £15 4s. 2½d., as compared with £14 2s. 8d. at the beginning of the year.

The Hon. Secretary gave the financial details of the Milton Abbey festival. He thanked those members who had co-operated with him and gave such valuable assistance that enabled a great success to be achieved. It was one of the greatest events in the Guild's history. The expenses came to £13 10s. 3d., and these were equally balanced by the receipts.

It was decided that during the ensuing year the quarterly meetings should be held at Sydling, Upwey, and Bere Regis respectively, with a by-meeting at Preston, preferably in the summer.

The Rev. A. W. Markby extended a cordial invitation to the branch to hold their next annual meeting at St. Peter's, and this was unanimously accepted, with an expression of thanks by the chairman.

He also extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. C. A. Phillips and members of the Wimborne Branch, and to Captain and Mrs. Henderson.

The following new members were elected: Honorary members, Col. and Mrs. Power, Grove House, Bradford Peverell, and Capt. and Mrs. Henderson, Wyke Regis; Ringing members, Messrs. Arthur John Slade and William Thomas Legg (Preston), Benjamin Hare (Upwey), A. Dufall and J. Palmer (Buckland Newton); associate member, Mr. Walter Marshall, M.B.E., Upwey. Mr. D. F. Wheeler, of Bovington Camp, was elected as an unattached member of the branch.

At this point the chairman had to leave, and on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services to the branch. For the remainder of the meeting the Rev. A. W. Markby presided.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, namely: Chairman, Rev. E. S. Tarrant; Ringing Master, Mr. G. T. White (Dorchester); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. H. H. Runyard (Bradford Peverell); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis).

The Rev. A. S. Bryant proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Peter's and his loyal band of lady helpers for entertaining and making them very welcome, and also to Mr. Perham and members of the choir.

The Rev. A. W. Markby acknowledged the vote. On behalf of the branch he expressed thanks to the Rural Dean and Rev. R. G. Bartelot for allowing the use of the towers at Charminster and Fordington St. George respectively. He also said they were delighted to see the honorary members present in such good numbers.

Thanks were extended to Messrs. J. T. Godwin, J. W. Smith and J. Squires for their assistance.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips said it was always a great pleasure to come to Dorchester, and he congratulated the branch on having such a splendid number of honorary members and all that their support meant. He was sorry to learn that Mr. Jennings was laid up at Christmastide, but they were were glad that he was much better and able to be with them that day. On behalf of the Wimborne Branch Mr. Phillips expressed thanks for the share they had in the great gathering at Milton Abbey; it was a great and memorable event.

After the meeting, several of the members availed themselves of the use of the bells of St. Peter's, St. George's and Charminster.

NOTICES.

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. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in school at 6 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells and good company.—P. Crook and W. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A by-meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 1s., with business meeting afterwards at the Institute.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on February 23rd. Tea in the Temperance Hotel at 4.30, at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 23rd. City bells (6, 8 and 10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at Harlow Common. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (eight bells), on Saturday, February 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Subscriptions are now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Members' subscriptions for 1935 are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Laxton on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) open from 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 5 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30, with unveiling of peal board. Tea to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting in Clergy House at 6 p.m. Will all members make own arrangements for tea? Plenty of cafes near the church.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Quorn Church on Saturday, February 23rd. The bells (8), which have recently been rehung, will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE LANGFORD-BEAMS MEMORIAL meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Swan and Sugar Loaf Hotel. Those requiring tea please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Monday, February 25th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd (not on the 16th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, by February 28th, for same. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due. The annual report available. A good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 117th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open at 12 noon. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by February 26th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Saintbury, on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged and provision will be made for those only who notify me not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 47th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's Church (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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bingham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of Lincoln and Grimsby Districts will be held at Walesby, near Market Rasen, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells recently restored and increased from three to eight, rehung in new frame, etc., available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. except during service. (Special bus from Lincoln will be chartered if sufficient names sent in to H. Marcon.) Names for tea prompt by Monday previous to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, and H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Llandilo. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those attending kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 26th certain?—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 2nd, when all ringers are invited to try the recently restored 10 bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the afternoon a committee meeting will be held in the vestry. No branch meeting, but subscriptions welcomed; reports to hand.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, March 2nd. 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemerton (6 bells), on March 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be at Potterne (six bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ledbury District will be held at Colwall on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than February 28th to me.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 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 February 26th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Shildon on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock, and South Church bells, in addition, after tea. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5, followed by a short service in St. John's Church. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than February 26th.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary Magdalene 4.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m. (1s. each, members 6d.). Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned before Wednesday, February 27th.—George Case, Dis. Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

CLEVELAND & N. YORKS ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5, members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d., to those who notify secretary by Wednesday, February 27th.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint by-meeting of the districts will be held at All Hallows', Lombard Street, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (10) at 3 o'clock. Tea and jaw 5 o'clock. Handbells and further ringing till 8.30. Entrance in hoarding in Gracechurch Street. Postcards re tea by February 26th to J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen (Aylestone not being available) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5, to those who notify me by Thursday previous. A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 2nd. 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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, March 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to secretary by February 25th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Loughton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (one mile from Newbury) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. J. Owen, 1, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury, by Wednesday, February 27th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5. Tea, in the Schoolroom, at 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting after. Attention is drawn to Rule 9.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 2nd, the bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service in church, tea and meeting after. All heartily welcome. Come and spend a happy time.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at North Stoneham on March 2nd. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Names by February 27th, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, 5.45 p.m. For tea notify Mr. Wm. Leach, 53, Eldon Street, St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Thomas à Becket's Palace 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 30th. Further particulars later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

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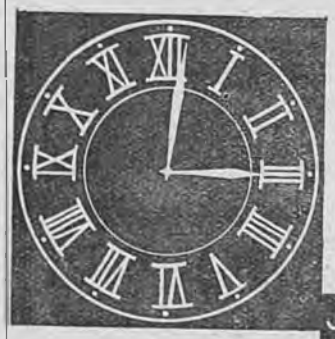

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Ringing has always been cursed with these unpunctual and undependable people, and probably will be as long as human nature is what it is, but if some kind of organised effort were made in towers which suffer in this manner the evil might be reduced to a minimum. The standard of what is expected of a service ringer is that he should be regular and punctual; if he cannot rise to this, his duty, frankly, should be to retire. Without him the rest of the company would know where they stand. But the haphazard ringing to which reference has been made does not apply only to the presence or absence of individuals. It relates equally to the fact that whatever ringing is done is left to chance. In our opinion the ideal example of Sunday service ringing is to be found, where, of course, one would expect it, at St. Paul's Cathedral. Here twice every Sunday, year in, year out, the full twelve bells are pulled off to the minute, and there is no uncertainty as to what shall be rung. While we do not suggest that in every tower the method to be rung should be standardised as it is at St. Paul's, it should always be that which can be best struck by the ringers, and they should come to the tower prepared to ring that method. Too often, we are afraid, Sunday service ringing is also made a prac-

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Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK L. BLEWER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. KING	5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS	2	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS	3	ERNEST W. FURBANKS	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a 72nd anniversary birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Goddard, an esteemed member of this association.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	WILLIAM FERNLEY	7
LIONEL CLOUGH	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 61). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to the conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE W. SLACK	*Treble*	FRED ADDISON	5
JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD	2	NORMAN BARTON	6
HENRY CLAYTON	3	ROBERT LANCASTER	7
FRANK SCHOLEFIELD	4	LEONARD DRAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by L. DRAKE.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

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

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*W. LINES	*Treble*	SIDNEY MUNTON	5
J. A. MOULT	2	LESLIE STEVENS	6
HORACE MOULT	3	H. KIRBY	7
G. BUTLER	4	G. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE. Conducted by H. MOULT.
* First peal. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to J. A. Moult. First peal as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
JOHN W. CORNFORD	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALFRED PYE	4	*JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. BENNETT.
* 800th peal and first of Cambridge as conductor and first attempt.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN H. LENTON	5
ARTHUR WALKER	2	FRED NEWTON	6
*HARRY NEWTON	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HORACE FOX	4	CHARLES BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.
* First peal.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 37¾ cwt. in C.

ALBERT G. WARNES	*Treble*	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	5
*WALTER FARROW	2	GEORGE BAILEY	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	4	F. NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal in the method.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	2	*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	4	†WALTER LINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method at first attempt. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by John Taylor and Co. The band are very grateful to the Rector (the Rev. E. T. Butler) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY, CRAWLEY.)

On Wednesday, February 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
GEORGE OLIVER	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
CECIL NICE	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	*JOHN MARSHALL	7
HAROLD V. COOPER	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Thomas Hemming's 50th peal on these bells.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S, Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

C. ARTHUR MANNING	*Treble*	HARRY L. SMITH	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	6
*GEORGE A. HOLLICK	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
FRED E. WALLINGTON	4	WILLIAM HECTOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM R. DENNIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BIGGS	5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	2	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	ERNEST BRETT	*Tenor*

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

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEBBE	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
CHARLES W. DENYER	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
*GORDON W. LIMMER	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

H. W. H. STRICKLAND	*Treble*	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	HARRY MILLER	6
*WILLIAM J. ELLIS	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
†GILBERT E. PLATER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Cambridge with an 'inside' bell. † First Surprise peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GOWER	*Treble*	ROBERT BARBER	5
WILLIAM FLATY	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT	*Treble*	*HAROLD A. NOBBS	5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	2	GEORGE W. BARTON	6
FREDERICK W. STEMP	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
ERNEST G. WILLIAMS	4	ALBERT R. WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

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

HUNSDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	5
MICHAEL PULLMAN	2	STANLEY A. CARTER	6
REGINALD DORE	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
GEORGE GRAY	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

A forty-two course peal, containing full combinations 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 at course ends (without 2nd in 5-6 or 3rd in 6th's at a course end), now rung for the first time. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd. The band wish to place on record their appreciation of the very kind hospitality of Mrs. Montgomery after the peal.

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REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*ALAN W. GEAR	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. WILLETT	5
ALFRED GEAR	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
FRANK B. JEAL	3	WALTER CLAYDON	7
RICHARD V. FULLER	4	*ROBERT J. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.
* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALMERIC H. PAGE	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
WILLIAM WOODWARD	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
WILLIAM J. DEVEREUX	3	HARRY DEVEREUX	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	HAROLD J. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.
First peal and first attempt as conductor on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Newman, for 17 years Vicar's warden at the above church, and grandfather of the ringer of the 6th, within the octave of his 80th birthday. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 7 and tenor are members of the Tewkesbury Abbey band.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	C. HOWARD STANLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
First peal of London on the bells since they were recast.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.

*JOSEPH JEFFERSON	*Treble*	NORMAN G. KNEE	5
REGINALD H. NEWTON	2	SIDNEY HILLIER	6
JESSE FRANCIS	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
ERNEST F. WHITE	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. C. WEST.
* First attempt for peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN PATMORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR PHILLIPS	4
HENRY WALLACE	2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	5
SIDNEY CARTER	3	BARNARD PATMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.
This peal was rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Patmore, parents of the brothers Patmore, whose marriage took place at the above church in 1874.

ST. HELENS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's.

*J. WRIGHT	*Treble*	H. GRUNDY	4
*W. HESKETH	2	C. BLACKBURN	5
W. JOHNSON	3	N. HEAPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. HEAPS.
* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Colonel Norman Pilkington, who died on Thursday, February 7th, 1935.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt

E. A. STEVENSON	*Treble*	C. W. GRIFFIN	4
*H. R. BOYCE	2	H. C. READ	5
A. F. BOYCE	3	G. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. BAILEY.
* First peal.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

F. CANTER	*Treble*	F. SIMMONDS	4
H. PHELPS	2	H. BARRATT	5
E. JEFFERIES	3	F. PONTING	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. PONTING.
First peal in the method by all and first for the association. Rung to mark the retirement from the Postal Service of Mr. H. Newman, another member of this company.

BIGBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven spliced extents: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (3) Single Oxford and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE L. HALL	*Treble*	MRS. J. BRAY	4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK	2	FRANK LORD	5
JACK BRAY	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
First peal in 14 methods by all the band and in the district. Mr. G. L. Hall has now 'circled the tower.'

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Reverse College Single, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*ARTHUR JERVIS	*Treble*	*JOHN BROUGH	4
*RICHARD T. HOLDING	2	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.
* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Jervis, brother of the treble ringer.

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NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

ALBERT J. PITMAN	...Treble	ERNEST STITCH	4
WILLIAM J. THOMAS	2	GEORGE POPNELL	5
EDWARD PHILLIPS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	...Tenor

Oxford Conducted by A. J. PITMAN; Kent by G. I. LEWIS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Stitch (February 11th) and Mrs. A. J. Pitman (February 17th).

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

LEWIS CAMP	...Treble	HARRY WRIGHT	4
JOHN SITCH	2	EDWARD SITCH	5
CHARLES HARRINGTON	3	ARTHUR BRADLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BRADLEY.
First Surprise peal on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Sitch, parents of the 2nd and 5th ringers, on their golden wedding, and also to the 2nd ringer, on his birthday.

HINDON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 42 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*A. R. MOGG	...Treble	W. A. AVERY	4
†K. N. WHITE	2	E. F. MARLOW	5
W. J. GRAY	3	S. J. RAY	...Tenor

Conducted by E F. MARLOW.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, February 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	JOHN THOMAS	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, February 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor size 13 in E.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. This is Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson's 100th peal together.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 20 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. C. ABSON	1 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5-6
†EDWIN A. BARNETT	3-4	‡GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	7-8

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9-10
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpire—Miss R. Redpath.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal 'in hand' on an inside pair and first peal on ten bells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held a meeting at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 23rd. St. Oswald's fine peal of ten were kept going during the afternoon, and the ringers then sat down to tea at the Mission Hall.

A short meeting followed, Mr. R. L. Patterson (vice-president) presiding.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman said he deplored the very meagre attendance. It was the smallest meeting he had presided over, but all the same it was an enthusiastic few who were present. He was delighted to welcome two old stagers in Messrs. Metcalfe and Titt. He apologised for the absence of Mr. J. W. Parker and Mr. G. S. Taylor, of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, who regularly attended the meetings.

Mr. Metcalfe moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and congratulated him on such a fine peal, which were a delight to ring.—The Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Lilburn), in reply, said bellringers were always welcome to the use of his bells. It was a great satisfaction to him to hear the bells so regularly rung each Sunday, but, like many other churches, the finances were not all that could be desired. He had, however, faithful and willing workers who were always ready to help and who saw that the bells were kept in good condition.

Mr. Titt, in moving a vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, said it must be disappointing to them that such a few were present. It was always a happy meeting at West Hartlepool, and he was sorry the absentees had not taken advantage of it.

Mrs. Robson replied on behalf of the ladies. She, too, deplored the poor attendance and had hoped to cater for many more.

It was decided to try and hold a joint meeting with the Western District, and it was left to the secretary to make arrangements.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, further ringing took place. The methods rung were Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. Despite the poor muster present, a really happy time was spent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Although not up to the customary attendance of meetings at Hillingdon, the annual meeting of the South and West District attracted 40 members and friends. The fine ring of ten bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to various ten-bell methods, while an hour's ringing on the ring of eight at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, concluded the programme. Shortened evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford), who delivered an eloquent and forceful address. He appealed to everyone to do their job, be what it may, in no half-hearted manner. As on other occasions, his words were an inspiration—for the absent ones! At the conclusion of service, the following rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells at the foot of the chancel steps: F. G. Baldwin 1-2, J. A. Trollope 3-4, E. C. S. Turner 5-6, F. W. Goodfellow 7-8, W. H. Coles 9-10.

Tea was served in St. John's Hall under the direction of Mrs. Goodfellow. It was noticed that certain notorious persons had apparently been without food all day! However, it is believed that even they felt replenished afterwards.

The business at the meeting which followed was largely of a routine character.

It was agreed that the annual supper and social be held again next year in January and on a date which avoided clashing with similar functions of other societies.

Mr. R. Mowforth, of Kew, was elected a ringing member.

Mr. G. M. Kilby and Mr. W. H. Coles were elected Master and Deputy Master respectively. Mr. T. Collins was elected treasurer, in succession to Mr. C. S. Bird, who was thanked for several years' service. The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) and his assistant (Mr. W. G. Wilson) were re-elected.

It was resolved that the Central Council representatives of the association be asked to press the Council to take action to ensure that peal boards of historic interest shall be restorted, where possible, or at least that details of such boards shall be recorded.

The discussion of a motion to transact business once a quarter only, instead of monthly, evoked considerable warmth. On behalf of the motion, it was argued that far too much time each month was wasted discussing business of a trivial nature, and that many members refrained from attending because of this. Rarely had business occurred which could not have waited over until the end of the quarter. It was also thought that with ringing facilities immediately after tea, members who were required to make long journeys to attend the meetings would be more likely to consider the travelling worth while.

The opposition denied that the business was protracted, and further stated that the motion would make little difference and was unnecessary. It was also thought that difficulties would arise when the arrangement was in operation.

When put to the vote, the motion was carried by a large majority.

The hon. secretary reported that the nine meetings held had resulted in an average attendance of thirty, a slight decrease on the previous year. As this roughly represents the attendance of one

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Bletchingley on Saturday, February 16th, when 30 members attended. After the afternoon's ringing, service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. A. Cranshaw). Tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting, with the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, in the chair. Mr. A. J. Bull, of Horley, was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, hon. district secretary in place of Mr. G. F. Hood.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Wren for making arrangements. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., finishing with a well-struck course of London Surprise and splendid lowering in peal.

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member in every five, tower secretaries were exhorted to secure the attendance of at least two representatives at each meeting. Over 40 quarter-peals were rung for service and 23 peals were accomplished in 13 towers, with 10 conductors. The report concluded with an appeal to members to give of their best to their own tower, first and foremost, and to make this the primary considerations of all their ringing ambitions and activities. Only thus could the real strength of the association be increased.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. German, the good friends who prepared and served the tea, and finally to Mr. J. J. Pratt, Mr. F. T. Smith and other members of the local band, all of whom were responsible in various ways for the success of the meeting.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations are extended to the following, who have rung their first peal :—

Miss Lois M. Neal.	Butterwick, Lincolnshire.
Frederick V. Nicholls.	Clent, Worcestershire.
Frank H. Hicks.	Maresfield, Sussex.
Arthur J. Hart, jun.	Maresfield, Sussex.
Miss Alice Varley.	Sawley, Derbyshire.
Charles Hutchinson.	Sawley, Derbyshire.
William Barwell.	Sawley, Derbyshire.
William Dawson.	Sawley, Derbyshire.
Walter Fowkes.	Bridgnorth, Shropshire.
Rowland F. Clark.	Bishopstoke, Hampshire.
Stanley C. Winkworth.	Bishopstoke, Hampshire.
Fred Price.	Market Drayton, Shropshire.
Reginald W. Chesters.	Market Drayton, Shropshire.

DONCASTER SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The Doncaster and District Society held their annual meeting at Doncaster Parish Church on Saturday, February 23rd, a good number of members being present.

The president (Canon Brooks) addressed the members at the service.

The meeting was held in the Clergy House. Mr. G. Halksworth was in the chair. Mr. W. E. Lloyd, of Doncaster, acted for the secretary, who was indisposed.

Mr. E. Cooper was re-elected as secretary for a further three years. Messrs. W. E. Lloyd and H. Wagstaff were re-elected auditors. Messrs. A. Hill (Tickhill), C. Wanage (Adwick), A. Daw (Burgwallis) and C. Lee (Arksey) were elected as the committee.

Doncaster ringers won the Walker Cup for the best Sunday ringing attendance, Arksey ringers being the runners-up.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Brooks and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

A good standard of ringing was maintained in the tower.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the V.W.H. Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Buckland. A few touches were rung before the service, which was held in the Parish Church and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Griffiths), who also gave a very interesting address.

Tea was served to 21 members at the Lamb Clubroom, and the usual business meeting followed, at which the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne (chairman of the branch) presided, supported by the Rev. J. W. Griffiths, Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary) and members from Buckland, Faringdon and Shillingford, with visitors from Standlake. Mr. M. Willis, of Buckland, was elected a member of the Guild. It was resolved to hold three bye-meetings during the year in addition to the ordinary meetings, the first to be at Great Coxwell at the end of March. The annual meeting is to be held at Faringdon in May or June.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for his welcome reception to the ringers and for his interesting, but too short, address. He also thanked the organist (Miss King) for her services.

The Rev. Denne congratulated Mr. F. Whipp on his appointment as foreman of the Faringdon tower at a meeting held the previous evening.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where Grandsire Triples and Doubles, also rounds, were rung, and some of the local ringers put through their first touch in method ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mrs. W. E. White is not the wife of the vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, as stated in the footnote to the peal at Nottingham, rung on the 13th February, but of the hon. treasurer.

A very creditable performance was that of Mr. Fred Marsden at Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, when taking part in a peal of seven Treble Bob extents. He had never before rung three of the methods. It was also his first peal of Minor. The peal was rung in honour of the completion of 50 years' ringing service to the church by Mr. John Wood, leader of the local band and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild since its inception.

A great deal of missionary work is done by Guild secretaries which is unheard of. It has just leaked out that during the past two or three years the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, has visited, on practice nights or for meetings, 49 of the 55 towers affiliated to his Guild. He hopes to complete the remaining six very shortly. This is no mean task, seeing many towers are in isolated country districts in Cornwall. Country ringers do appreciate this sort of work, as it is very often the only touch which they have with their Guild.

The bells at Enniskillen Cathedral, Northern Ireland, consist of a ring of eight, tenor approximately 22 cwt., cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. The peal has not been rung for many years, but it is to be restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who are to rehang the bells in a new framework designed for ten bells. The work is to be commenced shortly.

'March the fourth' will be celebrated at Appleton this year on March 2nd.

It is not often that a ringer's first attempt to call a peal is in a Surprise method, but at Pentre Rhondda last Saturday Mr. Fred Lasbury achieved the distinction of conducting a peal of Superlative in his first peal calling effort.

The band that met one short for a peal at East Coker, Somerset, on Saturday week, were fortunate in finding an extra man. Mr. T. J. Setter, returning from Caerphilly, was met off the train and taken straight away to the tower to ring. It is said that this peal, Stedman Triples, was the first on the bells.

Those who took part in the Australian tour and saw Mr. Sharples' prowess in deck quoits will be interested to learn that on the voyage home from India on S.S. 'Naldera' he reached the final of both the men's singles and mixed doubles before being beaten. Mrs. Sharples was also defeated in the final of the ladies' doubles.

A correspondent tells us that 'Kate' may be interested to know that another eligible bachelor has arrived in town—Mr. James H. Riding, who is one of the staff of the Engineer's Office, L.M. and S. Railway Co., which is transferred from Crewe to St. Pancras Hotel, London. As a conductor he will be hard to replace in the Crewe district.

Ringers who would like to see the Australian 'movies' on the screen should reserve Saturday, March 30th. The picture will probably be on view at Guildford on that date. A further announcement will be made next week.

BOYS' ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN TRIPLES.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS MEET AT MILTON.

'Fathered' again by Mr. F. E. Dawe, a band of boys, all between 14 and 18 years old, and whose ages totalled only 125 years, made an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Milton, Gravesend, on Saturday. They had excellent ringing for 48 minutes, when, unfortunately, a trip put an end to the peal, much to everyone's disappointment. A peal of Stedman Triples is a big undertaking for so youthful a band, and we hope they will be successful on some future occasion. The ringers and their ages were as follow:—

Frank Green (Wicken), 14 years 1 month 3 weeks, 1; Arthur Jones (Croydon), 14 years 3 months 3 weeks, 2; Walter H. Dobbie (Sittingbourne), 15 years 10 months 3 weeks, 3; John A. Green (Wicken) (conductor) 17 years 11 months 2 weeks, 4; Geoffrey V. Murphy (Crayford), 15 years 10 months 2 weeks, 5; Percy Stone (Nuneaton), 14 years 1 month 2 weeks, 6; Edwin A. Barnett (Crayford), 16 years 4 months 1 week, 7; John A. C. C. Abson (Crayford), 16 years 4 months, 8.

With some of their elders, who had assembled to hear the ringing, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major and a course of Cambridge Surprise were rung afterwards.

Subsequently the party, which included Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), Mr. E. Stone (Nuneaton), Mrs. Allen and Miss M. Pack, were entertained to a substantial tea at the Mitre Hotel by Mr. Dawe, who also 'crowned' each boy with a newly-minted coin. Mr. Dawe was cordially thanked on the call of the conductor, John Green, and a pleasant time was spent with handbell ringing.

It is hoped to arrange a peal of Grandsire Triples by a band of girls under 18 years of age, if a suitable ring of bells can be obtained. Any young lady capable of taking part should communicate with Mr. F. E. Dawe, Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Woking.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

CONDITIONS IN SYDNEY.

The First Peal Recalled.

Hitherto in the story of the tour in Australia there has been opportunity to say little about the conditions of ringing in the Commonwealth. So crowded were the days for the English visitors that it was only possible to keep pace with the actual doings of the party, but readers of 'The Ringing World' will probably be interested to learn something of the conditions existing in Australia when the visitors arrived.

In only one place in the whole of the Commonwealth was change ringing practised with any regularity, and that was at Melbourne, which has been the one real centre of activity in the art in Australian ringing history. Bells are hung in many towers and in quite a number are regularly rung, in some cases in spite of their heavy going; but outside Melbourne little or no change ringing has been done by local ringers. This has not, of course, been their fault. There has been in the majority of cases no one capable of teaching.

Outside Melbourne, Sydney is the only place where any serious attempt has been made to keep a change ringing band, but even there it had faded out before the arrival of the English visitors. And yet Sydney offers the greatest possibilities of all.

MR. JAMES L. MURRAY, who conducted the first peal in Australia.

Within a comparatively short radius there are half a dozen towers containing peals of bells. At the moment they are not all ringable, but they could be put into ringing order. At St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral and at St. Mark's, Darling Point, are rings of eight both going well and each manned by enthusiastic bands of young men, who showed themselves eager to learn. St. Jude's Church, Randwick, also has a keen company of young men, but here they are handicapped by having 'bells' sadly in need of attention. Indeed, so badly do they want attention that they should be sold either as garden ornaments or for old metal. They are a set of eight steel bells, of execrable tone, and in any case require rehanging. To be quite honest, they are not worth spending money on, but the enthusiastic young band anxious to serve the church in the belfry deserve a peal of bells worthy of the very fine building, and worthy, too, of their own efforts.

At Darling Point and Randwick these young men have been doing regular service ringing, but, lacking help, had not been able to make any attempt with change ringing. At St. Mary's Basilica, the Roman Catholic Cathedral, there has been the nucleus of a change ringing band, which for some years had Mr. R. H. Macdonald at its head. Mr. Macdonald is an old and valued servant at the Cathedral, but his advancing years have led him to hand over the leadership to his son, Mr. E. A. Macdonald. Just two or three who can ring Grandsire Triples remain in the band, which has recently received a large influx of young blood, and round this company considerable hopes for a revival of change ringing in Sydney centres, supplemented by the band at Darling Point.

At St. Philip's, Sydney, where the first peal in Australia was rung in the year 1890 on the occasion of a visit of a party from Melbourne, the bells have remained unrung for a considerable time. At present the tower is considered unsafe; but there is the prospect of early steps being taken to have the fabric restored, and then, it is hoped, the bells will once more be put into proper order and a new band of ringers formed.

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church possesses a ring of six bells, but in their present condition they are difficult to ring. In the not distant future, however, there may be considerable improvement effected. The church, as it stands at present, is scheduled for demolition for road improvement. It will be re-erected on the remains of the site, and it is hoped the reconstructed tower will be sufficiently large to instal a ring of eight. There ought then to be no difficulty in raising a company of ringers, for youth seems very active in the Australian churches, and by that time change ringing, it may be hoped, will be established in some of the other Sydney churches, and instructors in the art will be available for St. Benedict's.

Parramatta, within easy reach of Sydney, being only about 14 miles away, has had a band of ringers who in the past have done great things for the church, particularly in raising money, but whose interest in the tower, it was gathered, has waned somewhat. They have a very nice peal of six, going well, and a revival of ringing interest is looked for as a result of the English tourists' visit. It was at this church that the band from Darling Point, under Mr. Charles Porter, having rung a peal of Grandsire Minor at their own church in 1903, repeated their performance.

It will be seen that, given bells in good ringing order, Sydney has a fine opportunity of establishing a community of ringers that might go on and do great things for ringing in the Commonwealth. The interest stirred up by the visitors from England brought from their seclusion three or four ringers who had come from the homeland but had done nothing in the art since their arrival. With their help it ought not to be long before change ringing gets a new footing in Sydney, and, with goodwill and co-operation between the various towers, with interchange of visits and united practices, much might be done. Indeed, we look forward in the not distant future to hearing of the formation of a New South Wales Association, binding these various societies together in a united whole and with a common purpose on the lines of our English county and diocesan organisations.

At various times in the past, ringers from Melbourne have visited Sydney, and it was on one of these visits that the first 720 changes were rung on the bells of St. Mark's, Darling Point. It is recorded as follows: Victorian Society, Melbourne. At Sydney, N.S.W., on Friday, 28th December, 1888, the first 720 changes were rung on the bells of St. Mark's, Darling Point, in the Grandsire Minor method, by six members of the above society. Time, 30 minutes: J. Clark 1, W. Shenton 2, J. M. Guest 3, W. Atkinson 4, J. L. Murray 5, T. B. Hall tenor. Conducted by J. L. Murray.

But the greatest performance in Sydney was the ringing of the first peal in Australia on a subsequent visit of Melbourne men. It is thus recorded on a marble tablet given by the Melbourne ringers and erected in St. Philip's Church, where the peal was rung:

FIRST PEAL IN AUSTRALIA.

On April 9th, 1890, seven members of the Victoria Society of Change Ringers, Melbourne, with the assistance of Messrs. T. H. Joyner and J. Horton, of Sydney, rang on the bells of this church, in 3 hours and 15 minutes, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, being Holt's Ten-Part: William Shenton treble, John Beechey 2, Jabez Horton, Royal Cumberland Youths, 3, James L. Murray 4, William Atkinson, College Youths, 5, Thomas B. Hall, College Youths, 6, Harry Adams, St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, 7, Thomas H. Joyner and Ernest O. E. Collins tenor. Conducted by J. L. Murray. J. D. Langley, Incumbent.

Mr. James Murray tells an interesting story about this peal. Six of the Melbourne men went up to Sydney for a holiday and travelled by sea. They rang at St. Philip's on Sunday, and, on coming out of the church, saw a man standing outside looking at the tower. Harry Adams asked him if he was a ringer, and, to their surprise, he said he was. He was Jabez Horton, an old Cumberland Youth from England. His services were at once enlisted, a peal fixed up and Mr. Murray had the honour of calling the first peal in Australia.

And now, nearly 45 years later, Mr. Murray, at the age of 73, has taken part in the first twelve-bell peal in the Commonwealth. His enthusiasm during the visit of the English tourists to Melbourne was as keen as it was in those days when they occasionally went on ringing expeditions to Sydney and Hobart. And let it be remembered that a trip from Melbourne to Sydney and back involves a journey of over a thousand miles. Mr. Murray is now captain of the Melbourne Cathedral Society.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association took place at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, February 23rd. About 35 members, representing 12 towers, were present. The visitors included the Misses A. R. and K. Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham.

Service was held, after which tea was partaken of at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rector, Canon R. H. Edmondson.

At the business meeting which followed, it was proposed that the summer meeting be held at Grimley.

Mr. R. Knowles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his excellent address, for his generosity in providing tea, and also for presiding at the meeting. He also thanked the organist and choir for their services and all who in any way helped to make the meeting such a success.—The motion was carried with applause.

The ringers then paid a further visit to the belfry, and the bells were kept going to various Triples and Major methods until about 8.30.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

REFERENDUM BEING TAKEN.

Voting cards have been issued to members of the Essex Association to enable a referendum to be taken as to whether the association's title shall remain as at present, viz., 'The Essex Association of Change Ringers,' or shall be changed to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.'

The referendum was decided upon at the annual meeting last year, and only those members whose subscription for 1934 was paid before December 31st last are entitled to vote. Members who do not receive a voting card on or before March 8th should notify the hon. secretary immediately.

The cards have to be returned by March 15th. Those received after that date will be ignored.

It is interesting to note that in a recent issue of the 'Chelmsford Diocesan Gazette,' the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford expressed himself as in favour of the title being changed to a diocesan one, by reason of the ringers' work being so closely associated with the Church.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION AT FINCHINGFIELD.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association had a very successful meeting at Finchingfield on Saturday, February 16th. Despite a terrific gale, the number present exceeded all expectations, and 15 towers were represented. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30 and continued until 4.30, when a service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Jordan), the lesson being read by Mr. F. Ridgwell (district secretary). The Vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and gave them an address on the psychology of bells. 'I have sometimes been to a modern church,' he said, 'where there are no bells or perhaps only one small bell. The service is not the same It is not prepared. It is the bells that prepare the service. The organ or choir may cease, but it does not have the same effect as the bells. There is nothing I like better than to hear the bells when I am on my way to church. There is no mistake in their message; they speak the truth. There is nothing, to my mind, so accurate or so near perfection as the bells.'

Tea was served at the Lion Inn, the Vicar presiding over a company of 43.

Before the business meeting the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) referred to the recent death of Mr. A. Ribbans, of Dunmow, and as a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

One hon. member and three ringing members were elected, and Kelvedon was agreed upon for the next place of meeting on May 18th.

The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his appropriate address, which had been appreciated by all present. He also thanked the lady organist for her services and also those who had attended from other divisions.—Mr. E. Runter (Springfield), in reply, said the visitors liked to attend the meetings in that division. They always got a good welcome and never anything better wherever they went.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Whitstable on Saturday, when 35 members were present, representing towers in all corners of the district.

Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, with rounds for the beginners, of whom there was a good number present.

The association form of service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Hillyard) officiated and gave a most interesting address. Mr. Groombridge kindly presided at the organ.

Following the service, a very entertaining half an hour was spent by the members, when the Vicar undertook to describe the interesting features of the church, after which they were shown the magnificent collection of communion plate, of which Whitstable is particularly proud.

Subsequently tea was held in the Schoolroom, at which the Rev. Hillyard presided, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. J. P. Cobbold was voted to the chair. The following new members were elected: Arthur Sims, of Whitstable; D. Carroll and E. Gosbee, of St. Peter's, Thanet; Thomas Young and Albert Stringer, Littlebourne. Three new honorary members were also welcomed to the association: The Rev. T. Hillyard, the Rev. H. Thornton-Trapp and the Rev. J. M. Y. Phillipson.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the district secretary, to the Rev. Hillyard for the use of the bells, the service and address; to Mr. Cecil Dilnot for making the arrangements for the meeting, and to Mr. Groombrdige for presiding at the organ, was carried by acclamation.—The Vicar suitably replied and welcomed the ringers to Whitstable.

During the evening many methods were successfully accomplished, including Cambridge Surprise.

MR. GEORGE HOLIFIELD'S LONG RECORD.

SIXTY YEARS OF PEAL RINGING AT APPLETON.

Sixty years of peal ringing is a wonderful record. Mr. Geo. Holifield, sen., of Appleton, rang his first peal in that celebrated tower on June 5th, 1875, and last Saturday took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters to celebrate this 'diamond jubilee.' Throughout this long period he has also been a service ringer at the church and has figured in all the record lengths rung there, except the last long peal of Grandsire Caters. But he was associated with this as the composer of the peal. The peal last Saturday was also of his composition.

'March the 4th' is Appleton's great day of celebration. Every year since 1818, when the bells were first opened as a ring of six, this 'movable feast' has been held, and Mr. Holifield is a living link with that far off date. Born in 1858, Mr. Holifield knew and talked with villagers who were present at that first feast, and he has a still closer connection with the first Appleton ringers. The first recorded change ringing on the bells was a 720 of Bob Minor rung in 1821 by Joseph Trowell 1, Edwin Selwood 2, Alfred White 3, James Newman 4, James Maslin 5, Richard King 6. It was conducted by James Newman. In Mr. Holifield's first peal on June 5th, 1875, were Alfred White and James Newman. Alfred White died in the following year at the age of 73, and James Newman was 80 when he died in 1880. It is a wonderful record that these two generations of Appleton ringers, linked by a peal, should cover 117 years of ringing at one church.

MR. G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Incidentally also the well-known Appleton family of White, two representatives of which were in the peal last Saturday, have had a continuous connection with the Appleton Society through succeeding generations from 1818 to the present day.

BROTHER BILLS.

The peal rung at Isleworth last Saturday by a team of ten Williams was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier. Eight of the ten men were members of the South and West District, while Mr. Robinson, of Guildford, was provisionally elected a member in the belfry before starting the ringing. 'Old Bill,' of Camberwell (who had left his Surfleet portmanteau at home), ably conducted the ringing in his usual quiet manner, whilst 'Australia Bill' gave kindly messages to Messrs. Elson and Madgwick from ringing friends in Victoria.

That ancient riverside inn, The London Apprentice, was invaded after the peal and hospitality enjoyed with the president amidst greetings for many more birthdays to come. The landlord, William McDonald, was no novice at his business, and will be pleased to show visitors a fine set of 12 engravings by William Hogarth, which are also known as The London Apprentice. Thanks of the association are due to the Rector, the Rev. P. William Shepherd-Smith, for granting permission to visit the tower.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild met with a warm welcome at St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey, on Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing continued in various methods during the afternoon until 4.15, when a pause was made to enable the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Waithman) to dedicate a peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung by the local band.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist and choir were in attendance. The Vicar gave an interesting address, taking for his text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of Lord.'

Tea was enjoyed in the hall and a vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar and all who had assisted in the arrangements.

The Vicar responded with a few anecdotes of his experiences with bells.

Mrs. Melville (Guildford) took the chair at the short business meeting. It was decided to hold a meeting at Puttenham on May 4th if possible. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Brede (Sussex), Guildford, Farnborough, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Wokingham and Yateley.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER.

SURPRISE ITEMS AT 'THE BEST YET.'

On Saturday, February 16th, the bells of St. Martin's Cathedral (10), St. John the Divine (10) and St. Margaret's (12) heralded the Leicester and District Society's annual dinner. During the afternoon all sorts of touches were rung in the standard and Surprise methods—some very surprising!—and everyone possible was catered for. At 6.30 the gathering met at the George Hotel and sat down to an excellent dinner, after which the music-composing conductor aptly put to verse and made 'no thinner' rhyme with it! The local chairman (Mr. A. J. Harris) presided, and was supported by the Rev. W Groome-Merrilees (Theddingworth), the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton), and in addition to friends from the surrounding towers of Wigston (2), Great Glen, Kibworth, Belgrave, Syston, Lutterworth, Anstey, etc., and Hinckley District, a cordial welcome was extended to Messrs. H. Withers (Birmingham), R. F. Deal (London), J. Oldham, J. P. Fidler and Fletcher (Loughborough), and others too numerous to mention. A happy party of 88 sat down.

A fine programme of music and harmony was the order of the evening, free from formal speeches of any kind. Before commencing, however, the Chairman spoke of the great loss sustained of one who had recently 'passed over,' and who was—by a strange coincidence—the very first to buy a ticket for that dinner. He referred to the late Mr. Ernest Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, who was such an enthusiastic member of the Leicester Committee and rarely missed a meeting of any sort.—The company stood in silence for a moment to his respected memory.

The musical programme opened with a course of Stedman Triples by Messrs. H. J. Poole, G. S., E. and J. Morris, followed by the last named gentleman's well-known song, 'Johnny.'

The Chairman then had a small presentation to make to the Rev. Groome-Merrilees, who was leaving Theddingworth for Ellistown during the coming week. The recipient suitably replied, and stated he took the greatest interest in the bellringers, and he cordially invited any who cared to, to come and ring a peal at his new church. It has one small bell hanging in a cupola!

Handbell selections by the Friends' Adult School Sextet were splendidly rendered on a large number of bells and greatly enjoyed by all present. The Chairman then had another surprise in the presentation of a sealed packet to the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who, he remarked, had at a previous dinner expressed a wish that someone would give him the means of conveyance which would enable him to attend many more meetings. The contents of the packet, it was pointed out, would enable the rev. gentleman to fulfil his desires.

In receiving the packet, Mr. Farrow said he would open it when alone, but the chairman asked the police present to make him open it immediately. After seeing the handcuffs dangled before him, the rev. gentleman gingerly undid the packet, revealing—a toy motor-bike!

Mr. Harold J. Poole, with his two fellow-conspirators (the three D's), gave several humorous selections of his own composing, which fairly 'brought down the house.'

During another interval, the chairman had yet a further surprise item. This was the 'tit-bit' of the evening and caused endless fun and hilarity. Telling all present of the 'great adventure' recently undertaken by the DEXTEROUS Sergeant-Major in going to London specially to ring Bow bells, he was surprised and amazed that the police, aided by certain London ringers, had utterly defeated his object. He had really never recovered from this bitter disappointment. He (the chairman) was quite certain all Leicester district ringers sympathised with Mr. Dexter, and, after much thought and patience, he had devised a substitute, and had pleasure in presenting 'Freddy' with a couple of door-bells tied up with a huge riband into a bow. It was good to see the 'splicing champion' (J. P. Fidler) endeavouring to coax these 'bow-bells' round Fred's neck, but he was again—too DEXTEROUS.

A very interesting item on the programme was a course of Double Norwich, faultlessly rendered on the piano by that genius, Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham. A course of Stedman Caters was given on the handbells, and songs by Mr. S. Hawley and Mr. Fidler and Sergt. Billson's 'tales' all helped to make an enjoyable evening. All too soon 'Time, gentemen!' ended what everyone present echoed—it was 'the best yet.'

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, Durham, on February 10th, 1,080 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Lishman 1, R. Oliver 2, C. T. Lamb 3, J. H. Elliott 4, E. Hall 5, T. W. Dodd (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. P. M. Brutton, one time churchwarden and of later years a sidesman at the above church.

On Thursday, February 21st, at the Parish Church, Woodbridge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's twelve-part): G Warner 1, J. Trotman 2, F. Nichols 3, G. N. Blake 4, W. Woods 5, F. Woodruffe 6, F. Fisher (conductor) 7, F. Woodruffe 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late W. King, a member of the original band, who was interred at Woodbridge the previous day.

A SUFFOLK VETERAN.

DEATH OF MR. DAVID COLLINS.

Within nine days of his 87th birthday, Mr. David Collins, a celebrated Suffolk ringer has passed away at Worlingworth, and a link with the early days of the Norwich Diocesan Association has been broken. He joined that association in 1878, on August 3rd of which year he rang his first peal, 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Framsden, conducted by the late Daniel Prentice.

On October 16th, 1880, he rang in a peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham, conducted by William Ireland, of Diss, who is still with us. On June 6th, 1892, he took part in the celebrated 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham, conducted by the late James Motts, of Ipswich. David rang the 6th to this peal, this, in fact, being his favourite position. The remaining ringers of this long peal now surviving are Robert H. Brundle, William G. Crickmer and Frederick J. Tillett, who rang the tenor. On October 28th Mr. Collins took part in a septuagenarians' peal of 5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pulham Market, Norfolk, conducted by the late John Souter, of Diss, David being the oldest member of that band and then in his 75th year.

In all he rang over 50 peals and was perfect in striking.

Ringers in Ipswich and Suffolk have lost a personal friend and a ringer much esteemed for his sterling qualities.

Mr. Collins celebrated his diamond wedding last year, having been married at Worlingworth in 1874. His wife died during the year. All their six children had predeceased them and are buried in Worlingworth Churchyard.

In addition to being a member of the Worlingworth band for about 73 years, Mr. Collins was sexton from 1889 until three years ago. A wheelwright and carpenter by trade, Mr. Collins, in conjunction with his late brother, Mr. Edgar Collins, also a well-known Suffolk ringer, was responsible for the construction of several bell frames in Suffolk towers.

The Suffolk Guild was represented at the funeral last Friday by Mr. W. G. Crickmer and Mr. E. F. Poppy.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER GREENAWAY.

A HERTFORDSHIRE ENTHUSIAST.

The death occurred very suddenly on February 14th of Mr. Walter Greenaway, of Ware, Herts. Deceased, who was well known in East Herts, was 68 years of age, and a very enthusiastic ringer. He was captain of the Ware ringers, who are only a 'call change band,' but he learnt all his change ringing with the Hertford College Youths and never failed to attend the two Hertford churches, where this society is responsible, once every Sunday and for the usual weekly practice. He was present three days before his death at the Monday evening practice and seemed in his usual health. His death came as a great shock to the Hertford ringers, among whom he was most popular.

The funeral took place on February 16th at Ware Parish Church, where the deceased only last month rang his first peal of Treble Bob. The Ware and Hertford ringers were present, together with several visiting ringers, and the handbells were rung over the grave.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from the Ware ringers and another from the Hertford College Youths, on which was written, 'Dear old Walter,' and 'The last course,' 'That is all.' This referred to a course of Grandsire rung at the practice three days before his death. At the conclusion of this practice it was decided to give a little girl member, aged 11 years, her first course. This was accomplished, and, sadly enough, was Mr. Greenaway's last. Deceased had rung five peals, viz., two of Bob Major, one Grandsire Triples, one Stedman Triples and one Treble Bob Major.

HOSPITALITY AT LEIGH, DORSET.

PEAL RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Saturday, January 19th, five members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild visited Leigh, Dorset, and rang a peal there, as recorded in the peal column, and they are not likely to forget for some time their visit and the hospitality accorded to them. Before the attempt for the peal, the Vicar (the Rev. T. L. Jenkins) came to the church to welcome them and to wish them good luck. After the peal, which was the first on the bells, the Vicar conducted a short service, which had been especially arranged for the visiting ringers, and in which about 40 took part, including the local ringers and other church-workers.

After the service the locals rang for a short time, and then practically the whole congregation adjourned to the Vicarage, where a splendid repast awaited them. A most enjoyable time was spent, and it was nearly nine o'clock before the party broke up.

The five visitors greatly appreciate the wonderful arrangements made for their visit. It is hoped that this gathering may lead to the return of Leigh tower to the Guild. P. F.

SUDDEN DEATH IN BELFRY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William J. Rundle, of Plymouth, which occurred on Wednesday, February 20th, with tragic suddenness during practice in Emmanuel belfry, Plymouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the hon. secretary (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) reported that there had been a rather disappointing attendance at the meetings held during the year, and regretted the fact that a number of towers in the district were practically closed to Guild ringers. It was, he said, up to every member to pull his weight in introducing the Guild wherever possible. He asked all the members to come to the meetings prepared to ring something different to what they generally practised. The membership had been increased somewhat, but he hoped the members would rally more to the support of the officers.

The balance sheet showed £2 1s. remitted to the Guild treasurer and balance increased by 13s. 2d.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Horsell, Weybridge, Molesey, Thames Ditton and Chertsey.

The retiring officers were re-elected, with the Rev. C. Wanstall as the hon. members' representative on the Executive Committee.

Mr. W. Bagg, of Chertsey, was elected a member of the Guild.

The meeting was presided over by the Vicar of Chertsey (the Rev. C. Wanstall), who had previously conducted the Guild's service, and was thanked for all he had done in connection with the meeting.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

Great regret was felt at the Leatherhead District meeting last Saturday at the absence through illness of Mr. Arthur Dean, leader of the local band. Mr. Dean has been a bulwark of ringing in Leatherhead for a long period of years, and a meeting at that church without him was like 'Hamlet' without the Prince of Denmark. A vote of sympathy and good wishes for his speedy recovery was passed.

About forty ringers attended the meeting, and a special welcome was extended to Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. A. W. Coles and Mr. J. Bennett (Middlesex), Mr. D. H. Cooper (Surrey) and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of London.

The report of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) showed that the district balance had increased by over 30s., and that the membership remained about the same. He was disappointed, however, that not more than three youngsters had taken advantage of the reduced terms to ringers under 16 years of age to come into the Guild. It had been decided to carry on with the combined practices. Only five peals had been rung during the year in the district, but these included the 'first ever' of Leatherhead Surprise. Banstead and Leatherhead seemed to be the only towers available for peals, but they were still looking forward to the restoration of the bells at Ewell and Capel.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and Mr. W. J. Hart, of St. Martin's, Epsom, was elected a member.

Mr. A. Harman was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. A. H. Smith hon. district secretary. Messrs. G. Marriner and F. G. Woodiss were elected members of the Executive Committee after a ballot.

The retiring Guild officers were renominated and the following places chosen for district meetings: Dorking, Newdigate, Ranmore (joint with Surrey Association), Cobham, Banstead and Leatherhead.

The usual votes of thanks were passed.

Ringing during the day reached as high as Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EX-PRESIDENT VISITS AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.

A very encouraging meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Whimple on February 16th, when about 60 members attended. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Julian), the lesson being read by the Rev. O. Puckridge, and a most inspiring address was given by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi). Tea followed in the Victory Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (the Rev. E. A. Julian). Apologies were received from the Revs. W. N. Mitchell and Dr. Keene, also Messrs. S. Hull and R. S. Ward.

Three honorary and three associate members were elected, and the meeting delighted to welcome the late president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell) and Mrs. Powell, and the former branch secretary.

The ex-president presented certificates to two members of the branch.

Sowton was proposed for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 27th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rural Dean for his address, to the Rector, the organist, choir, organ blower, and the ladies who presided at the tea tables.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob, under the able management of the new Ringing Master, Mr. J. M. Skinner.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

On Thursday evening, February 7th, six of the local ringers at Rainford, Lancs, met to celebrate the 61st birthday of James W. Hall. The bells were fired 61 times, and afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in spliced 120's by Gabriel Lindoff was rung: P. Shaw (conductor) 1, G. Saint 2, W. Bagley 3, S. Cadwallender 4, J. W. Hall 5, O. Ashurst 6.

ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

VALUE OF SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE.

The importance of an association having a good balance in hand was emphasised by Mr. S. E. Armstrong (Southern Divisional Secretary of the Sussex County Association), when speaking at the annual dinner of the Southover Bellringers' Guild, Lewes. The dinner was held at the King's Head Inn, Southover, and was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews), who is president, supported by a number of vice-presidents and several visiting ringers, including Messrs. F. Bennett, K. Hart and S. E. Armstrong (Brighton), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), etc.

The loyal toast having been honoured, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the toast of 'The Southover Bellringers' Guild,' with the formation of which, he said, he was connected nearly 40 years ago. He urged the members to support their officers by their regular and punctual attendance at both service ringing and practices, and said that with the encouragement they received from the Rector they had every opportunity to go on and make great advances in change ringing. Some of their members had rung peals during the past year, and he hoped that before the present year was out all of them would do so. He wished the Guild success and prosperity in the future.

Mr. G. Elphick (the hon. secretary), who responded, said they had been able during the past year to ring for nearly all the Sunday services, although sometimes they only mustered six or eight ringers. Their best performance had been the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples ever rung by local members of the Guild. They had also begun to practise handbell ringing.

Mr. G. E. Suter (vice-president) submitted the toast of 'The Sussex County Association,' and, in congratulating the association upon its work in the past, also congratulated it upon the fact that this year it would celebrate its jubilee. He commented upon the fact that according to the 1933 balance sheet, the association had over £180 in hand. He said, as a church treasurer, he cast envious eyes on such a balance as this, and went on to suggest that the association might spend some of it in assisting those churches whose bells needed restoration, but whose funds were insufficient to do the work.

Replying to the toast, Mr. S. E. Armstrong said the association kept its balance for a rainy day. Their actual income did not very largely exceed their expenditure, and as they bound themselves to make good any damage done to bells at their meetings and gave certain advantages to members who attended the meetings by way of grants towards railway fares, it was necessary to have a reserve. Indeed, the umbrella was already going up this year. He did not think he was disclosing any secret when he said that it was hoped that one way of celebrating the jubilee of the association would be by a great gathering of members, to whom an allowance up to 2s. each would be made for travelling expenses, and a dinner, half the cost of which would be defrayed out of the funds. If all the members turned up it would make a big hole in their £180 balance. It was sometimes asked, said Mr. Armstrong, what benefits a ringer got from membership of the association; in other words, what was he going to get out of it? The annual subscription was 2s., but if a member attended all the meetings of his district and the annual meeting of the association, he would, if he could claim the maximum amount, receive 10s. towards his travelling expenses. But that, he said, amid applause, was not the way to look at membership of such an association. It was not what they got out of it that mattered, but what they put into it. He added that there had never been any desire among members that subscriptions should be given towards repairing church bells or towers.

The remaining toasts were 'The President and Vice-Presidents,' proposed by Mr. C. J. Rugg and responded to by Mr. C. T. Lloyd, and 'The Host and Hostess,' submitted by Mr. Ward and acknowledged by Mrs. Muzzell.

Song and story, to say nothing of handbell ringing, passed a very pleasant evening.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORTY ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 2nd. Some 40 members and friends, including the general secretary (the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake), attended. The business meeting was held in the Vicarage at 6 p.m., the Vicar of Haddenham (the Rev. A. E. Kirkland) being elected chairman. The election of officers for 1935 are: President, the Rev. A. E. Kirkland; secretary, Mr. F. Warrington; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Abrams; committee, Messrs. A. J. Ginn, J. Lawrence, G. Few, S. Shipp, captains of their respective belfries. Sutton in the Isle was selected as the place of the next annual meeting, and Chatteris for the next ordinary meeting on March 9th, particulars of which appear in the notice columns of this issue.

New members elected were Messrs. G. Burton, F. Maskell and C. Ambrose, and the belfry election of J. Hodson and R. Mitham, jun., were confirmed.

It was proposed that a joint meeting with the Wisbech Branch be held at Elm during the coming summer.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of his bells and presiding.

Ringing ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor, and some good practice work done with the juniors.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 47th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's Church (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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd (not on the 16th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, for same. Meeting for election of Officers, etc., after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due. The annual report available. A good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bingham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 2nd, when all ringers are invited to try the recently restored 10 bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the afternoon a committee meeting will be held in the vestry. No branch meeting, but subscriptions welcomed; reports to hand.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Shildon on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock, and South Church bells, in addition, after tea. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5, followed by a short service in St. John's Church.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, March 2nd. 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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary Magdalene 4.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m. (1s. each, members 6d.). Business meeting follows.—George Case, Dis. Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

CLEVELAND & N. YORKS ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint by-meeting of the districts will be held at All Hallows', Lombard Street, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (10) at 3 o'clock. Tea and jaw 5 o'clock. Handbells and further ringing till 8.30. Entrance in hoarding in Gracechurch Street.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen (Aylestone not being available) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 2nd. 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Loughton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (one mile from Newbury) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 2nd, the bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service in church, tea and meeting after. All heartily welcome. Come and spend a happy time.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5. Tea, in the Schoolroom, at 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting after. Attention is drawn to Rule 9.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at North Stoneham, March 2nd. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea 5.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

WEST DOWN, ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.—The ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.) rehung in a new frame and fittings by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Exeter on Monday, March 4th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Thursday, March 7th, at 7 p.m. the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln. Peal restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends will be welcome at Farnham Royal on Thursday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to ring 'many happy returns' to Mr. J. J. Parker, on his 82nd anniversary.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—REFERENDUM OF TITLE.—Members who have paid their subscription to December 31st last are entitled to vote. Any member not receiving voting card on or before March 8th should notify me immediately. Cards not received by me by March 15th will be ignored.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 9th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Thomas à Becket's Palace 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me by March 6th. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, 5.45 p.m. For tea notify Mr. Wm. Leach, 53, Eldon Street, St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea, 1s., and meeting. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whilton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 9th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford (6 bells) on Saturday, March 9th. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on March 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Please note the times.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 9th. 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams, Chatteris, Cambs. Special business: Owing to my probable departure a new secretary will be appointed at this meeting. A full attendance is requested.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Durweston on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bryanston and Shillingstone towers also open. A hearty welcome to all. Please advise J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 5th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49 Hellier Street, Dudley.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea, please notify Mr. M. Perry, 3, Colliery Buildings, Brierley, near Barnsley, by Thursday, 7th. A good meeting desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Lytham, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, Lancs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at Burbage. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m., at the Half Moon Inn. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, March 13th.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on March 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by Vicar at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, by Thursday, March 14th. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, March 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Egerton on March 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Church Council at the George Inn, 5 p.m. Please send a postcard on the Sunday previous if you wish to come. Every ringer welcome. Plenty of methods from Carter Doubles to London Surprise. Easy running bells, and every prospect of a large gathering. Notify A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, or P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Kent, Hon. Secs.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Alteration of date.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, April 6th, and not on March 30th as previously stated.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

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BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

The public attitude towards church bells was touched upon by at least three speakers at the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on Saturday. They approached the subject from different angles, but all led to the same focal point. 'Good bells rung with skill and restraint and with consideration for other people still make a unique appeal, in spite of the somewhat jaundiced utterances which occasionally gain publicity,' said the Vicar of Aston, who added that evidence from diverse and unexpected sources had shown him that bellringing has still a hold upon the public. The hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild uttered a warning against the insidious and undemocratic powers by which a Minister of the Crown might, by a stroke of the pen, prohibit church bellringing through a Departmental Order. Upon this matter it behoves ringers to keep a constant watch. The third reference was made by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who, speaking of the importance to ringing of a sympathetic Press, advocated a voluntary limitation of peal ringing in populous areas.

These three points all direct attention to the core of the subject. In these days we cannot afford entirely to ignore public feeling. Church bells, when one gets down to real bedrock, have a place of affection in the hearts of the majority of the people of this country, but in a world distracted by the noises of its own creation and dizzy with the turmoil of its own making, where panic action is taken to stay the penalties which are the inevitable corollary of the so-called progress of mankind, there are forces at work which might conceivably deal a staggering blow at our art and even at the age-long usages of the Church itself, not because, in itself, the ringing of church bells offends the ear or shatters the nerves, but because all sounds are 'noise' to certain people. The zeal of reformers of this type is always directed at the other man's pursuits or pleasures, but this does not alter the fact that these people, usually few in number, are able to pull the strings which put their pet views into operation, and the vast majority of the public know nothing of it until it is too late to counteract the regulations which have been made.

Sound advice will be observed in all the speeches referred to. 'Good bells rung with skill and restraint and with consideration for other people.' It comes from a non-ringer. It emphasises that the striking should be good. That is the first essential. Good bells are a most desirable possession, but even poor bells can be made to sound less disagreeable as the ringing of them improves. Good striking is one of the best ways of showing con-

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George A. Fleming...	...*Treble*	*Charles Clarke	7
*Phyllis E. Tillett...	... 2	John F. Tillett	8
Charles J. Sedgley	... 3	Charles A. Catchpole ...	9
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Harry R. Roper ...	... 5	George E. Symonds ...	11
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

John H. Lenton... ...	...*Treble*	Leonard Drake	6
Horace Fox...	2	Ronald H. Dove	7
Arthur Walker... ...	3	Thomas Holder	8
Harry C. Walters ...	4	Charles Brown	9
Fred Newton	5	Albert T. Strangward	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by John H. Lenton.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(Southern District.)

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At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

James H. Judd	...*Treble*	Hugh R. Thorpe	6
Bernard H. Wells... ...	2	Richard V. Fuller... ...	7
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Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*CYRIL G. HOOPER	...Treble	F. ATTIWELL	6
J. BULLEN	2	W. PHILLIPS	7
F. CRABB	3	F. ROWSELL	8
F. GREEDY	4	C. GREEDY	9
T. BUTLER	5	A. THOMAS	...Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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EDGAR W. LUFF	...Treble	JOHN W. JONES	5
GEORGE WENT	2	ARTHUR HAWKINS	6
GEORGE KNIGHT	3	ALFRED W. HEATH	7
DONALD G. CLIFT	4	ARTHUR L. LUCAS	...Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

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JOHN E. METCALFE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
*KENNETH FORD	4	§WILLIAM SHERBORNE	...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.' ‡ First peal. § First peal on eight.

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Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*LESLIE STEPHENS	...Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP	5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY	2	JOHN SADDINGTON	6
JOHN P. FIDLER	3	F. HORACE E. STUBBS	7
JOHN GRUNDY	4	COLIN HARRISON	...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. HARRISON.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

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(TAUNTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT	...Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	S. GEORGE COLES	7
ALFRED J. WYATT	4	S. PERCY MERSON	...Tenor

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JOHN J. WEBB	4	ARTHUR C. NASON	...Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES ROSE	...Treble	CHARLES SHEMMING	5
JAMES DURRANT	2	KEITH W. WHITTELL	6
WILLIAM KINSEY	3	GEORGE A. FLEMING	7
CLAUDE WOODARD	4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	...Tenor

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EDWARD H. LINDUP	2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN	6
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WILLIAM J. WEBB	4	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	...Tenor

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J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	3	WILFRED HALLIWELL	7
ROBERT WALLWORK	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

PENTRE RHONDDA, SOUTH WALES.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

*ERNEST STITCH	...Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT	5
*WILLIAM J. CROSS	2	HERBERT DAVIES	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	WILLIAM PAGE	7
WILFRED PALMER	4	FREDERICK LASBURY	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. LASBURY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in any method as conductor and first attempt. A birthday peal for ringer of the 2nd and for the daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWIN HOPKINSON	...Treble	*HENRY HOPKINSON	5
GEORGE H. PAULSON	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
VICTOR E. TAYLOR	3	THOMAS DENT	7
BERNARD ALLSOP	4	*ALFRED H. BOWLER	...Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Grandsire. Ringers of 2, 4 and 6 are from Darley Dale, 3 from Matlock, rest belong to Ashover. It is believed to be the first peal at Ashover in which any local ringers have taken part.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD W. BIFFEN	*Treble*	A. WILLIAM MYERS	5
AUBREY L. BENNETT	2	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	6
THOMAS G. MYERS	3	HERBERT J. HOLE	7
*HENRY G. LEWIS	4	ARTHUR H. GOAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells, which have lately been recast and augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR RAINBIRD	*Treble*	BERTRAM C. HINES	5
LESLIE C. THRIFT	2	ALBERT PRYER	6
HARRY TURNER	3	ERNEST FURBANK	7
ROBERT HEAZEL	4	†ARLAND PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER F. TYLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GRACE	5
JOHN FOSKETT	2	PERCY J. SPICE	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	JACK DAFTERS	7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, also to Mr. William Spice, sen., of Tunstall, father of the ringer of the 6th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OFFICERS' PEAL.
On Tuesday, February 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE, Master	*Treble*
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH, Hon. General Secretary	2
CHARLES W. DENVER, Hon. Secretary, Farnham District	3
ARTHUR H. SMITH, Hon. Secretary, Leatherhead District	4
GEORGE L. GROVER, Hon. Secretary, Guildford District	5
C. ERNEST SMITH, Ringing Master, Guildford District	6
ALFRED H. PULLING, Central Council Representative	7
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE, Member of Executive Committee	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung after meeting too late to start for Cambridge Surprise Major.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE	*Treble*	GEORGE LUCAS	5
HENRY STATHAM	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
HERBERT RANN	3	GEORGE ADES	7
JOHN FEIST	4	FRANK BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE ADES.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. It is upwards of 40 years since the conductor has called a peal. The tenor man 'completes the circle' of this tower.

BANKERS' PEAL.
LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

FRANCIS S. WILSON, Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Wincanton	*Treble*
ERNEST J. TAYLOR, National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Newbury	2
ALAN R. PINK, Westminster Bank, Ltd., Eton	3
STAFFORD H. GREEN, Australasia Mercantile Bank, Ltd.	4
HARRY W. BADGER, Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Thame	5
FREDERICK N. SMEATON, Midland Bank, Ltd., Tunbridge Wells	6
EDWARD R. COLES, Lloyds Bank, Ltd., High Wycombe	7
FREDERICK WHITE, Westminster Bank, Ltd., Cranbrook	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Messrs. F. N. Smeaton and H. W. Badger were elected members of the Ancient Society of College Youths prior to the ringing of the peal, which was a birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Lloyds Bank, Wincanton, who was 60 not out! a few days before.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 27, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¾ cwt. in B flat.

*MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	*Treble*	*HANBURY F. CARTER	5
GEORGE MAYERS	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	†CLIFFORD BIRD	7
ERIC DURRANT	4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First attempt for a peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 28, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*GEORGE HARVEY	*Treble*	HENRY HARRISON	5
FREDERICK A. SALTER	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	6
JOHN HOBBS	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	7
FREDERICK BROWN	4	EDWARD C. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the 2nd has now had the pleasure of ringing a peal on every bell in this tower. This peal is No. 2,457 of the society's performances.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

ARTHUR R. MILES	*Treble*	†ARTHUR J. HART	5
*GEORGE WIGGINS	2	CHARLES BRASIER	6
†FRANK H. HICKS	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPICE	5
JOSEPH H. WICKS	2	WILLIAM J. BEER	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3	JAMES E. BAILEY	7
EDWARD J. BEER	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEO. J. BUTCHER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and as a 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents.

EDWARD BROWN	*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
WILLIAM DOFFY	2	CHARLES PERKINS	5
CHARLES BLACK	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

The band wish to associate the name of Mr. H. Gibbard with this peal, he being unable to take part through illness.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*GEORGE GILLETT	*Treble*	ERNEST WAKELING	4
WILLIAM YOUNG	2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	5
STANLEY SHIPP	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a thanksgiving for the completion, by a gift day on the previous Friday, of the organ fund, £1,250. A new organ is being installed.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, all differently called. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JACK LIGHMAN	*Treble*	JOHN H. ELLIOTT	4
*RAYMOND OLIVER	2	EDWARD HALL	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ...	3	†THOMAS W DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method away from the treble. First peal in more than one method by all the band except the conductor. All are members of the local band and all learned to pull a rope in the above tower. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. P. M. Brutton, one time churchwarden and later a sidesman.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

H. ERNEST COX	*Treble*	JOHN J. WEBB	4
CHARLES L SADLER	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	WILLIAM POSTON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*REGINALD HOUGHTON ...	*Treble*	CHARLES BALL	4
TOM BARTRAM	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL... ...	3	HUBERT FOLBIGG...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STAPLETON

* First peal. Rung to celebrate 30 years' ministry of the Rev. Canon Williamson at Tempsford.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merton, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

PETER ROGERSON	*Treble*	ERNEST SWAIN	4
*GEORGE E BRAITHWAITE...	2	*EDWIN JENNINGS	5
ALAN W. CASSON	3	HERBERT S. PALMER... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* 25th peal together. First peal in seven Minor methods on the bells, by all the band and for the branch. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of the Rector of Morecambe (Canon Scott) and as a compliment to Mrs. Scott.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1935, 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 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob, each called differently.

BERT COCK	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	4
BERNARD W. PETTITT... ...	2	ERNEST TOWNSEND	5
BASIL REDGWELL	3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Borthwick to Miss Addison, of Wethersfield Place, which took place at St. Clement Danes the previous day.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Oxford and three 720's Kent, each differently arranged. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*JOSEPH TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NEWTON	4
ALFRED BALLARD	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
†FRANK MEASURES	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Treble Bob. † First Minor peal. First peal in these variations on the bells. The band represented six different towers.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of New Bob, Place Bob, Union, St. Simon's, Original, Canterbury Pleasure, New Year's Eve, April Day and 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

E. K. GEARY	*Treble*	H. PAYNE	4
H. FAULKNER	2	A. N. GEARY	5
J. G. GEARY...	3	*R. BODDYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

* First peal. First peal in eleven methods by all the band. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	WILFRED EDWARDS	4
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (2) Hexham and Berwick; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (5) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD	*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	ROGER W. DANIELS	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 23 methods by all the band, for the Guild and in the county. In this peal there were 115 changes of method.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kingston, two of London Scholars' Pleasure, one of Sandal and two of Oxford. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN H. BRIERLEY	*Treble*	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	4
*FRED MARSDEN	2	JAMES A. MILNER	5
KENNETH LEWIS	3	ARTHUR WHITING	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers of 3rd and tenor are members of the local band. This is the first peal in which any of the local band have taken part. Rung in honour of the completion of 50 years' ringing at the above church by Mr. John Wood, leader of the local band, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild since its inception.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 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

ALFRED BARNES 9-10

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

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ..	1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE...	3-4	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ...	7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE

Umpire—John E. Rootes.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church for morning service, Sunday, January 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Whybrow 1, W. Seekings 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, M. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. Rung on back six. Time prevented a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major for evensong, but about 1,163 changes were rung. Arranged for Mr. W. Seekings, of Chatteris, this being his first of Double Norwich Major.

ST. ALBANS ABBEY BELLS.

OLD RING GO BACK TO THE FOUNDRY.

The work of augmenting the ring of eight at St. Albans Abbey into a peal of twelve is now in full swing, and on Monday and Tuesday, February 25th and 26th, the old bells were lowered into the church below. Many people gathered in the church on Tuesday to see the tenor brought down, after hanging in the tower with the 3rd, 4th and 7th since 1699. The history of casting and recasting may be summarised thus with the names of the founders:—

Treble.—Phelps, 1730. Briant, 1792. Mears, 1845, 1901.
2nd.—Phelps, 1730. Mears, 1845, 1901.
3rd.—Wightman, 1699.
4th.—Wightman, 1699.
5th.—Wightman, 1699. Phelps, 1731.
6th.—Wightman, 1699. Lester and Pack, 1758.
7th.—Wightman, 1699.
Tenor.—Wightman, 1699.

It will be noticed that the present ring all came from the same foundry, which has been in existence from 1570, and now belongs to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are successors to Wightman and other founders.

Immediately upon reaching the floor below the bell was weighed, and turned the scale at 24 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. The bell weighed considerably more before the cannons were removed some years ago, when it was quarter-turned and rehung. It is still an excellent bell, its note having dropped barely a semi-tone from the original note of E flat, when it was cast in 1699.

On Thursday, February 28th, the bells were taken to the Whitechapel Foundry to be cleaned and tuned and the fifth recast (having been found to be cracked), after an absence of 236 years for some of them. Upon the fifth has been found an incised design of 'Father Time,' with hour glass and sickle, a fact which has never been chronicled before. It is believed this design is rare, and perhaps maybe the only occurrence of the same upon a bell. Perhaps my readers may substantiate this, or otherwise; it would be interesting.

The augmentation is in the hands of a reputable firm, and we have every confidence that Mr. Hughes will see that we have a peal worthy of the noble pile they are to occupy, as well as a fitting memorial of the jubilee of the Hertford County Association.

The association is raising money for one bell to commemorate its jubilee and to the memory of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham. So once again, in due time, a peal of twelve will send forth their music in St. Albans.

But the rehanging costs money, and the money is wanted quickly, so that when the bells are rung for the Silver Jubilee of our beloved King and Queen, we want every penny in hand to pay for the work done. Many, I believe, intend to send something, but keep putting it off. To those who have sent, again I would say 'Thank you,' and to all who are yet to send, especially those in our own county area, let me say, 'DO IT AT ONCE.' I shall be happy to see a heavy post bag next week. The bells will sound sweeter to your ears if you have given something towards making them sweet.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Secretary.

Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

AN ANNIVERSARY GATHERING.

The anniversary celebration of the Oxford University Society began with lunch in the Queen's College on March 2nd, when a party of 16 sat down under the chairmanship of the president of the society, the Rt. Rev. Dr. E. D. Shaw. Some others were prevented from attending by duty or sickness, but among those present were the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master). As guests there were Mr. A. N. P. Woodard (Jesus, Camb.) to represent the University Guild, Mr. Alderman C. H. Brown (president) to represent the Oxford Society, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Wokingham, an old member of the Cambridge University Guild. A letter was read from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' greatly regretting that the train service made it impossible for him to take Oxford on his way to Birmingham, and greetings were sent by one of the oldest members, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Balliol), of Birmingham, Recorder of Lincoln, who was kept in Birmingham by the Henry Johnson dinner. Before lunch a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. H. Miles (St. Catherine's), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. J. P. Pelloe (Queen's), and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Keble).

After the loyal toast by the president, Mr. Pelloe proposed 'The Cambridge University Guild,' referring to their many peals in the tower, and especially to their prowess in handbell ringing.—Mr. Woodard replied, speaking modestly of their achievements, and complimenting his Oxford brethren on their larger numbers.

The Master, Mr. C. R. Willis (St. John's), next proposed 'The Oxford Society (City),' expressing much gratitude to it for the great help it gave to the University Society by welcoming its members to their towers, several having gained much proficiency by this means.

Mr. Alderman Brown replied with an amusing speech which called forth much laughter.

After lunch a move was made to St. Thomas' Church, where both Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung.

A NEW TAYLOR CHIME.

INTERESTING INSCRIPTIONS.

The culmination of an effort spread over many years was seen at Stannington, Northumberland, on Sunday, February 24th, when the Bishop of Newcastle dedicated a chime of eight bells. The bells have some interesting inscriptions:—

The tenor, weighing over 30 cwt., is dedicated to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Dodderidge, M.A., R.N.V.R., who worked assiduously to complete the work. The bell is inscribed with the full name of the deceased Vicar on one side and on the reverse simply 'Doddie,' a familiar name by which he was known.

The second bell, given by the parishioners of Stannington, is inscribed, 'Whenever the sweet bell rings o'er hill and dale must Jesus Christ be praised.' A third bell is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Leech, who, says in the inscription, 'in adversity were to friends like a providence.'

The fourth is interesting and forges another link in the association between Stannington Church and Jesmond Parish Church. It is dedicated to the Jesmond choir and has been purchased from the proceeds of the many services they gave at Stannington. The fifth is in memory of 14-year-old Hunter Stead Ellis, of Gosforth, and was given by his parents.

The sixth bell is in memory of James Winter Parish, 'who loved the peace of this place,' and the seventh and eighth bells purchased from the carillon fund bear the inscriptions, 'Ring out the false, ring in the true' and 'I ring true; do you?'

The church was crowded when the procession of clergy and others entered, preceded by the wardens with wands, Mr. Carnegie, people's warden, Mrs. Lyons, Vicar's warden, and Mr. R. Wood, deputising for Lord Ridley.

The Bishop was accompanied by Canon Knyvett, his chaplain; Canon Davies, Morpeth; and the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Hudson, late of Spittal and Scotswood.

Jesmond Parish Church choir, under Dr. Hutchinson, and the Stannington choir, under Mr. Watson, the organist, sang special music for the day.

After the Bishop had pronounced the beautiful words of the dedication, the new bells were chimed as the clergy and choir returned from the belfry in procession down the aisle.

The bells have been made by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Many members of the congregation went specially to Mr. Fidler to express their appreciation of the beautiful tonal quality of the bells and to say how glad they were that such a fine chime had been installed.

A BROKEN ROPE—BUT TWO 'FIRSTS.'

An attempt was made at Gulval, Cornwall, on Saturday, March 2nd, for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-Part), but, unfortunately, just after the fifth part end had come up, in 1 hour and 20 minutes, the fourth rope broke. This was unfortunate at a tower where the bells are looked after so well. The band was: A. S. Roberts 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin (longest length as conductor) 2, Miss E. Symons 3, W. Wood 4, C. E. Lanxon 5, P. J. Hitchens 6, J. Wood 7, E. Sanders 8. However, the rope was soon mended, and by reshuffling a little, a quarter-peal was rung which enabled E. Sanders to ring the treble to his longest length on eight away from the tenor, and C. E. Lanxon to conduct his first quarter-peal on eight.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Market Harborough, Leicestershire, for morning service, on March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss M. I. Barrow (first quarter and first attempt) 1, R. March 2, L. Rudd 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Wallington 5, A. Manning 6, W. Hector (conductor) 7, W. Kilsby 8. All are Sunday service ringers.

At Ramsbury, Wilts, on Sunday, March 3rd, at the Church of the Holy Cross, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 10 different extents): Miss N. J. Elliott (Aldbourne) 1, A. Taylor (Marlborough) (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, T. J. Palmer (Aldbourne) 3, N. W. Hawkins (Aldbourne) 4, T. A. Palmer (Aldbourne) 5, W. J. Jennings (Marlborough) (first quarter-peal) 6.

At Oakley, Hants, on February 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): W. J. Marlow (first quarter-peal) 1, M. C. Lee (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, F. J. Marlow 3, F. Titcombe 4, W. Hunt (conductor) 5, G. Coster 6.

At St. Mary's, Mildenhall, on February 24th, for evensong, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Simpson 1, P. Fordham 2, V. Shorter 3, D. Wright 4, R. Lathbury (conductor) 5, W. Stannard 6, J. Quinney 7, J. Ward 8. First quarter-peal by treble and fourth ringers.

At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, on Sunday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman: *H. Platt 1, H. A. Mellor 2, *I. Gartside 3, *F. Mellor 4, *J. W. Truelove 5, I. Kay 6, C. E. Platt (conductor) 7, *F. Platt 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by an entirely local band at this church.

At Christ Church, Dore, Derbyshire, on Sunday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,288 changes): W. Biggin 1, W. Bingham 2, G. M. Thorpe 3, H. Warburton 4, A. Wilson 5, J. W. Sykes 6, C. Bates 7, A. P. Knights (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Only a generation ago the man who had rung a hundred peals had done something he could 'talk about,' even if it had taken him nearly a lifetime. There are plenty of men in these days who knock off a century about every two years. Thus has the practice of peal ringing grown.

Last Saturday, Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, now approaching the 'old war horse' stage, scored his 1,300th peal! It has taken him 46 years to do it, but an average of 30 peals a year for nearly half a century is not bad going. It needs an unflagging enthusiasm to keep it up for that length of time.

When four-figure totals are mentioned, anything less is largely overshadowed, but when a man has accumulated 500 he reaches a notable landmark in his ringing career. Congratulations, therefore, to the popular hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. J. T. Dyke, upon ringing his 500th peal last Saturday.

And what of Mr. George Ades, of Brighton. Last week he called a peal of Grandsire Triples. His first peal as conductor for over 40 years! It doesn't seem so long since those enjoyable days at Waldron, does it, George? And yet, alas, it is.

Another peal of London on handbells! The clever Hertfordshire band have repeated their performance.

Ringers from England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, to say nothing of Australia, were present at the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on Saturday, which shows how widely representative the company was. This dinner is not just an evening affair—it's a week-end. And that is why so many ringers from afar return to it year after year.

Of the twelve peals of Maximus rung in 1934, six, and all of them in Surprise methods, were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich.

Miss Phyllis Tillett's performance last week in ringing an inside bell to Superlative Surprise Maximus was a specially meritorious performance. She is only 16, but she rang both her bell and the method splendidly.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S REFERENDUM.

BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD'S VIEWS.

The referendum which is being taken on the suggested change in the title of the Essex Association closes next Friday, and all voting cards must be in the hands of the hon. secretary by that date.

The views of the Bishop of Chelmsford on the subject were expressed in 'The Bishop's Letter' in a recent issue of the 'Chelmsford Diocesan Chronicle,' and were fully in favour of the adoption of a diocesan title. His lordship wrote:—

'I understand that the Essex Association of Change Ringers is taking a referendum of its members on the advisability of changing the title of the association. Members are asked to vote whether they would prefer to retain the old title or to alter the title to the "Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers." I hope, as president of the society, I shall not be regarded as using the dignity of my office improperly in expressing an opinion on this matter. If so, I hope I may be forgiven. I have no doubt that, had the society been formed at a time when Essex was coterminous with the diocese in which it was situated, the society would have been called by the name of the diocese, but in 1879 the County of Essex was part of the Diocese of St. Albans, which included the County of Hertfordshire, and, therefore, the county title was preferred. But now that the county and diocese are the same in area, and, seeing that this society is a church society, I think it is obvious that the best title is "The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers."'

SUFFOLK GUILD.

PROTEST AGAINST REFUSAL OF CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A highly successful meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stowmarket on Saturday, February 23rd, when about 24 members attended and good instructional work was done, several members ringing their first courses in various methods. It was encouraging to find young ringers present who were anxious to take advantage of the opportunity for instruction and practice. Tea was held at a local cafe, and at the meeting which followed the Vicar of Stowmarket (the Rev. F. Tucker Harvey) took the chair and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild.

The secretary (the Rev. H. Drake) reported that the Guild had again been refused permission for the use of the bells at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, on the occasion of the annual meeting.

Strong protests were raised by the members, and the secretary was instructed to take further action.

Other subjects were discussed, and the Ringing Master (Mr. Charles J. Sedgley) gave a brief report on the peals rung by the Guild in 1934.

The meeting concluded with the election of several new honorary and performing members.

The church was again the rendezvous after the meeting, and ringing continued until 8 p.m. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and Stedman. Members from the following towers were present: Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Clement's and St. Matthew's), Woodbridge, Thornham, Stowmarket, Waldingfield, Finborough and Sudbury.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

BIRMINGHAM'S GREAT GATHERING.

Presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

A happy recognition of the invaluable services rendered to ringing generally and to St. Martin's Guild in particular by Mr. Albert Walker was made at Birmingham on Saturday, when presentations were made to him and Mrs. Walker at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Mr. Walker has recently retired from the Ringing Mastership of the Guild, an office which he held for 18 years and unofficially filled for a period before that. During that time he helped materially to lift the Guild to a foremost place among ringing societies, and throughout this long period received the active help and encouragement of his wife.

The dinner was, as usual, the occasion of a large 'gathering of the clans' from far and near, and it was noteworthy that all the four kingdoms of the British Isles were represented, while the presence of some of the tourists who recently visited Australia added a link with that distant part of the Empire. There was the usual ringing at the famous church in the Bull Ring and at other Birmingham churches in the afternoon, and a company of 150 gathered at the Imperial Hotel in the evening. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, presided. He was accompanied by Mrs. Guy Rogers and supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of the Guild), Mr. Frank E. Haynes (Ringing Master), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), the Revs. H. McGowan (Vicar of Aston), Canon S. Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), etc. Among those also present were Vice-Presidents J. George and J. H. Shepherd, Messrs. W. G. Robinson and C. F. Carson (churchwardens of Birmingham), the Rev. C. H. Williams (Bishop Ryder's) and Mrs. Williams, the Rev. S. Riley (Vicar of Shirley), the Rev. C. O. R. Wormald (Vicar of Solihull), Mr. W. R. Heaton (Solihull), Col. J. W. Danielsen, D.S.O. (churchwarden of Edgbaston), Mr. Joseph Johnson (son of the late Henry Johnson), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Manchester), Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Bristol United Guilds), Mr. Gabriel Lindoff (hon. secretary, Irish Association), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. H. W. Green (who travelled both out and home with the Australian tourists), Mrs. Wilkins and Messrs. W. Knight, P. C. Williams and W. Thomas (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Messrs. J. Holman and H. Thorp (Sheffield), J. Pagett and A. H. Ward (Derby), L. Woodcock and Atkinson (York Minster Society), J. Marshall (Edinburgh), W. A. Wooler (Wortley), H. Mason (Hagley), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), T. J. Elton, W. Griffin and Miss Griffin (Walsall), R. Pickering and G. Baker (Wolverhampton), J. Thomas (London), and ringers and friends from many places in and around Birmingham.

Among those who sent apologies were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, Col. F. G. Danielsen, D.S.O. (Edgbaston), Messrs. F. B. Yates (Kings Norton), T. Russam (a vice-president of the Guild), E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), W. H. Fussell, F. E. Dawe, S. J. Hector, W. Saunders and others.

MR. ALBERT WALKER

MRS. WALKER

CAREFUL WATCH ON LEGISLATION NEEDED.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed 'Church and the State.' It was extremely important, he said, that Church and State should work well together. When they saw in so many parts of the world the many disruptive forces that threatened good government and order and, more still, the liberties of the individual citizen, they could see the importance of having in this country strong forces to resist any intrusion upon their traditions of good order, mingled with liberty. Even in our own country they found sinister influences at work attempting to undermine the religious faith of the people, hostility to the established usages of the Church, to her theology and her forms of worship, and trying to subvert the most fundamental and elementary principles of morality which had been built up in this country through centuries of Christian influence upon Christian foundations. That made it all the more imperative that Church and State should co-operate in the work of keeping this country a Christian country and a stronghold of liberty and order (applause). To those who had been watching the course of events it was impressive to remark how the Church had been making her influence felt in the counsels of the State. The Church had taken part prominently in official and unofficial ways in endeavouring to cope with the difficult problems of unemployment and the proper housing of the population, and just recently they learned that the Archbishop of York had been appointed to the important post of adviser to the B.B.C., while the Archbishop of Canterbury had long been taking part in the preparation of the Government of India Bill which had just come before the House of Commons. In this way it had been observed that the Church, especially through her Archbishops, had been exerting considerable influence in the counsels of the State. There were, however, two points on which there was some danger of Church and State coming into conflict. One was the matter of education. For centuries the Church was the only agent of education in this country before the State began to wake up and take a hand in it. Now there was a tendency for the State to take the whole hand and not leave the Church any room at all. They wanted to be very careful to ensure that so far as they could the maintenance of all the Church Schools should remain in a state of efficiency and that they should maintain their training colleges to ensure Christian teaching in Christian schools (applause). Another matter was in the use of bells. There was great danger at this time of a very insidious character. There was an anti-noise campaign abroad in the land and there was no knowing when church bells might be brought within its sphere. Legislation in these days sometimes took the insidious form of conferring powers upon a Minister to make such orders as he thought fit, and, therefore, ringers and those who had the control of bells must keep a very careful watch on any legislation, whether it was of a local or national character.

The Chairman, who responded to the toast, said that in these times what they really needed was a certain amount of tradition, but they certainly must move with the times. Unfortunately, he thought some States moved a little too violently with the times, and they got dictatorships which did not know their business properly. On the other hand, the Church was a little too much rooted in tradition. He

recognised that the Church had much to learn. It needed to manifest its unity in a way that it had not done yet and to witness for Christ far more powerfully than it did at the moment. It should be prepared to take a more independent line when necessary to safeguard the moral conscience of the nation, and if the time should come that to safeguard the moral conscience of the nation brought them into conflict with the State, they must be prepared to let their establishment go in order that they might be perfectly free. Thank God that had not been necessary in this country yet, and, please God, it never would be.

The Rector mentioned that the next day was the tenth anniversary of his arrival in Birmingham, and reminded his hearers that he celebrated his arrival by breaking a bell rope when he had to chime the bell. He had intended to ring it ten or twenty times to indicate, according to tradition, the number of years he was likely to stay, but it seemed as if the populace wanted him gone quickly (laughter). He had, however, refused to take the hint, and he hoped in a small way he had established sufficient grounds to be allowed to remain a little longer (applause). He had the best of relationships with his ringers. He was a welcome visitor to the tower, and he knew a good deal about the ringers' difficulties and their joys and happiness, as well as about their domestic affairs, as he was always called upon to marry the bellringers' daughters when the occasions arrived (laughter and applause). He would like to say, he added, how much he valued the long service of the outgoing Ringing Master and how he welcomed his successor. He hoped that their happy relations would long continue (applause).

HENRY JOHNSON.

In proposing the toast of the evening, 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' Mr. Harry Mason took his hearers back to the first gathering of the kind which he attended, the dinner in 1889, which was held in celebration of Henry Johnson's 80th birthday. That function, he said, lingered in his memory. It was the most interesting and important occasion that had occurred in his early ringing life. He had the honour—and it was no small honour—of being introduced to Henry Johnson, and his sponsor was Mr. Sam Reeves, father of their present hon. secretary. Mr. Arthur Heywood (afterwards Sir Arthur) inaugurated the gathering and took the chair, and a marvellous gathering it was. The speeches were full of life and interest in the subject whose memory they were honouring that night. Henry Johnson, as they had many times heard, was a very agreeable man in personality and charm, and the quotation on their programme, relating to the toast, was so very true that they could understand why, after all these years, St. Martin's Guild continued to honour his memory:—

'We that had loved him so, followed him, honoured him,
Made him our pattern to live and die.'

In the world of composition he knew of no one who ranked higher than Henry Johnson. He was not only a good ringer but a good churchman, a man of good repute and was held in high respect, not only among ringers in Birmingham, but throughout the country. Henry Johnson was present at the celebration of his 80th birthday, but before the next anniversary came round he had passed away. There was a tremendous gathering of ringers at his funeral, and the memorial which was erected over his grave in Aston Churchyard was a fitting tribute to one who was honoured so much. Carved upon the memorial were these words: 'This stone was erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of Henry Johnson, to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is widely indebted. Born at Lichfield 28th February, 1809; died at Aston 7th January, 1890. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' He hoped he had said enough that the younger generation might know how much Henry Johnson was revered and respected by all who knew him. They did well to remember him and to keep that anniversary, for they knew what he meant to the ringing of his day. He had set them a great example.

The toast was drunk in silence, the company remaining standing for a minute.

Afterwards nine of those present who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh made their presence known at the request of the chairman, and it was ascertained that Messrs. Mason, John Jagger, Tom Miller and Joseph Johnson were present at the 80th birthday celebration to which the proposer of the toast had alluded.

A 'silent' bob course of Stedman Cinques was then rung by members of St. Martin's Guild: D. Matkin, A. Walker, A. E. Norman, G. F. Swan, F. Haynes and M. J. Morris.

The Chairman next announced the receipt of a cablegram of good wishes from their old friend and former secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith, who was away in South Africa on business.

Alderman Pritchett submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' remarking that he was proposing it for the first time as an octogenarian (applause). Following his usual custom, he referred first to those they missed from their company and who had been removed by death. First and foremost was their late tower-keeper, Mr. Frank Banks, who passed away at the advanced age of 86 at a time in a place and in a manner which, had he been given the choice himself, he would undoubtedly have chosen. He rendered long and faithful service to the Guild and they honoured his memory. Then they had also sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Geoffrey Martineau, of Solihull, who took a profound interest in every important aspect of the Guild's activities, who never tired of instructing young ringers and was a regular attendant at every meeting in connection with the Guild. They learned to honour and respect him as they would do his memory. Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said they were pleased to see among them that evening most of their old friends, and they would specially like to honour on that occasion a son of Henry Johnson—Mr. Joseph Johnson, who was himself now a very aged man (hear, hear). They also had with them, added the speaker, Mr. James George, who had now rung 1,232 peals and was still continuing to ring them despite his more than four score years (applause).

During the year 1934, said the Master, the progress of the Guild had been in every way satisfactory; in other words, its prosperity had continued. The peals had numbered 16, and comprised Triples, Major, Caters, Royal and Cinques. They were rung by 53 ringers in ten towers with nine conductors. He especially called their attention to the nine conductors, as it showed the amount of ringing ability at present included in the membership of the Diocesan Guild. It was satisfactory to have nine gentlemen capable of conducting a peal amongst their members. His only regret was that no lady was included among the conductors. He did not remember that a lady had ever conducted a peal for the Guild, but this was a progressive age and no doubt this omission would soon be rectified.

THE NEW RINGING MASTER.

As they all knew, Mr. Albert Walker had recently resigned the office of Ringing Master, and he invited them to welcome his successor, Mr. Frank Haynes (applause). Mr. Haynes, in addition to being a ringer of great distinction, was a man celebrated in other walks of life. He was a graduate of Cambridge, classical master in a school at West Bromwich, and one whom they were glad to have amongst them as leader. He would, following on the lines of an illustrious predecessor, no doubt add to the continued prosperity of the Guild. St. Martin's Guild had had in its ranks many distinguished ringers, and one of the most distinguished was he whose memory they were commemorating that night. Mr. Haynes would no doubt be inspired by the example he set and would try to emulate those who had followed Mr. Johnson as a leader in their bellringing. He had no doubt that Mr. Haynes would have a distinguished career and that he would have the full support of every member of the Guild, and that under him the prosperity of the Guild would not only continue, but would be greatly enhanced (applause). Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said he was glad to learn that the recasting and rehanging of Aston bells was shortly to be accomplished (applause). Many of them first learned to ring seriously at Aston and had pleasant recollections of ringing in that tower. It would be open again very shortly for the benefit of the members of the Guild, and he hoped it would remain so for many years in the future (applause). Alderman Pritchett coupled with the toast the name of the efficient and enthusiastic hon. secretary, Mr. Thomas Reeves.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr. Reeves, in replying, first thanked those who had contributed to the evening's programme, especially Mr. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Hughes and those old friends of the Guild, St. Martin's Quartette. Proceeding, Mr. Reeves mentioned that he had that evening received on behalf of the Guild from Mr. James George a framed flashlight picture taken in St. Martin's belfry of the ringers who rang out the old year. They would be very pleased to hang this picture in St. Martin's belfry, and they thanked Mr. George very much for his gift. Adverting to Alderman Pritchett's statement that no lady had yet conducted a peal in St. Martin's tower, Mr. Reeves said while it was true that no local lady had done so, there was one lady who had called a peal there—Miss Edith Parker, as she then was, now Mrs. Fletcher. She called a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's some years ago. Continuing, Mr. Reeves said he thought they need have no fear for the continued prosperity of St. Martin's Guild. During Mr. Walker's mastership the Guild had progressed from strength to strength, and he left office with the abilities of the members very greatly advanced compared with what they were when he became Master. At that time there were very few bob callers. Last year they had nine members who conducted peals. Their new Ringing Master came among them as a young man full of enthusiasm, and he was sure they would all do their best to support Mr. Haynes in every way possible (applause). Under his guidance he felt sure the Guild would continue to prosper (applause).

MR. AND MRS. WALKER HONOURED.

A presentation was then made to the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker. It consisted of a handsome hall clock in oak case, on which was mounted a brass plate bearing the inscription: 'Presented to Mr. Albert Walker by St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham in recognition of his services as Ringing Master for 18 years. March 2nd, 1935.'

The clock has a deep hour gong and is equipped with three sets of chimes, Westminster, Whittington and Winchester, variable at will.

Alderman Pritchett made the presentation to Mr. Walker and also handed to him a gold wrist watch, suitably engraved, for Mrs. Walker in recognition of the services she had rendered herself directly, and indirectly through Mr. Walker, to St. Martin's Guild.

The gifts were suitably acknowledged by Mr. Walker.

The speeches made in connection with the presentations and in the subsequent toasts will be given in our next issue.

IN THE BANK.

BANKERS 'RING THE CHANGES.'

A band of bankers rang a peal on Saturday in the heart of the City of London, in Hart Street in fact. It was quite appropriate that the peal should be rung in the world's financial centre, and, while in these days of dealing in millions a few shillings, more or less, count for little, unless the conductor had produced sufficient bobs to enable the financiers to 'ring the changes' to good purpose, their peal stock would unquestionably have slumped. There was, however, a capital issue, and this peal is safely banked. Congratulations, therefore, to these 'men of money' (other people's money they will probably tell you) upon their success.

They believe it to be the first peal rung by ringers all being members of the banking profession. It is one of the oldest professions, having descended, we believe, from the money changers of the Temple (but in this we are probably all wrong), and it was, therefore, again appropriate that it should have been rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths, the oldest ringing society, whose ancestry goes back indirectly to the days of the bell and the pomegranate. (In this we are sure we are wrong.)

However, the bankers had a very enjoyable time together. They were welcomed to London by Mr. C. A. Hammond, of the City office of Lloyds Bank, who is himself a ringer, and who photographed the band before the peal. After its completion, the ringers fittingly celebrated the occasion by a dinner at the Strand Palace Hotel. Five different banks were represented in the peal, and it is hoped to make it an annual event.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO LOMBARD STREET.

A successful bye-meeting of both districts of the London County Association was held on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street. About 40 members and friends attended, and the ten bells, with tenor a ton, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The proceedings opened at 3 o'clock, and, between then and tea (and 'jaw') time, various touches were rung from rounds up to Cambridge Royal. Tea was taken in St. Dionis' Hall nearby, Messrs. Cuthbertson and Dodds being responsible for the arrangements. After the disposal of the said meal, handbells were brought into requisition, and Grandsire Caters, Kent and Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples were not only attempted but well rung. Mr. and Mrs. Barker, assisted (or otherwise) by a 'die-hard,' rang delightful tunes, although the 'back uns' were good and hefty.

A vote of thanks was carried with acclamation to the Rev. Canon Tatlow for the use of the bells and the hall, and to Messrs. Cuthbertson and Dodds and their lady and gentlemen helpers for their splendid tea arrangements. The 'energetics' hereabouts returned to the tower, and the bells were again turning to various 'tunes,' Cambridge Royal and London being rung amongst other things till about 8.45, when everybody said 'Goodnight,' and most 'went the same way home.'

CASUALNESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leader of last week, it would be very interesting to know how many people (who consider that they count in ringing circles) read this article and immediately passed on. THEY!!! Oh no, it is not for them, they are important peal ringers, and, as such, should be put on a rope when they condescend to arrive at their tower on Sunday evening (they don't often turn up for morning ringing) just before service is due to start, even if it means sitting down a regular attendant who is not quite so far advanced as the important latecomer.

You ask for a cure for this 'bad boy' of the family. The cure is in the hands of the band to which he professes to belong. When he DOES arrive, if he is just the one we want for Double Norwich or whatever it may be, carry on with the Grandsire or rounds and let him sit and watch; don't pander to him, and if he is offended, TEACH ANOTHER and let him go, for he is no good to anyone. He is of the type that will loaf at home on a Sunday morning and listen to the bells of his eight-bell tower ringing Doubles for service, and then on Sunday evening will arrive in all of his glory to relate what a fine peal of Timbuctoo (no, I didn't say Surprise) they rang the previous day at so and so.

I can hear murmurings of 'But we can't get any youngsters to take it up.' I can answer that there are more learners to be had than there are competent ringers WILLING to teach. It is truly funny how some very important people can always get away when there is a peal to be had at the tune of once a week, and yet if you ask these same individuals to give a tower near their own back door a helping hand, say once a month for half an hour, they are always too busy. Many a tower has been lost to different guilds and associations purely because of this, 'We want your bells for a peal, but none of us ever have time to come and help you on your practice night.' We can't get learners is an old cry. Let this be revised. We can't keep learners, yet nearly every church has a choir.

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

MORE BANDS SHOULD 'HAVE A CUT AT IT.'

Sir,—Your recent article on 'Rising and Falling' in peal will, it is to be hoped, receive the attention that it certainly deserves. In this immediate vicinity, as soon as a beginner can handle fairly well in rounds, he is at once put on to learn to 'Rise and Fall," first in correct manner, as to taking up rope, etc., by himself, and then 'in peal.' By that means all the ringers attached to the tower can 'Rise and Fall' in peal at least as well, or as badly, as they can do any other ringing. I have many times visited towers and taken part in the ringing for service where they were most particular that the striking should be good, as it was for service, and then, just at the end and when the congregation were assembling, they would haul the bells down in some indiscriminate, noisy manner, one or two at a time, and entirely spoil the effect of all the previous studied 'good striking,' and I have thought what an awful pity it was.

I have formed the opinion that in very many towers the chief reason why 'Rising and Falling' in peal is not more generally practised—on practice nights, I mean—is because the ringers constituting the band, instead of all turning up to time, assemble in ones and twos, and consequently there is a lot of time wasted waiting for the stragglers, and the early arrivals proceed to 'get them up.' I am sorry to say that I have found such conditions existing in very many instances. Obviously, under such conditions there is no opportunity for practising 'Rising in peal.' However, in a good few such cases I have noticed that the company could and did 'Fall' the bells in peal, a different question, however, to 'Rising' in peal. We at Cranleigh ring our bells up and down in peal on every occasion that we meet (twice on Sundays), and as all our band are able to do so (not, of course, by any means perfectly) we do not ever proceed to 'get them up' unless there are enough ringers in the tower to go on with the ringing.

I, however, do not quite agree when you say that 'if it were insisted upon there would be fewer bad and indifferent strikers among change ringers.' I am not going to say that a bad striker cannot be improved, but a good striker is 'born, not made,' and it is often a ringer's misfortune, rather than his fault, that he is an indifferent striker. I also want to take exception to your alleged West Country ringer's reproach 'that change ringers cannot "Rise and Fall" bells in peal.' That statement, in my opinion, wants qualifying, and I say that there are most certainly a lot of change ringers who can, and do, 'Rise and Fall' in peal, some, of course, much better than others, but in exactly the same ratio as their other striking varies. If each recruit, as soon as he reaches fair competence in rounds is then put on to 'Rising and Falling,' the band will thus keep a 'Rise and Fall' company, but it certainly is a difficult and almost impossible job for a whole six, and more particularly an eight-bell company to tackle at first, altogether. I hope, however, more bands will decide to have a 'cut' at it.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION AT AYLSHAM.

ENCOURAGING BACKING OF BRANCH SECRETARY.

On the occasion of the North Norfolk Branch's annual meeting on Saturday, February 2nd, over forty members turned up from Buxton, Garvestone, Hethersett, Norwich, North Elmham, Northrepps, Reepham, Wiveton, Wroxham, Worstead, Wymondham (North Norfolk Branch), Diss, Garboldisham, Saxlingham (South Norfolk Branch) and Great Yarmouth (East Norfolk Branch). A variety of methods were rung on the ten bells, and the peal at Marsham was also available during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting which followed the tea in the Church Room, the following elections took place: Chairman, the Rev. H. W. Benson; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Golden; committee, Messrs. G. Bailey, W. Clover, W. B. Duncan, W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers; representatives on the Association Committee, Messrs. G. Bailey and W. C. Duffield.

Three new members were elected, while the Vicar of Aylsham (the Rev. A. P. McNeile) was welcomed as an honorary member.

The branch decided to visit East Dereham on May 25th next.

The hon. secretary was directed to write to the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) expressing the sympathy of the members at his indisposition and their hope that he would soon be restored to health.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business of the meeting.

It is a matter of great encouragement to the hon. secretary that he received such a good backing at this and the South Norfolk Branch meeting, of which he is also secretary, and he hopes the members will continue to give their wholehearted support.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT

At St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, Middlesex, on Thursday, February 28th, 720 Bob Minor was rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Harwin regular Sunday service ringer at the above church for over 20 years: R. Harman 1, W. Harwin 2, F. Smith 3, J. Payton 4, E. Bondfield (conductor) 5, R. Newman 6.

RINGERS HELP BELL FUND.

EARLSHEATON TENOR REHUNG.

On February 19th, the Earlsheaton Society held a social and dance in aid of the bell fund. The tenor bell had got into a very bad condition and was almost unringable. The churchwardens, on the ringers' advice, decided to have the bell rehung and put into ball bearings. The work, entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, is now finished and the bell is in excellent condition once more. The ringers' special effort towards defraying the cost proved highly successful, the result of the social and dance being upwards of £16, which cleared the cost of the restoration. During the evening four veterans—Messrs. George H. Hardy and Herbert Dransfield, present service ringers, and Messrs. Joseph Ruddlesden and Walter Idle, former service ringers—rang a course of Grandsire Major in each part of the programme: George H. Hardy, aged 74 years, 1-2; Walter Idle, 70 years, 3-4; Herbert Dransfield, 72 years, 5-6; Joseph Ruddlesden, 72 years, 7-8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WIGAN AND BOLTON BRANCHES' JOINT MEETING.

A representative gathering of ringers attended the joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. The beautiful peal was soon heard to advantage in Double Norwich, but the most called for method was Stedman Triples. A short service was held in church, the Rev. W. R. Searle addressing a congregation of ringers for the first time in his ministry. He gave a very eloquent homily.

Upwards of 50 members sat down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, wardens and ringers of St. James'.

After tea the Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Owen, M.A.) extended to the ringers a very hearty welcome, and said that he would always be pleased to welcome ringers to his church. This was received with acclamation. The president of the association (the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A.) was voted to the chair, and, in his opening remarks, reminded the ringers of the principal objects of the association. Good striking should be the hall mark of all change ringing, he said. Bad striking was an atrocious noise, and led to much discontent with the general public.

It was decided that, owing to lack of support, the yearly meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches be discontinued.

Coppell was proposed for the next meeting, the date and tower for the next peal being left over until this meeting.

When Canon Elsee had to leave to catch a train, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, the ringing secretary, carried out the duties of chairman.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, to Mr. A. Parker for having everything in 'apple pie' order, and also to the ladies who looked after the 'inner man' at tea.

Further ringing was then indulged in, and the cementing of friendships and arranging of peals brought to a close a day of work well done.

OVERSEAL RINGER'S WEDDING

In the picturesque village of Lullington (Derbyshire), on Saturday, March 2nd, the wedding of Mr. W. H. Curson and Miss P. M. Foster was solemnised at the Church of All Saints, the Rev. L. C. Brentnall officiating.

The bridegroom has been a member of St. Matthew's tower, Overseal, for a number of years, and for the last three years has been the esteemed captain. He was also secretary of the Burton District of the Midland Counties Association during the last twelve months.

The vice-captain (Mr. G. W. Clayfield) acted as best man. Members of the Overseal band, assisted by A. E. Rowley (Higham-on-the-Hill), formed an archway with the handbells as the happy couple left the church, and during the reception, which was held at the bride's home, a course of Grandsire Triples and 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung on the handbells.

In the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was attempted at Overseal, but unfortunately came to grief after one hour and twenty-seven minutes' ringing. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to mark the event by R. H. Dove 1, E. F. Gobey 2, A. E. Rowley 3, W. Clayfield 4, R. W. Grice 5, J. H. Dean 6, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 7, Jack Bailey 8. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents, which will include an oak biscuit barrel from his fellow-ringers. All members of the Burton District of the M.C.A. will join the Overseal ringers in offering Mr. and Mrs. Curson every good wish for the future.

A DATE TOUCH AT OSSETT.

The longest length yet rung on the new bells at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, Yorkshire, is a date touch of 1,935 Grandsire Caters for evening service on Sunday, February 10th, by the local band, in one hour and 21 minutes: Joe Ward 1, Fred Bennett 2, George Deus 3, Eddie Smith 4, Clifford Ekert 5, Tom Duffin 6, Joe Bennett 7, Mark Lockwood 8, George Bennett 9, W. Tattersall 10. Arranged and conducted by George Bennett. After the first ten changes the calling is called from J. W. Moorhouse's 5,003. It was the longest length on ten bells by all except the conductor, and the longest complete length ever rung by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th bells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Balcombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Although the weather was fine, only 16 members took the opportunity of visiting this six-bell tower, situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Sussex. This was to be regretted, as the Parochial Church Council had very kindly provided tea for about thirty in the Church Hall, and several ladies had devoted their Saturday afternoon to the catering arrangements.

During the afternoon ringing in various methods was indulged in, and the members attended service and heard a very appropriate address by the Rector (the Rev. D. L. Secretan).

At the meeting, over which the Rector presided, new members were elected as follows: G. Agnew, H. Bailey, J. Ellis, F. Godsmark, B. Gorringe, E. Green, R. Langridge, J. Mansbridge, G. Nash, A. Robinson, W. Robinson, E. Thistleton, P. Thistleton, of Slaugham; P. Blaker, F. Burns, E. Gasson, G. Gasson, W. Parkes, of Bolney; J. Laker, L. Laker, of Crawley; J. Francis, Balcombe; H. Feist, Lower Beeding; A. Fullock, Lindfield.

Mr. R. Swift was re-elected as hon. divisional secretary, Messrs. G. Apps, W. Charman and O. Sippetts were re-elected to serve on the committee, and Messrs. W. Charman, O. Sippetts and W. Watts were elected as the Committee of Advice.

A collection for the Benevolent Fund amounted to 7s. 6d. A vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and the members of the Parochial Church Council concluded the meeting.

Ringing was resumed and the bells kept going in methods up to London Surprise Minor until 8 p.m. Towers represented were Balcombe, Crawley, Cuckfield, Bolney, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Warnham and Turners Hill.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Sunday, February 17th, at Chiddingstone, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by C. Cook 1, T. Skinner 2, H. Huntley 3, A. Wiles 4, A. Aylward 5, L. E. Everest (first quarter with a bob bell) 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, A. Longley 8, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Everest, the former being a regular service ringer for nearly 50 years. He only rang two peals of Grandsire Triples, the first being on his 50th birthday. He is father of the conductor and grandfather of the ringer of the 6th, and connects the name of Everest with the above church for 110 years. It is recorded in the tower that Mr. H. Everest, his great-uncle, conducted Holt's Ten-Part in 1824.

A LINCOLNSHIRE PEAL.

DONATIONS WANTED FOR THE REHANGING.

Some time ago the ring of six bells, tenor 13½ cwt., of St. Helen's, Lea, Lincolnshire, were inspected by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and were found to be unsafe for further ringing. Efforts are being made by the Rector and ringers to raise the money required to restore them, but without outside help it will be almost impossible. May I, through 'The Ringing World,' appeal to the Exercise to help us?

Please send your donations—and no amount will be too small—to Mr. L. Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough, or to Canon Fookes, The Rectory, Lea, Gainsborough.

THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM RUNDLE.

COLLAPSE DURING PRACTICE AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the death of Mr. William J. Rundle, of Plymouth, occurred on Wednesday, February 20th, with tragic suddenness in Emmanuel belfry, Plymouth.

Mr. Rundle attended practice and was helping with the instruction of members of Petertavy band, who had come in with the Rev. B. C. Pratt, when he suddenly collapsed and expired almost immediately. Mr. J. Woodley, the captain of Emmanuel tower, fetched a doctor, who could, however, only pronounce life extinct. The Vicar of Emmanuel also came to the tower and comforted Mrs. Rundle, who had been fetched.

The deceased was laid to rest at the Old Cemetery, Plymouth, on Sunday morning, February 24th, after a service which was held at the house. His brother ringers acted as bearers, and representatives of St. Andrew's, St. Charles', Emmanuel, Plympton and Landulph towers attended. The Teignmouth ringers sent a letter of condolence. After the committal service, the Rechabites' Oration was read and a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells over the grave by E. W. Marsh, T. G. Myers, G. H. Myers and A. W. Myers.

Mr. William Rundle joined the Devonshire Guild on June 1st, 1903, and was granted his certificate on the 10th November, 1905. He had rung 71 peals for the Guild, of which he conducted four. In March, 1933, Mr. Rundle retired from the dockyard at the age of 60. It was at the Dockyard Chapel that Mr. Rundle was first introduced to half-pull ringing by the late William Banister and John Steed.

Mr. Rundle was a man of high character and could be relied on at all times. It was chiefly through his efforts in organising the practices at Stoke that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in Devon was rung. He will be sadly missed by the members of the South-West District Branch of the Guild, as he rarely, if ever, missed a branch meeting.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

EXETER BRANCH AT THORVERTON.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Thorverton on Saturday, March 2nd, when between 60 and 70 members and visitors were present, the visitors including the secretaries of the Aylsbeare Deanery and North-East Branches, and Capt. H. J. Cann, of Brookwood, Woking.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Shaw), who gave a very interesting address. After tea in the Schoolroom, the business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. C. G. Glass), supported by the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox), Mr. W. J. Southwood (vice-president) and the Rev. J. H. Shaw.

Dunsford was proposed for the next meeting on Saturday, May 25th.

Congratulations were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ridler on attaining their golden wedding earlier in the year. Mr. Ridler is the Ringing Master of the Thorverton band.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the service and his address, the organist, organ blower and the ladies who presided at the tea tables, also to Mr. Ridler and his able band of ringers for making all the arrangements for the meeting.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the music of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Six members also visited Brampford Speke, the home of the president, and rang 720 of Bob Minor, it being the first 720 for two of the party. The ringing at Thorverton was under the management of the able Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. W. Richardson.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT DISCUSSES COMBINED MEETINGS WITH ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The Ashford District held a quarterly meeting at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. It was exceptionally well attended for a winter meeting, 45 being present from Aldington, Ashford, Brabourne, Canterbury, Egerton, Little Chart, Newington-next-Folkestone, Tenterden, Throwley, Willesborough and the local tower. Some good touches in the standard methods, with rounds for the beginners, were rung, and an excellent tea partaken of at the King's Head Hotel.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Metcalfe) presiding, seven new members were elected, viz., three from Willesborough, three from Wye and one from Brabourne.

A proposition to combine the quarterly meetings with a monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild caused a good deal of discussion.

The secretary, explaining this proposition, said that the district did not want a definite ruling that the meetings should be combined, but one giving him authority to so arrange it when it was not convenient to hold two separate meetings. It would not always be convenient to have a combined meeting. For instance, the Guild had already been invited elsewhere for March. The two societies had held meetings together at various times in the past, but quite unofficially. So far as the Guild was concerned, it had now given its secretary the necessary authority.

Mr. Franklin said that by combination they got one good meeting, whereas two separate meetings might be poorly attended. There could surely be no harm in the Guild going through their business after that of the Kent Association had been dealt with, especially as the members of each body were one and the same.

However, as nobody had really much time to think about and discuss the matter, Mr. Finn proposed and Mr. Pierce seconded that the matter be left until the annual district meeting in September, when there will probably be a more representative gathering.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. After this some rang touches on the handbells, while others returned to the tower. A most enjoyable meeting closed at 9 p.m. Just previous to this some made an attempt to catch one of those buses that seem bent on leaving ringers behind. Those who did catch it let it go again. However, it wasn't the last one, and all eventually arrived home safely.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

By the death of Mr. John Wilcock, a ringer at Mytholmroyd Parish Church and a member of the Yorkshire Association, who passed away on Sunday, February 10th, the church has lost one whose place will be difficult to fill.

Mr. Wilcock served the church in different offices, but was best known for the number of years he had served as a bellringer. In this capacity he had rendered faithful service, and had completed 60 years on the day of his death.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—REFERENDUM OF TITLE.—Members who have paid their subscription to December 31st last are entitled to vote. Any member not receiving voting card on or before March 8th should notify me immediately. Cards not received by me by March 15th will be ignored.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 9th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, 5.45 p.m. For tea notify Mr. Wm. Leach, 53, Eldon Street, St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea, 1s., and meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on March 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Please note the times.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams, Chatteris, Cambs. Special business: Owing to my probable departure a new secretary will be appointed at this meeting. A full attendance is requested.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Lytham, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, Lancs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at Burbage. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m., at the Half Moon Inn. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, March 13th.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on March 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by Vicar at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, by Thursday, March 14th. All welcome.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Beeston on Saturday, March 16th, at 5.30 p.m. New members welcomed. Subscriptions for 1935 due, please!—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsworth on Saturday, March 16th. The bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—March meeting on the 16th (Saturday) at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Proceedings commence at 3. Tea 5. Business 5.45. Ringing before and after evensong 7.30. Postcards re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 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. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, March 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Egerton on March 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Church Council at the George Inn, 5 p.m. Please send a postcard on the Sunday previous if you wish to come. Every ringer welcome. Plenty of methods from Carter Doubles to London Surprise. Easy running bells, and every prospect of a large gathering. Notify A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, or P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Kent, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Amport on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (All Saints') on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's 7 o'clock till 8 o'clock.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 16th. Tower will be open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Schoolroom.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Lawton on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 13th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ST MARK'S, GLODWICK, OLDHAM.—A ringers' service will be held in this Church on March 17th, commencing 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., Bolton. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Rollestone-on-Dove on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify Mr. L. Smith, Rectory Gardens, Rollestone, by March 21st. All ringers cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal.

ALBURY, NEAR GUILDFORD.—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 23rd, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, March 20th, without fail? Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions welcomed. All ringers cordially invited—members and non-members, learners and veterans.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting wil be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Market Parade) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m., Councillor Eggleton presiding. The following towers open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary de Crypt (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. (Ladies invited.) Tickets, 3s., can be obtained, with remittance, not later than March 26th, from W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec, 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th, Australian Movies on view, further particulars next week.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

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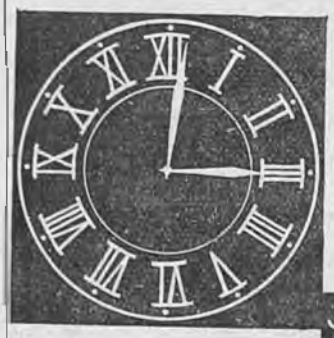
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SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	*FRANK SADLER	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	ERNEST E. DAVIS	10
JOHN AUSTIN	5	CHARLES CAMM	11
WILLIAM DYER	6	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	...Tenor

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ROBERT SWIFT	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
CECIL NICE	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	‡FRANCIS KIRK	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

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Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS	*Treble*	JOHN SADDINGTON	5
CHARLES W. BIRD	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	6
FREDERICK J. TITE	3	CHARLES M. WHITNEY	7
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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

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

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On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp

WILLIAM J. BROOKS	*Treble*	MISS PAT HOLLOWAY	5
CHARLES H. PULLING	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
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Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN E. METCALFE	*Treble*	HARRY J SANGER	5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	FREDERICK TARGETT	6
*KENNETH FORD	3	RONALD G BECK	7
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Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

*KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	WILLIAM FERNLEY	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
LIONEL CLOUGH	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE OLLIVER	*Treble*	ALFRED J. BULL	5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
KEITH HART	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

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Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE GOWER	*Treble*	CHARLES LOOME	5
STANLEY COPLING	2	FREDERICK ROOPE	6
ROBERT BARBER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
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Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS LINCOLN	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
PERCY GREEN	2	GEORGE GREEN	6
WILLIAM LINCOLN	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	4	*HERBERT DEVENISH	*Tenor*

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Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
ROBERT J. DAWE	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
*ROBERT H. VIGOR	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. This was Mr. Bennett's 1,300th peal, and was rung on the 46th anniversary of his first peal.

TADCASTER, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 20¾ cwt.

H. CLAYTON	...Treble	A. DENNISON	5
F. E. ADDISON	2	E. LINDLEY	6
W. HICK	3	N. BARTON	7
J. HARRISON	4	A. BARKER	...Tenor

Conducted by F. E. ADDISON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Clayton. First peal on the bells since they were put on ball bearings. Quickest peal on the bells.

WARE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY	...Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL	...Treble	HERBERT DAVIES	5
*EDWARD PHILLIPS	2	HARRY BOYCE	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	*WILLIAM J. CROSS	7
*GWYN I. LEWIS	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for the Guild rung in the diocese. 50th peal as conductor.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*JOHN CHARNOCK	...Treble	†E. ROGER MARTIN	5
WILLIAM SHARPLES	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	6
FRED RIGBY	3	ALFRED BLOGG	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	4	*WILLIAM KING	...Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	...Treble	WILLIAM BARTON	5
CHARLES E. LAWSON	2	FREDERICK SEAGER	6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	3	FRED HODGSON	7
GEORGE ROBINSON	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
First peal of Superlative on the bells. Fiftieth peal by Mr. W. H. Senior.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*HARRISON SMITH	...Treble	*H. RICHARD FRENCH	5
†MRS. EDWARD H. SPICE	2	‡REGINALD BALDOCK	6
JABEZ WALTER	3	EDWARD TRENDELL	7
FREDERICK R. WELLER	4	EDWARD H. SPICE	...Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 24¾ cwt.

*VICTOR C. PREECE	...Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	JOHN J. WEBB	6
†GEORGE CORNWALL	3	ALFRED T. POULTON	7
WILLIAM POSTON	4	‡WILLIAM T. WATKINS	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6 and tenor are Sunday service ringers at this church.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, March 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK	...Treble	SYDNEY BROWN	5
JAMES PARR	2	LEONARD SCHOLES	6
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS	3	*JOHN CLEGG	7
WILLIE AARON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal.

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EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANK B YATES	...Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
†JOHN F. ATKINS	2	JOHN MARSHALL	6
*H. JAMES TURNER	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	4	JOHN NEAL	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. George Pigott, a service ringer at the above church, who died on March 3rd.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD	...Treble	HARRY NICHOLS	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	ARTHUR GROUND	6
*GEORGE SEWELL	3	ARTHUR J. FARR	7
JOHN CURRY	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was originally arranged as a birthday compliment to the Vicar on February 11th, but owing to a bereavement it had to be postponed. It is the first peal on the bells since they were restored and augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NAVENBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Single Court, two of Kent, two of Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE	...Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER	4
†GEOFFREY M. MAYER	2	HAROLD MARCON	5
CECIL J. MAYER	3	JOHN WALDEN	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. Both are members of the new band at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In four methods, viz.: 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Oxford, one of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*MISS MILLIE FEATHERS	...Treble	THOMAS HORD	4
*STANLEY NOBBS	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	JOHN WORTH	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in four methods.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, February 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES ROSE	...Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL	4
HERBERT SHEMMING	2	CHARLES SHEMMING	5
STANLEY G. MOSS	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 25, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BENSON	...Treble	DONALD MARSH	4
CLAUD GIFFORD	2	GERALD SMART	5
LESLIE FRANCOMBE	3	ALBERT RODMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RODMAN.

First peal by all except the conductor. A. Rodman's first peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, February 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

A. J. DAVIES	...Treble	B. DEVONALD	4
B. J. WILLIAMS	2	W. J. THOMAS	5
D. L. REES	3	L. H. BOYCE	...Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BOYCE.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DUFF	...Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
CHARLES BLACK	2	WILLIAM NEAL	5
HARRY GIBBARD	3	*FRANK TAYLOR	...Tenor

Conducted by F. TAYLOR.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor in three methods

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately and called differently). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

R. G. TAYLOR (age 13)	...Treble	JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 13)	4
*J. D. TAYLOR (age 14)	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	5
GEORGE H. LIMMER	3	GEORGE GILBERT	...Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Minor by St. Peter's Society.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different callings.

*FREDERICK B. MORRIS	...Treble	*NELSON BOURNE	4
CHARLES H. SONE	2	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	5
TOM SAUNDERS	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	...Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

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

MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 2 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS	...Treble	ERNEST J MATTHEWS	4
TOM WORRALL	2	CHARLES J. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS	3	CHARLES HODGES	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Tom Worrall, who attained his 18th birthday on this day.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's in 32 methods: (1) Allendale, Westminster, Hanley and Milton; (2) Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle and Chester; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (5) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Annable's London and Netherscale; (6) Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick and Beverley; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN.	...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
THOMAS FULLER	2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ...	5
ALBERT RELFE	3	JAMES BASSETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
The greatest number of Surprise methods that can be rung in seven complete 720's. 100th peal of Minor by A. Relfe.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD A. SOWMAN ...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN A. GIBSON	3
E. AUBREY BURCH	2	MALCOLM E. BACON	4

FRANCIS R. DEACON .. ...*Tenor*
Conducted by F. R. DEACON.
First peal as conductor. First peal and first attempt for all except the conductor. Also first peal ever rung by the village band.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*REGINALD W. WORRALL ...	*Treble*	†JOSEPH LITTLER...	4
ALBERT H. BOOTH	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
HARRY PARKER	3	CECIL RADDON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Howard and Kenneth Parker, son of the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY...	1-2	*GEORGE E. FRIRN	5-6
FRANK LORD	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

*ERNEST BRITTAIN 9-10
Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Caters.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

FRANCIS KIRK	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	JOHN E. ROOTES	7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
Witness—Charles W. Taylor.

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

COMPETITIONS SUGGESTED.
To the Editor.

SIR,—I am very pleased to see that of the various subjects which have been discussed in your columns during your absence, the first which you have singled out for comment is that of raising and falling in peal. I was born and bred in North Devon, that stronghold of call-change ringing, where any other method of getting the bells up or down is unknown. I cannot imagine what my old friends there would think of the practice, all too prevalent elsewhere, of leaving the bells up—with the exception, perhaps, of those on which the clock strikes—from one year's end to the other.

My first experience of ringing outside the county was at one of London's more famous places of worship. My brother and I entered the building while the bells were being rung for service, and I shall never forget our surprise and bewilderment when they were lowered in twos and threes. If such a thing had happened at our village church at home the whole parish would have been in an uproar for months afterwards. It would appear that the London ringers have improved very little in this respect during the last 150 years, for the authors of the 'Clavis,' after giving the finest instructions for raising and falling which I have yet come across, say that, 'Melodious as it is, the adepts of the art in this city of London, very seldom choosing to put themselves to the pains of it, is now chiefly practised by the country gentlemen, for whose benefit we have introduced the subject.'

The reason for the maintenance of the high standard of striking generally, and of raising and falling in particular, which obtains in North Devon is not far to seek. Competitions are periodically held, in which each band is required to raise the bells in peal, ring call changes for ten minutes or so, and then lower in peal. I am well aware that the word 'Competition' is anathema to most change ringers, particularly, it would appear, to those in Cornwall, where, I am sorry to learn, money prizes are still given. But, as is only to be expected, they do these much better in Devon, where the only reward is a certificate. The first prize certificate is handed framed to the winning band for the adornment of their ringing chamber, whilst the remainder—there may be as many as ten—are unframed, it being left to the other bands to decide whether their position in the prize list justifies the hanging of their certificates on their belfry walls. These competitions are held in the friendliest spirit, and ringers from a wide area are thus enabled to listen to the very best striking which that part of the country can produce, and they go home fired with ambition to come and do better next time.

It is surely high time that the Exercise should give serious consideration to the question of the reintroduction of competitions. (Is not one of the most prized possessions of the Ancient Society of College Youths a cup won at Sonning in 1783?) If, instead of holding so many meetings, where a good rise or fall is seldom heard, and first-class striking never, a few competitions were organised, the present deplorable state of affairs would rapidly give place to a better.

E. J. TAYLOR.

Newbury.

OLD SCHOLARS CELEBRATE SCHOOL CENTENARY.

On Sunday, February 24th, at St. James' Parish Church, Poole, Dorset, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples H. P. Davis 1, *R. Hurst 2, V. G. Stock 3, J. I. Davis 4, A. G. Rose (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. G. Young 6, E. B. Hampton 7, *R. Wills 8. * First quarter-peal.

Rung on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Poole National School, a parade of the old scholars being held at the same church in the morning. All the ringers of this quarter-peal were educated at the Poole National School.

WEDDING BELLS

At Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, on February 20th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. H. Barneby, of the K.S.L.I., to Miss E. G. Heywood, elder daughter of Col. G. B. Heywood, J.P., Caradoc Court, Ross-on-Wye, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. H. Winney 1, W. T. Peston (conductor) 2, G. Cornwall 3, V. C. Preece 4, W. Colwell 5, J. J. Webb 6, R. E. Summers 7, W. T. Watkins 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church except the ringer of the 7th. First quarter-peal 'inside' on eight bells for ringers of 3 and 4. First away from tenor for ringer of treble and first quarter-peal for No. 8.

A NEW CANTERBURY RECTOR.

On Friday, February 15th, at St. Alphege Church, Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 300 of Plain Bob: *R. Baldock 1, *R. Maile 2, H. Parkes 3, E. E. Trendell 4, H. R. French 5, F. G. Brett (conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. W. H. Hodges, M.A., after his institution by the Archbishop of Canterbury and his induction by the Ven. Archdeacon of Canterbury as Rector of St. Alphege with St. Margaret.

DEATH OF CHISLEHURST RINGERS.

THREE PASS AWAY IN FIVE DAYS.

Three ringers associated with St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, have died within five days. Mr. Richard Hims passed away on February 26th; Mr. Robert Brett Smith died on March 1st; Mr. Harry Durling was called to his rest on March 3rd.

Mr. Robert Brett Smith was taken ill in November, and was hurriedly removed to St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, where an operation was performed. This only temporarily relieved him, however, and he passed peacefully away on March 1st.

A native of Stanstead, Suffolk, his early ringing was done with the late Samuel Slater and Charles Scilitoe. Reared in such a school, he always proved to be a good striker and ringer of Major methods. He went to Chislehurst 35 years ago, and joined the St. Nicholas' Guild 32 years ago, and from that time on was always a very regular man for Sunday ringing and practice. He was 64 years of age and brought up a family of eleven children, most of whom he taught to ring handbells. Two sons and one daughter are members of St. Nicholas' Guild.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 6th, the interment being at the Church of the Annunciation. The following ringers met the cortege at the lych gate: Messrs. C. F. Winney (St. Paul's), W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), P. Spice and A. James (SS. Peter and Paul) and J. Lyddiard (St. Luke's, Bromley), H. Hoskins (Greenwich), T. Groombridge, jun. (Crayford), F. Groombridge (Whitstable), Miss C. Ford and Messrs. J. Larter and T. Groombridge (St. Nicholas'). After the committal and before the Benediction the whole pull and stand and a course of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells over the grave: C. F. Winney 1-2, F. Groombridge 3-4, T. Groombridge, jun. 5-6, T. Groombridge 7-8. These four represented two societies of which the deceased was a member—the Kent County and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Richard Hims died at the age of 68. He went to Chislehurst from Thame, Oxfordshire, 40 years ago, and for about 12 years was a very enthusiastic ringer, but for some reason he gave it up. He was at one time a member of the St. Nicholas' Guild, the Kent County and the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was buried on Saturday, March 2nd, in the Annunciation Churchyard.

Harry Durling, who passed away at the age of 66, went back to reside in Chislehurst in 1903, soon after the death of his father (the late Thomas Durling). He joined the St. Nicholas' Guild and for several years carried out the duties of secretary. Owing to ill-health and by doctor's orders, he gave up ringing about four years ago. He was laid to rest in St. Nicholas' Churchyard on Friday, March 8th.

THE AUTHOR OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

VETERAN COMPOSER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

Once again a score or more of ringing friends, old and young, gathered at Farnham Royal on March 7th to ring 'many happy returns' to that grand old man of the Exercise, Mr. J. J. Parker, on his 82nd birthday anniversary. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and London were well and truly rung.

Mr. W. H. Fussell made a short speech, Mr. Parker replying, thanking the company for their attendance and good wishes, but hinting that 'Anno Domini' was doing its work.

The latter is hard to believe, because Mr. Parker still tends his own bells, teaches beginners (he has just got some more), and still continues his researches into the mysteries of composition in a certain method. It is hoped that these efforts will soon be crowned with success.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

For Sunday evening service on March 3rd, at St. Giles', Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. R. L. Blewer 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, C. O. Moore 4, C. Sharples (first quarter Stedman Caters) 5, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 6, G. H. Grainger 7, F. E. Hawthorne 8, E. J. King 9, H. H. Peters 10.

At the Parish Church, Idle, Yorks, on Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): M. Ryder (first quarter in method) 1, F. Davison 2, T. King (Shipley) 3, R. Umpleby 4, T. Hill 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Davison (conductor) 8.

At Barking, Essex, on Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Worboys (first quarter-peal) 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, A. Vesey 3, S. J. Holgate 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, P. C. Willmington 6, E. G. Cottis (conductor) 7, C. Fenn 8.—On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. Fenn (conductor) 1, R. Fenn 2, S. J. Holgate 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, E. G. Cottis 5, C. E. Faulkner 6, P. C. Willmington 7, E. G. Moore 8.

At Maperton, Somerset, on Saturday, February 16th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Doubles: E. G. L. Coward 1, *J. Gray 2, *E. Barrington 3, E. T. P. Field 4, P. N. G. Rainey (conductor) 5, *W. J. Gosney 6. * First quarter of Stedman Doubles. First quarter of Stedman as conductor.

At St. Mary's Church, Southampton, Hants, previous to a special musical service, on Monday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. C. H. Connolly 1, R. Curtis 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, A. Butler 4, F. Mursell 5, George Williams 6, J. Faithfull (conductor) 7, N. Curtis 8. This was the first quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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The cost of the restoration at Stourbridge will be defrayed by an anonymous donor.

A batch of Northamptonshire bell restorations are also in hand or will be shortly executed by the Loughborough Foundry, viz., the rings of eight at All Saints', Northampton, and King's Sutton. The latter church possesses a most beautiful spire. The peal of six in the Saxon tower of Earls Barton is being rehung and augmented to eight, and the five at Piddington rehung and augmented to six. The five at Alderton are being rehung.

Another first peal by a local band is recorded this week, four of the ringers ringing their first peal at the first attempt, and the other his first peal as conductor. Congratulations to this Kirkby Mallory company.

Mr. Frank Cooke rang his first peal and called it, at Selston, Notts. It was four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A fine achievement.

The curfew at St. Peter's Church, Shaftesbury, is rung every night by a woman, Miss Rose Hillier, who, having succeeded to her father's watch and clock business, which she first entered during the war, is now also official winder and repairer of many public clocks in the district.

Mr. William T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday in celebration of his 82nd birthday. He has the good wishes of the Exercise that he may long have good health and be able to ring on his beloved bells.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild expect to get a record number of visitors to their annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th. The attraction may not be the meeting itself, but what is to follow—the Australian 'movies'; Producer, Mr. Rupert Richardson; Talkies by members of the Tour. Precautions will be taken against 'gate crashing' at tea, so that those who want a meal before a long entertainment should read the notice in another column.

Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberhurst, Kent, who called the peal of Spliced Minor in 32 Surprise methods on March 2nd, has now rung 100 peals of Minor, of which he has conducted 67. They include one in eight methods, one in eleven, one in thirteen and one in fourteen methods, two in fourteen Surprise methods, one in 21, one in 26 and one in 32 Surprise methods.

Congratulations are extended to the band at Coalpit Heath, who on February 25th scored a peal of Bob Minor in which five of them rang their first peal, and the sixth his first as conductor.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please permit me publicly to thank all those English friends who made generous gifts of ringing books, etc., which were taken out last autumn to Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. Brief reference to these gifts was made in the report of the tour by our Editor—written sometimes under trying conditions—which I am now able to complete. These works were handed out to five cathedral societies and six parish church companies, and were highly appreciated by all the members respectively.

My thanks are also due to these same friends for their kindly wishes for the success of the tour. The subscribers will be pleased to hear that the rough deal box and its contents escaped excess baggage charges and was excused Customs Duty, although its value was estimated at £10. From the time it left my home I never saw this box again until we reached Australia. W. H. FUSSELL.

Slough.

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DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM PYE.

CLOSE OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER.

A Man of Many Records.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. William Pye, who, although he had been ill for some months, passed away with unexpected suddenness last Friday evening.

By his death the Exercise loses one of the most wonderful men that ever pulled a bell rope. In actual ringing feats he had surpassed anything done by any other ringer, whether in the number of peals rung, the weight of metal handled, or in the aggregate of the peals he had conducted. Physically and mentally endowed with a stamina and skill which enabled him to stand out as a giant among men, he had made more "records," if thus they can be termed, than any other ringer, and in examining the statistics of his performances one can pick out almost endless achievements in which he stands alone.

This is, however, but one side of William Pye as a ringer. Although it was through his peal ringing that he came most under the public eye, he did much unobtrusive work for the benefit of the art. He may have left the peal ringing in elementary methods mostly to others, but all his leisure was devoted to ringing, and through his aid many a man has been helped up the campanological ladder. His efforts stimulated the interest and aspirations of others, and his abilities have unquestionably helped innumerable ringers to the higher standards of method ringing.

MR. WILLIAM PYE.

A finer heavy bell ringer never lived. He was prepared to tackle anything that would turn in a bell frame, and his placing of a bell, whatever its size, was a marvel of exactness. He was not what one would call generously built in point of physique, but got his power from a body which seemed little but muscle and sinew, and for the many 'rough' jobs which he undertook he was blessed with hands of iron. He was the only man who ever rang Exeter Cathedral 72 cwt. tenor single-handed to a peal, but one of his greatest performances was at Worcester Cathedral, when he turned in the 48 cwt. tenor to a peal of Cambridge Maximus. He admitted, as he sat down afterwards, that he had had a gruelling, and then an inspection revealed that the bell was loose on the stock! His ringing of the tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne for the 15,312 Maximus record, and which took 11 hours 33 minutes, was a truly remarkable achievement, and greater even, as a feat of physical endurance or mental application, than the calling of the 18,027 Stedman Caters from the 30 cwt. tenor at Loughborough, which was the then record for a single-handed peal length.

Mr. Pye, who was born at Chadwell Heath, Essex, on August 11th, 1870, and was thus 64 years of age, learned something of change ringing very early in life. In 1881 he rang a 720 of Minor on handbells, and his tower bell ringing began in the following year on the peal of five at Little Heath. It was not until 1888 that he did any ringing on eight bells, and many a weary mile he tramped in those days to get a pull. He rang his first peal at Brentwood on October 6th, 1889. That was a peal of Grandsire Triples. It was nearly a year before he rang another, which he called, and it was not until 1893 that he really began peal ringing in earnest.

Since that time he has made history, in much of which his brothers Ernest (up to his death) and Bob shared. He had travelled the British Isles widely, had rung peals in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and conducted a peal on every date in the year. Once he conducted four Surprise peals in a day (the only time four peals have been rung in one day)—Bristol at Egham, London at Chertsey, Cambridge at Staines and Superlative at Old Windsor. Five times he rang three peals in a day, and the occasions when he brought off the double event must run to hundreds. His peals, which number 1,966 in all, of which he conducted no fewer than 1,427, far exceed the total of any other ringer. These peals were rung in 521 towers, in 51 counties and with 1,036 ringers.

The principal performances in all this wonderful record are catalogued below, and an examination of the details well reveal something of what this 45 years of peal ringing has resulted in. For instance, on tower bells, 82 peals of Surprise Maximus, of which he conducted 56; yet he never called a peal of Bob Major. Two hundred and seventy-one peals of London Surprise Major and 938 Surprise Major peals altogether, including 31 spliced peals in all numbers of methods from three to twelve, of which he called all but one. Altogether he rang 1,111 peals in Surprise methods in the tower, of which he conducted 821. His handbell peals form an equally wonderful list, including as they do 19 in four different Surprise methods, of which he conducted 14. He was the first man to call a peal of London from a pair of handbells.

He had a great knowledge of composition, and, although he did not set himself to become the composer of many peals, he devoted considerable attention to the production of 5,000's of Cambridge on ten and twelve bells at a time when very few existed.

It was in 1898 that Mr. Pye first came in touch with the Middlesex County Association, then a newly-formed society, of which the late Mr. A. T. King was hon. secretary. In 1910, on the death of Mr. John Basden, he was elected Master, and it was on the same day that Mr. C. T. Coles was elected hon. secretary. The collaboration of these two ringers through nearly a quarter of a century has maintained the Middlesex Association in the forefront of ringing organisations. For a time Mr. Pye represented the association on the Central Council.

Apart from his special interest in the Middlesex Association, for which he rang 1,114 peals, of which he conducted 859, he rang many peals for other societies, notably in the Essex Association, in whose area he lived, and the Hertford County Association. He was, in fact, a member of nearly every association and guild in the British Isles.

It was about the middle of last year that his health began to show signs of failing, and one or two ringing incidents gave his friends cause for anxiety. A nervous breakdown followed, and although he spent a week-end at Surfleet in September and rang three peals, in which he showed signs of all his old brilliance, and then, after some persuasion, joined in the Cornwall tour later in the month, ringing among other things Truro Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Royal in excellent style, his condition became gradually worse. At the close of the Cornwall tour he called a peal of London at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, near St. Austell, which turned out to be his last peal as conductor, and, after attending the unveiling of the board at Exeter Cathedral recording the peal of Caters to which he had rung the tenor single-handed in 1903, he took part in his last peal of all, Cambridge Major at Heavitree. In December he had a nervous collapse, which necessitated his removal to hospital, and although from time to time hopes were held out of his eventual recovery, he took a serious turn for the worse about a fortnight ago, but his death came suddenly, and before his relatives could reach him. Mr. Pye, who was twice married, leaves a widow and one son, Ernest William, who reside at 74, Cecil Road, Leytonstone, to mourn their loss, and the sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to them and to the other members of the family.

Thus passes a man of unique standing, one whose like we of this generation may not see again. He was a master of our art, a Colossus in achievement. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

The funeral will take place at Aldborough Church, near Newbury Park, Ilford, at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The church is ten minutes' walk from Newbury Park Station, L. and N.E.R., and from Aldborough Lane. Trams from Liverpool Street to Newbury Park 9.40 and 10.6, but the latter does not leave much time. Buses from Green Man, Leytonstone, to Aldborough Lane, Nos. 66 and 72, frequent service. Trains to Leytonstone from Liverpool Street, 9.36 and 9.48.

'THE GREATEST EVER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I cannot refrain from writing you regarding the tremendous loss the Exercise has sustained in the passing of so great a figure as William Pye. Scarcely could I express half the surge of emotions which assail me as I contemplate the gap in our ranks created by his departure.

Some there are who have been associated with him throughout the whole of his illustrious ringing career, whereas I was only to have the privilege of being associated, in a humble way, with some of his ringing activities during the last 16 years. I cannot, however, adequately express my own sense of personal loss, and must content myself with joining the whole ringing fraternity in tendering to Mrs. Pye, her son and the Pye family our very real sympathy in their sad loss. Those of us who knew William Pye in his happy domestic life can the better appreciate the extent of their bereavement.

When one tries to speak of his sheer ability and genius as a ringer and conductor one realises the impossibility of doing justice to his greatness. What a 'general' he was! The soundness of his judgment on any practical ringing issue was uncanny and his theories were invariably justified. He could recognise ringing ability with unerring certainty, and his capacity for getting the best out of any band was amazing.

A man of strong convictions and fearless in voicing his opinions, he was ever ready with appreciation of the achievements of others. Behind a rugged exterior was ever a warm heart, a generous nature and one ever unostentatiously ready with tangible assistance for a friend in need. What an example in modesty was this man! Never a boast was heard from him of all his tremendous ringing achievements, and only on rare occasions could he be induced to speak of them. Indeed, to really know him was to love him.

It may be that in some aspects of ringing William Pye had his peers, but for all-round ringing ability he has stood supreme. I salute his passing as that of the 'greatest ever,' and count it greatest of all my privileges, so far as ringing is concerned, to have done a considerable amount of ringing under his inspiring leadership.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

MR. PYE'S PEALS.

Appended is the list of peals rung by Mr. W. Pye and some notes about the most outstanding of them:—

Methods	Tower bells Rung	Tower bells Conducted	Handbells Rung	Handbells Conducted
Maximus:—				
Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise	2	2a		
Cambridge Surprise	74	55b		
Yorkshire Surprise	1	1		
Superlative Surprise	5	5		
Kent Treble Bob	10	7	2	2
Cinques:—				
Grandsire	1	1		
Stedman	127c	74	41n	37o
Royal:—				
Spliced Cambridge, Pudsey and Yorkshire Surprise ...	1	1d		
Cambridge Surprise	82	61e		
New Cambridge Surprise ...	3	3		
Middlesex Surprise	5	5f		
Kent Treble Bob	30	21g	4	2
Oxford Treble Bob	3	1		
Caters:—				
Grandsire	5	3		
Stedman	183	128h	48	46
Major:—				
Spliced Surprise 12 methods	1	1		
Spliced Surprise 11 methods	1	1		
Spliced Surprise 10 methods	1	1		
Spliced Surprise 9 methods ...	1	1 } i		
Spliced Surprise 8 methods ...	1	1		
Spliced Surprise 7 methods ...	1	1		
Spliced Surprise 6 methods ...	1	1		
Spliced Surprise 5 methods ...	3	3		
Spliced Surprise 4 methods ...	20	19		
Spliced Surprise 3 methods ...	1	1		
Cambridge Surprise	110	67		
New Cambridge Surprise ...	23	16	3	3
New Cumberland Surprise ...	1	1		
Superlative Surprise	288	193	8p	5
Bristol Surprise	210	155j	3	2
London Surprise	271	222k	5	4
Lincolnshire Surprise	1	1		
Londonderry Surprise	1	1l		
Pudsey Surprise	1	1		
Rutland Surprise	1	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob ...	79	59m	8	6
Double Oxford Bob	1	—		
Kent Treble Bob	24	17	6	4
Oxford Treble Bob	7	6		
Duffield	1	—		
Plain Bob	4	—	1	—
Triples:—				
Grandsire	12	3	1	—
Stedman	194	148	42q	27
Minor:—				
Seven methods	2	—		
Totals ...	1,794	1,289	172	138

Total rung, 1,966.
Total conducted, 1,427.

a. Only peals of Spliced Maximus ever rung.
b. Includes 15,312 at Ashton-under-Lyne (twelve-bell record); 7,392 at St. Mary-le-Bow, London (tenor 53 cwt.); 5,280 at Exeter Cathedral (rang tenor 72 cwt. with E. P. Duffield); 5,280 at Worcester Cathedral (tenor 48 cwt.).
c. Includes 11,111 at Birmingham.
d. Only peal of Spliced Surprise Royal rung in three methods.
e. Includes 10,440 at Walthamstow (record).
f. Only peals rung in this method.
g. Includes 10,464 at Erith.
h. Includes 18,027 at Loughborough and the Exeter 'single-handed' peal.
i. Only peals in these numbers of Major methods rung, and includes a 5,760 (nine methods) (record), rung at Willesden.
j. Includes 15,264 at Hornchurch (record).
k. Includes 14,112 at Kings Norton (record).
l. Only peal rung in this method.
m. Includes 15,072 at Erith.
n. Includes 6,063 (record).
o. Includes one short course peal called from a pair of non-observation bells.
p. Includes one non-conducted.
q. Includes one non-conducted.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S SYMPATHY

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Hornsey on Saturday last, was overshadowed by the news of the death of Mr. William Pye, Master of the association, which occurred the previous evening. It was felt that Mr. Pye would wish members to 'carry on,' and so the work of the association was not interfered with.

At the outset of the business meeting, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the death of the Master, and to his great services for ringing throughout the country, as well as in their own county. Mr. Pye, he said, had undoubtedly done a great deal to raise the standard of ringing—nothing but the best was good enough for him at any time. His long period in office as Master, almost 25 years, had left the association much stronger. Mr. Coles also spoke of the personal wrench after nearly 30 years of intimate friendship.

To show their respect for the deceased, and their sympathy with his relatives, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

This meeting having followed closely upon the annual meeting of the district, there was little business to discuss. Dalston was chosen for the next meeting, on April 6th or 13th, whilst it was announced that the annual general meeting of the association would be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on May 4th, on which occasion the Archdeacon of London would preach at the service. The bells at St. Mary-le-Bow would be available for ringing.

The hon. secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. S. Duval (Rector), who was present and acted as chairman for the meeting, for the use of the bells and for his address at the service. Mr. Coles said that the Rector had already made the acquaintance of many of their members whilst he was Vicar of All Saints', Fulham, and they in the North and East District were very pleased to meet him at Hornsey. The secretary also thanked the local ringers and the ladies who had prepared tea.—The vote having been carried, the Rector replied, saying that the ringers were very welcome at Hornsey, where they were proud of their bells.

Prior to the meeting, a bright service was held in the new Parish Church of St. Mary, and both before and after the meeting much ringing was done on the six bells in the old tower, now standing quite alone. Many young ringers were amongst the 40 or so who attended during the afternoon and evening. A feature of the meeting was the handbell ringing after tea, courses of Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Double Norwich Major and other methods being rung.

DEATH OF A MELBOURNE RINGER.

ONE OF THE FIRST STEDMAN BAND IN AUSTRALIA.

On January 24th, a well-known Melbourne change ringer, Mr. Edward O'Shea, died at the age of 61 years. With his brother, the late Matthew O'Shea, Edward—familiarly called 'Ned'—was a member of St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral Society for 41 years, and during the whole of that time was a regular ringer at the Cathedral. The brothers were members of the band who were the first to ring Stedman in Australia, and were both good and careful ringers.

Edward visited the British Isles in 1913 and rang in a few of the towers in London and elsewhere, and was the first Australian born ringer to stand in a touch of Stedman Triples and Caters in England. He had little time to spare for ringing during the visit and stood in no attempts for peals.

Mr. O'Shea was seriously ill at the time of the recent visit of the ringers from England and was unable to attend St. Patrick's Cathedral to meet them. He died from Bright's disease after a long and painful illness. He was interred on January 25th, the funeral being attended by a large number of friends, including a number of his brother ringers.

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PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. A. WALKER.

SERVICES TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The presentations made to Mr. Albert Walker, in recognition of his 18 years as Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and to Mrs. Walker for the services which she rendered directly, and indirectly through her husband, were briefly referred to in our last issue in the report of the Henry Johnson Dinner. To Mr. Walker was given a grandfather clock, and Mrs. Walker was presented with a gold wrist watch.

Alderman Pritchett, who made the presentation, said all those who were active members of St. Martin's Guild knew Mr. Walker's achievements and his great qualities, but for the visitors that night, who had not such an intimate knowledge of his merits, he would like to say that Mr. Walker was elected a member of St. Martin's Guild 33 years ago. He served as Ringing Master for 18 years. During that time he became thoroughly well known personally all over England. Chief among his many wonderful performances were 291 peals on twelve bells, which included 100 peals of Stedman Cinques, including one silent, and a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's. The total number of his peals was 448. He had rendered great service to bellringing by his influence in the B.B.C. in getting church bells broadcast throughout the country. He was an honorary member of the Central Council, and as a lecturer on bellringing was well known in Birmingham. His services to the Guild had been most readily given, and one could not be surprised, after 18 years of such strenuous work, he should seek a little relief. He (the speaker) had Mr. Walker's assurance, however, that his interest in ringing had by no means diminished, but his other duties had become so pressing and important that he had not as much time to devote to ringing. As they knew he held a most important and responsible position with the B.S.A., and had the confidence, admiration and esteem of his employers. The members of St. Martin's Guild were very anxious to show their appreciation of the value of his services to the Guild by offering him a grandfather clock. He had no doubt the clock was warranted to last for ever, if properly wound up every Saturday night (laughter), and it would be a heirloom in the family. In the meantime it would be a standing evidence of the great esteem and respect the members held for him personally and the high appreciation of the splendid services he had rendered to the Guild for many years (applause).

Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett said that in his wife Mr. Walker had had a valued and assiduous helpmeet. Throughout these years it was owing to her encouragement and her tolerance (laughter and applause) that he had been able to render those services which the Guild so greatly appreciated. Mrs. Walker was a lady known to them all, and he would like to mention one eminent trait in her character, and that was her hospitality. Many handbell peals had been rung at Mr. Walker's house, and always afterwards suitable refreshment had been provided (laughter and applause). The memory of this hospitality would long last with those who had had the privilege of sharing in it. The Guild desired to recognise Mrs. Walker's kindness and asked her acceptance of a gold wrist watch. He hoped Mrs. Walker would live many years to be a faithful companion to her husband (applause).

Alderman Pritchett then handed the watch to Mr. Walker, in the absence of his wife, who was temporarily indisposed, and asked Mrs. Walker's acceptance of the gift as a token of their great esteem and affection and of their appreciation of what she had done for the Guild through her husband indirectly and personally herself. He trusted the watch would long continue to be worn by her in memory of St. Martin's Guild (applause). Alderman Pritchett added that on May 6th His Majesty would celebrate his silver jubilee, and to commemorate that occasion certain honours would be conferred. As their Rector was one of the King's Chaplains, any suggestion he might make to His Majesty would probably be carried out, and he (Alderman Pritchett) suggested that he might invite His Majesty to confer some distinction on Mr. Walker (laughter). It would be most appropriate if he would make him an Officer of the British Empire. Many a man had had that distinction who had done less valuable service than Mr. Walker (applause).

GREAT FUTURE BEFORE THE GUILD.

In acknowledging the gifts, Mr. Walker had an enthusiastic reception. He regretted that Mrs. Walker was not well enough to remain in the room to receive the gift herself, but he knew how greatly she would value it. It always gave her the greatest pleasure to do anything she could for the Guild, but she preferred to remain in the background. He assured the members that he would treasure the clock all his life and that it would be passed on to succeeding generations. It was said, continued Mr. Walker, that he had done 18 years' service as Ringing Master, but he believed he had filled the office from 1904 when he was appointed deputy to Mr. William Short. At that time the Guild were ringing at St. Martin's plain courses, because, with the departure of Mr. Short and Mr. William Barber, they were left without a bob caller. He undertook to look up the calling and they made a start, and it was in 1904 that he had the pleasure of calling a peal of Stedman Cinques for the first time. It was really due to Mrs. Walker that he took up change ringing, for it was in 1896, before they were married, that at Taunton she introduced him to one of the Taunton ringers and he was induced to go up to the tower on a practice night. Mr. Walker told an amusing tale against himself of how on one occasion he asked his wife to pack some food for his tea, as he was going to work overtime, whereas he was really going for a peal in the evening at Deritend Church. When he arrived at the church in the evening his wife met him with a post card to say that the peal was off (loud laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Walker thanked the members for the support they had given him as Ringing Master of St. Martin's. He had, he said, been connected with the church since 1898 and had served under seven Rectors, including their present Rector, and he hoped he would be able to serve under him for many years to come (applause). Although he had given up office, his interest in ringing would not diminish. They had many promising ringers in the Guild, as was shown by the two non-conducted peals that they rang. He could say without blushing that their society was among the foremost ringing societies of the country, and that was not only due to his efforts, but to those who had loyally supported him (applause). There was still a great future before the Guild. He thanked the members for their kind gifts, which his wife and he would always cherish. He thanked the members also for electing him as a vice-president of the Guild. He knew they would wholeheartedly support their new Ringing Master, and he was sure that under him the Guild would go on from strength to strength (applause).

In addition to the toasts reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Haynes) proposed 'The Visitors,' and, in referring to the clergy present, said they had in the Rector of Shirley a 'Minor' Canon, for he had only six bells in his church. They had two Majors with them, in the Vicars of Edgbaston and Bishop Ryder's, of whose peals of eight bells they were frequently allowed to make use, and which it was always a pleasure to ring. The Vicar of Solihull could, on that occasion, claim parity with the King and be classed as a Royal visitor. There was now a fine peal of ten bells there. The Vicar of Aston was a potential Maximus man (applause). It was with great pleasure that the members of the Guild read in the columns of 'The Ringing World' that the peal at Aston was to be restored, and he hoped that ringing by St. Martin's Guild would be able to be resumed there as it was carried on for many years in the past. He had heard it whispered, also, that the peal might be increased to twelve, so that numerically the Vicar of Aston would be able to claim equality with their own Rector of St. Martin's (laughter). In welcoming the other visitors, Mr. Haynes said they had come that night from as far as Australia, for they had among them the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, who had returned from their long voyage. Mr. Richardson seemed in no wise to have diminished (laughter). They also welcomed especially Mr. Gabriel Lindoff from Dublin, and the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. E. P. Duffield.

ASTON BELLS.

The Vicar of Aston, who first responded, said the enforced silence of the bells of Aston had produced considerable evidence of the great affection in which bellringing was held in Aston. The evidence came from very diverse sources and some of it was unexpected. Good bells rung with skill and restraint and a certain amount of consideration for other people still made a unique appeal, in spite of the somewhat jaundiced utterances which occasionally gained publicity. It was a great pleasure to congratulate that Guild on the work it had done in its long and honoured history. The improvement in our church bells and the advancement of the art of ringing were due to such societies as theirs. The Rev. H. McGowan then gave an outline of the history of Aston bells from the days of the 1552 Inventory. The bells had been silent for some time waiting for restoration. When he came to the parish three years ago about £400 had been accumulated towards the cost. Since then they had received some generous gifts, which had made it possible to go forward, and the founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., had given an undertaking that they should be ready by June 29th, St. Peter's Day. They still needed more money to complete the cost, and it would depend upon the response made during the next month as to whether they would be justified in placing an order for two extra bells to make a peal of twelve. The new bells were to be increased in weight, and the tenor was to be 25 cwt. instead of 20 cwt.

Mr. E. P. Duffield also responded, and in regretting the absence of Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was to have replied to the toast, said the Ancient Society of College Youths was particularly gratified that Mr. Lewis had recently accepted office in the society. It was very pleasing, he added, to come to Birmingham to greet their new Ringing Master, and he was very pleased to have been present on an occasion when they had done honour to one who had served their Guild for so many years and who was held in such high esteem in ringing circles in every part of the country. He (Mr. Duffield) had been privileged to be associated with Mr. Walker in ringing a goodly number of peals in many parts of the country, and he hoped he might be spared to take part in others under his able inspiration and leadership. Mr. Duffield said that in Alderman Pritchett the College Youths had the oldest but one of their surviving members, and he, as Master of the Ancient Society, was proud to come there and make his acquaintance and to find him at the age of 80 years still alert and Master of St. Martin's Guild (applause).

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AT RAWMARSH.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd, and upwards of 40 members were present from Sheffield (St. Marie's), Rotherham, Eastwood, Doncaster, Wath, Handsworth, Ranmoor, Arksey, Bolsover, Felkirk, Barnsley, Darfield, Brigg and the local company.

Ringing was rather curtailed before tea owing to the funeral of an old Rawmarsh ringer, Mr. William Whitworth, who was ringing at Rawmarsh in the early '80's, and who will be remembered by some of the older generation. Several of the members accompanied the cortege to the cemetery, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside.

A short service was held before tea, which was provided by the local company in the Parish Room. Owing to a previous engagement, the Rector was unable to preside at the business meeting, but his curate kindly filled the vacancy. Before proceeding with the business, the secretary referred to the great loss the Yorkshire Association had sustained by the death of their treasurer, Mr. J. Cotterell, of Bradford, who had passed away since the last meeting, and the members stood in silence for a few moments as a last mark of respect to a brother ringer.

Messrs. Wilson and Mitchell (both of Rawmarsh) were elected members of the association.

For the annual joint meeting, to be held in June, the Wath company gave an invitation to their tower, as they hoped to have the new peal of eight installed by the end of April. The date was fixed for June 15th, and, as it is some years since a meeting was held at Wath, it is hoped to have a record attendance.

The retiring officers, Messrs. F. Clark (Arksey), secretary, and G. Holmes (Sheffield), A. Gill (Wath) and C. D. Potter (Barnsley), committee, were re-elected for three years and thanked for their services.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the local company, etc., for the excellent arrangements for the meeting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S SILVER JUBILEE RINGING IN TWO COUNTIES.

At the pre-Lent meeting of this association, held at Shildon, near Bishop Auckland, on Saturday last, the president (Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead) referred to the recent article in 'The Ringing World' with regard to ringing on the occasion of the King's Jubilee on May 6th, and appealed to the members to rally round and endeavour to have all the 'ringable' bells in the two counties rung on that day. A circular letter to this effect had been sent to the district secretaries, and it is hoped that even bells which have been long silent for want of ringers and other causes will be rung for at least half an hour on Jubilee Day.

Shildon bells are a very fine peal of eight, and they were kept going during the afternoon in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, etc. The tea, provided by the local band, was held in the Parish Hall, and was much enjoyed, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for their attendance was proposed by Mr. J. T. Titt, of Darlington, and seconded by Mr. R. L. Patterson, Sunderland, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Lake) replying.

In a short address during the service which followed in St. John's Church, the Vicar traced the use of bells in the service of the Church from Bible times, and spoke of the privilege we ringers have of being able to do a definite piece of work for God.

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Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed 'The Ringing World,' urging ringers to use their utmost endeavours to extend its circulation. He also referred to the recent articles by Mr. H. V. Morton upon the activities of the College Youths, articles written with sympathy and understanding and which could do nothing but good for the cause of ringing. A little more publicity of that kind would undoubtedly do much good. A previous speaker had mentioned the existence of an Anti-Noise League, and if its activities extended to the endeavour to suppress the ringing of church bells, a generous and sympathetic Press from their point of view would be of very great use. He would never advocate the ringing of long peals in crowded areas—it was a very selfish thing to do, and no ringer with any intelligence at all would arrange a peal at a church surrounded by a lot of houses where prolonged ringing would cause much discomfort. There were certain enthusiasts among them who would do it, but unless it was curbed, the Anti-Noise League might get an effective stop put to that sort of thing. They themselves should therefore make some effort to control it. A good Press would put the public in touch with their activities and make them sympathetic towards ringing.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' responded to the toast, and expressed the thanks of the Australian tourists for the set of ten ropes which St. Martin's Guild kindly lent them for emergency use 'down under.'—The proceedings concluded with the toast of 'The Chairman,' submitted by the Rev. C. B. Williams and acknowledged by Canon Guy Rogers.

A delightful musical programme included songs by Mr. Arthur Smith, quartette by St. Martin's Quartette, and handbell solos, rendered with her accustomed skill by Mrs. Hughes.

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BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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Rung at Radcliffe, Lancs, on February 23rd, 1935, conducted by the composer.

A 'SURPRISE' AFFAIR.

The recent practice at Wooburn of East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was quite a 'surprise' affair, at least 40 ringers putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. Tea was 'as usual' at The Boscobel Tea Rooms, a delightful old English atmosphere being ever present.

Afterwards, tunes on handbells, which were greatly enjoyed by the proprietors, and some 'scientific' for the 'experts,' also 'as usual.' Returning to the tower, the tries for a course of London were added to, without success, Bristol going the same way.

Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were well rung, plenty of rounds being intermixed for those who had progressed no farther.

The next practice is to be held at Chalfont St. Giles, followed by the 'annual' at Old Windsor.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The February meeting was held at Liversedge, the business being transacted in the tower, with the president in the chair. Members were present from Almondbury, Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Bradford Cathedral, Headingley (St. Chad's), Halifax, Pudsey, Sowerby Bridge, Shipley and the local company.

The President asked the members to stand in memory of the late Mr. J. Cotterell, a member of the society from Bradford Cathedral company, and the late treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, who died on January 26th.

Two new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. A. Teale, of Holbeck, and R. Squires, of Halifax.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. J. W. Benton and seconded by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe.—Mr. F. Hodgson replied.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DECISION ON EASTER MEETING.

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, March 2nd, when members attended from Ripon, Stockton-on-Tees, Thornaby-on-Tees, Middlesbrough, West Hartlepool, Saltburn, Kirby Stephen, Ormesby, Guisborough, etc. Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar of Thornaby, the Rev. W. Palin (in the absence of the president, Mr. J. Stott, Thirsk), supported by Mr. T. Metcalfe and the Rev. Yates, curate at Thornaby.

The only business that came before the meeting was a proposed alteration of the Easter meeting. After various suggestions had been discussed, it was finally agreed to hold the Easter meeting at Catterick Bridge.

The ringing during the day was very satisfactory, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise.

LATE NOTICE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 20th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

ANOTHER 'EIGHT' FOR LINCOLN GUILD.

JOINT MEETING OF THE LINCOLN AND GRIMSBY DISTRICTS.

Walesby—a tiny village lying at the foot of a hill a mile or two to the north of Market Rasen—was 'captured' by ringers on Saturday, March 2nd. It is certain that the annals of the county's ringing history will record Saturday's event as one of importance, due to the fact that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild claimed another eight-bell tower to its roll. The village of Walesby possesses two churches; one, which is called the new church, situated in the centre of a few houses representing the village, while the other church, the north and south arcades of which were built round about the years 1180 and 1200, is situated practically on top of a high ridge, which shelters the neighbourhood from the north. Considerable interest is now being taken in this very old church, and the renovations so far executed have included the provision of a peal of bells. Though the approach to the church necessitates a somewhat laborious task, yet the situation of the building affords campanologists unrestricted possibilities for ringing practice and peals without causing undue disturbance to the villagers.

The peal contains five new bells and three old bells which have been retuned and quarter turned. The new bells have been supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been erected in a massive wooden frame, the work of the local wheelwright and carpenter, who, together with the bell founders, under whose supervision the whole job has been executed, are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their respective undertakings. Walesby now claims two peals of bells—surely a rare distinction for a village with so small a population—but the peal at the new church is hung 'dead,' and, therefore, does not offer much attraction to the change ringing fraternity.

About 70 ringers were present at this auspicious meeting, and represented a large majority of the towers situated in the northern half of the county. Parking of cars might have presented a problem, but here the wheelwright, with his spacious yard, solved a difficulty. Negotiating a steep gradient of indifferent foothold through the official way to the church, the campanologists almost represented a contingent of hikers, minus haversacks, etc. The exterior appearance of the edifice on the hill undoubtedly exemplified its life in its lofty position as having withstood the test of time and storm. With practically the whole company assembled in the church, all eyes were turned toward the ringing chamber situated on the ground floor. A prayer followed and immediately the bells were raised in peal to be followed by a course of Stedman Triples.

The event was a joint meeting of the Lincoln and Grimsby districts, an arrangement which received unanimous approval by all concerned. Within a short space of time practically everybody had tried out the new ring. A little difficulty was occasionally experienced with the smaller bells, for they needed very careful handling to keep them off the stay at the handstroke position, but as time went on the situation in this respect was practically mastered. We learn that a slight alteration is to be made to the wheels of the bells concerned to give the ringer improved control at handstroke. The methods rung ranged up to Bristol and London Major. Ringing was curtailed for the service, tea and meeting which followed.

HOW THE BELLS WERE TAKEN TO WALESBY CHURCH.

For the service the seating capacity of the little church was taxed to its fullest extent, and officiating clergy were the Rector of Walesby, assisted by the Rev. N. S. Harding, of Lincoln, and Mr. A. Simpson, organist at Branston Church, played the organ. The service over, there was speedy retreat to the village in search of the Institute, where the warmer atmosphere of the room was indeed very welcome in comparison to the chilly conditions on the hill top. An excellent tea awaited the visitors, and the ringers were given a very hearty welcome, and the very meagre charge made for the tea should be an inducement in itself to persuade ringers to visit Walesby again.

Business meetings followed tea. First the Lincoln section, and then the Grimsby items. Appreciative remarks came from the Grimsby side thanking the Lincoln District for the invitation to the meeting, which had so far culminated in a very satisfactory event. Thanks were also extended to all those who had rendered service in any way to make the event the success it was. Although the meeting was arranged by the Lincoln District, the Grimsby District claimed an association with this new tower, due to the fact that one of the old bells was originally cast in their district.

The thanks already mentioned were very comprehensive, but evidently one member, feeling very grateful for help extended to him, moved that thanks be accorded to the motorists, who had rendered yeoman service in bringing friends along who would otherwise have been unable to attend.

A return to the tower was then made, and one was perhaps too concerned with climbing the hill to consider the task that would be met in transporting the bells to their lofty position. A motor lorry, we understand, was incapable of performing this work, and, therefore, a sledge drawn by horses was requisitioned to take the bells from the lorry to the church, and we understand that there were a few anxious moments as the tenor bell was being taken over the very uneven surface of the field next to the church. The bell, complete with

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CASUALNESS—AND RECRUITS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. George Gilbert on the first part of his letter dealing with 'casualness,' even though he did not add that it is the Sunday service ringer who in many cases keeps that particular tower open for peal ringing.

To the latter part of his letter, however, I should like to add a few words. He says truly, 'We can't keep learners, yet nearly every church has a choir,' but—in how many cases do the junior ringers stand on an equal footing with the juniors in the choir? In the first place, the choir would naturally appeal to a youngster at the first glance, for I think none will deny that our art is carried on behind the curtain, and it takes a pretty inquisitive youngster to push his way in to a tower, whereas he can get his information first hand from his school chum of the choir.

This can doubtless be overcome by fishing for recruits, but when we have fished and landed one, we have then to get him sufficiently interested to believe that it will be worth while to stick at something which will take months to get a start at—in many cases for love—while his chum in the choir drops into line much sooner, and generally has a little extra pocket money every quarter, plus a free outing in the summer or some festivity at Christmas.

I do not say this is so in every case, but I think generally that it will be found that voluntary ringers far outnumber voluntary choristers as regards the juniors. I am no advocate of paid ringing generally and have not been associated with it since about 1911, but I do consider it a point worth taking up, with those church authorities who desire their bells rung, that they should consider some form of recognition to those under the age of, say, 21 who attend regularly. This would help to ensure regular attendance and stimulate some immediate interest while we get the recruit REALLY interested in method ringing, and if, when the time comes for him to join the voluntary ranks, he can't ring for the love of it—write him off as another 'bad boy.'

Another point regarding the teaching of beginners is the temperament of both learner and instructor. One often hears the remark that 'youngsters nowadays can't be told anything without taking the huff.' Perhaps so, and perhaps there is a reason for it. Let us look back and count the years since 1914 and consider the conditions under which recruits of 17 or 18 first saw the light—air raids by night, distant sounds of guns by day, etc. Small wonder if they are of a highly strung disposition and resent the sergeant-major attitude of some conductors, and decide that a hobby which involves 'bullying' as a matter of course is best left alone. I am not theorising in this matter, but quoting from actual experience, having seen more than one 'go west' from an overdose of 'loud speaker.'

I know the reply full well: 'There is no time to be polite'—and agree, but would add neither will bullying produce good striking when the victim gets 'all hot and bothered.'

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

Crayford.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW.

Sir,—Having studied this question almost from my first entering a belfry, nearly 14 years ago, I must say I fully agree with every word Mr. Gilbert says in his excellent letter.

It is the small-minded type of ringer, usually the ones who reckon to be 'it,' or of the Surprise class, who are the cause of many another ringer becoming haphazard and often giving the art up. So long as the other man is content to remain just a pupil or looker-on, in their eyes he is all right. But immediately he begins to show any real enthusiasm, or, like themselves, to know a little, he becomes 'in the way' or is considered to be too keen, and the thought is in their mind, 'I must watch this man or he will be having my place'—whether it be in the belfry, holding some official position in a guild, or (and here is where the snag generally comes in) in ringing certain peals. He usually does his utmost to put every obstacle in this man's way until, losing interest, the beginner becomes haphazard. Then he is the first to grouse at not being able to get learners to stop with him and will attempt to lay it down to counter attractions, which, as Mr. Gilbert says, is now an old cry, and almost worn threadbare. I, like Mr. Gilbert, can imagine murmurings and many resentments, but should any ringer care to challenge my statement, I should be pleased to entertain him with references from some forty to fifty cases I can quote as ample proof. Having travelled about I have seen so much of it!

PERCY AMOS.

Abington, Northants.

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fittings, weighing approximately 14 cwt., had a very rough crossing, and at times reached an alarming angle, but, fortunately, the destination was reached without any mishap.

Ringing was continued until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered and brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting. The towers represented at the meeting were Cathedral, All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Botolph's, Lincoln; Branston, Blankney, Nettleham, Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Ulceby, Louth, Bigby, Waltham, Grimsby, Upton, Lea, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather and Elsham. H. C.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 21st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m., at the Half Moon Inn. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on March 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by Vicar at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Beeston on Saturday, March 16th, at 5.30 p.m. New members welcomed. Subscriptions for 1935 due, please!—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsworth on Saturday, March 16th. The bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—March meeting on the 16th (Saturday) at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Proceedings commence at 3. Tea 5. Business 5.45. Ringing before and after evensong 7.30. Postcards re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, March 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Egerton on March 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Church Council at the George Inn, 5 p.m. Please send a postcard on the Sunday previous if you wish to come. Every ringer welcome. Plenty of methods from Carter Doubles to London Surprise. Easy running bells, and every prospect of a large gathering. Notify A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, or P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Kent, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Amport on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Rollestone-on-Dove on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify Mr. L. Smith, Rectory Gardens, Rollestone, by March 21st. All ringers cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal.

ALBURY, NEAR GUILDFORD.—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 23rd, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. All ringers invited. Bells available after opening touch. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, notify G. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford, by Wednesday next.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, March 20th, without fail? Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions welcomed. All ringers cordially invited—members and non-members, learners and veterans.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, March 23rd, for election of officers, etc. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., in St. Mary's Hall, at 5. Tower open 3. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d. to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Secretary, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me, not later than March 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. J. Newman not later than the 21st? Tea 1s. each.—J. P. Tarlton, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

LADIES' GUILD (Lincoln and Northern Branches) AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Collingham, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.15, conducted by Canon Williams. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. East, Low Street, North Collingham, by Wednesday, March 21st.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—Next meeting will be at Queen Camel on March 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Market Parade) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m., Councillor Eggleton presiding. The following towers open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary de Crypt (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. (Ladies invited.) Tickets, 3s., can be obtained, with remittance, not later than March 26th, from W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec , 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. Canon Tonks, the next by-meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, March 30th. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. F. A. Rye, 6, Castle Road, Walmer, near Deal, on or before Thursday, March 28th?

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, March 30th. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th. S. Nicolas' bells (10) from 3 p.m., Cathedral bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting to follow. After the meeting Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his Australian tour cinematograph pictures. All ringers welcome, but those who desire tea must let me know by Tuesday, March 26th, or they will not be provided for.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, March 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after tea, with further ringing till 8.30. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Tuesday, March 26th. This is very important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at York on Saturday, March 30th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Thursday, March 29th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due and annual report available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTON.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, March 31st, at 6 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughbrough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

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Although William Pye has gone from us, those who knew him closely have left to them a sheaf of happy memories of a great and warm-hearted leader, and all of us have an example which we can keep before us. William Pye's ringing career grew out of small beginnings. He was not favoured, as many ringers are today, by facilities almost brought to one's door. He had to make his opportunities, and he got so much, in pleasure and achievement, out of ringing because he put so much into it, of energy, ability, time and enthusiasm. There are thousands of ringers who have failed to get the best out of ringing because they have neglected to put their best into it; and they blame others where they are themselves to blame. If every ringer in the country were imbued with one tithe of the enthusiasm and interest of William Pye the position of the Exercise and the strength and influence of the associations and guilds would be far beyond their present limits.

Again, William Pye did not rise to top rank without opposition. There was a time when his efforts aroused many petty jealousies, but these failed to stay his rise to fame, as they always will fail when a man of real merit devotes his energies to a cause which has no room for a mean spirit. Friendly rivalry can be the inspiration of great things; petty jealousies are but noxious weeds. Friendly rivalry has underlaid many of the great performances which Mr. Pye achieved, and he was the first to acknowledge—as well as being ready to excel if opportunity presented itself—the great achievements of others. Here then is another direction in which Mr. Pye's example can be an inspiration to others. Petty jealousy, unfortunately, can still be found among ringers

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in some places, despite the fact that it is unchristianlike and uncharitable. It is best ignored and ought not to be allowed to hinder a man's legitimate ambitions. But let us have friendly rivalry by all means. Competition carried out in a spirit of goodwill can be a spur to greater things, and it is a pity that more of this amicable feeling does not enter into the ranks of ringers, if only in the limited sphere of improving service ringing. Many ringers have great dislike for the word 'competition,' but there is nothing wrong about it in ringing when it means increasing efficiency and raising the standards of the art for the purpose for which bells are mainly intended, as distinct from personal gain. Individual achievement cannot, of course, be entirely eliminated, but when it accompanies a modesty like that displayed by William Pye it adds to the value and dignity of progress.

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TEN BELL PEALS

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	...*Treble*	GEORGE RAWLINGS	6
WILLIAM RAWLINGS	2	*GEORGE WICKENS	7
PERCY SPICE	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	8
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	4	WALTER SMITH	9
*WILFRED HOLLAMBY ...	5	†CHARLES F. ONLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Dr. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. First peal of Caters as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to ten. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th (age 74). The peal also commemorates 30 years' service as conductor and towerkeeper by W. Smith.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*HAROLD V. FROST ...	...*Treble*	*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ...	2	†FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	7
THOMAS J. HULL	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	8
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GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman on a working bell. Rung for the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Cathorne Crabtree, M.C., M.A.), and also as a 77th birthday compliment to Mr. C. F. Winney.

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On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	6
JOHN W. FAITHFUL	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	7
KEITH HART	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	8
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	9
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
First peal of Royal on the bells.

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On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOHN H. WILKINS	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	HENRY ROMENS	8
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
Rung with half-muffled clappers in deep respect to the late William Pye, Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 25 cwt.

EDITH K. FLETCHER	*Treble*	STANLEY A. CARTER	5
GEORGE GRAY	2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
LEONARD FIDLER	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	*Treble*	WILFRED EDWARDS	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	*PERCY NEWTON	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal in the method.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED PRICE	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	RICHARD T. HOLDING	6
WILLIAM WEATHERBY	3	WILLIAM P. DEANE	7
REGINALD W. CHESTERS	4	THOMAS HURD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by T. HURD.
First peal of Major on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lt.-Col. N. ff. Eckersley. The band thank Mr. F. A. Barnett (local captain) for getting use of bells, and Mr. J. Grocott (towerkeeper) for having all in readiness.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BURTON	5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	2	WILLIAM ELLIOT	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	FRANK CLAYDON	7
AMBROSE MASON	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.
A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Nevard, also a jubilee peal, he having been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for 50 years.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	FRANCIS KIRK	5
STEPHEN H. HOARE	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. 50th peal together by ringers of 7th and tenor, and by ringers of 2nd and tenor.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	*Treble*	GEORGE GILBERT	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	*THOMAS J. LOCK	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	4	EDWARD S. T. FARR	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of and on the birthday of the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, March 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
CHARLES H. PERRY	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
EDWARD T. BAILEY	3	D. REES JAMES	7
BENJAMIN J. TOBY	4	FRANK MORGAN	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Minnie Albina Dibble and Mr. William C. L. Perry, only son of the conductor and a former ringer at this church, who were married at Bridgwater on March 2nd.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, March 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	*WALTER F. TYLER	5
*JOHN FOSKETT	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	JACK DAFTERS	7
PERCY J. SPICE	4	EDMUND MOUNTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS	*Treble*	*HAROLD SHUKE	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	REGINALD CHANCE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
THOMAS HEMMING	4	WALTER FARLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

PENTRE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	FREDERICK LASBURY	5
JOSEPH LOVETT	2	HERBERT DAVIES	6
†GEORGE POPNELL	3	TOM PAGE	7
‡WILLIAM J. CROSS	4	WILLIAM PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by T. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. ‡ First peal in the method away from treble. A birthday peal for the second son of the conductor.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES, Central Council Representative	*Treble*
JAMES HEMMING, Southern Branch Secretary	2
JAMES R. NEWMAN, General Secretary	3
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT, Northern Branch Secretary	4
FREDERICK HAWKES, Western Branch Secretary	5
GEORGE A. KING, Southern Branch Master	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT, Auditor	7
CHARLES CAMM, Western Branch Master	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung as the association's annual peal.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CHARLES SHARPLES	*Treble*	†BERNARD HORACE HALL	5
ROBERT PARKINSON	2	JOHN HENRY FOSTER	6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK	3	*RICHARD BENSON	7
*JAMES ASHTON	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th and 6th hail from Blackpool, 3rd and tenor from Bolton, 7th Manchester, 4th Bispham. Rung as a welcome home from the Australian tour of Mr. Sharples, the secretary of the Fylde Branch. Also a birthday compliment to Richard (Dick) Newton, of Boston, U.S.A.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
JAMES L. WRIGHT	2	JOHN BOOTH	6
WILLIAM SHARPLES	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

The above band, who deeply regret the loss of the late Mr. William Pye, would like this peal recorded as a last tribute of their respect and esteem for him, and also for the late Mr. Edward Armstrong, of Samlesbury.

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

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOLER	5
ALBERT HELLIWELL	2	ARTHUR CHAMPION	6
JOHN W. SYKES	3	J. HYLTON SYKES	7
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (414). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 6th, who received the congratulations of the band.

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

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD P. ASHBY	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5
JOHN E. ROOTES	2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	GEORGE A. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to William Pye, beloved Master of the Association for 25 years, who was laid to rest at Aldborough the same day.

BENGEO, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	5
MISS GRACE CHURCH	2	STANLEY A. CARTER	6
GEORGE GRAY	3	BARNARD PATMORE	7
CYRIL A. HOUSE	4	SIDNEY CADLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. A. CARTER.

First peal of Triples as conductor and first attempt. Rung to celebrate Mr. Joseph Pomfret's 52 years' connection with this tower on his retirement.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	*Treble*	JOHN W. CORNFORD	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	HORACE BELCHER	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
FREDERICK DIGBY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This peal was rung with deeply muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to the late William Pye. St. Botolph's was the last London tower in which Mr. Pye rung a peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY	...*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	... 2	*REGINALD PAYNE	 6
*TOM BROTHWELL	 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	... 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL	 4	JOHN FLINT	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES HUNT	... ...*Treble*	ALFRED J. WYATT	 5
*C. HENRY FLOYD	 2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER	 6
ALEC A. WALKER	 3	JACK ROY	 7
WALTER H. POOLE	 4	WALTER E. PRIDDLE	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.
* First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Maddock, a Taunton pioneer of ringing.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

JAMES A. HART	... ...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GROVES	 5
GEORGE P. ELPHICK	 2	ROBERT J. DAWE	 6
GEORGE WIGGEN	 3	ROBERT W. E. DAWE	 7
FRANK BENNETT	 4	HENRY STATHAM	... ...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Statham on the eve of his 60th anniversary.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN GODFREY	... ...*Treble*	GEORGE BAILEY	 5
*ERIC BENNET	 2	*WILLIAM CLOVER	 6
*RUSSELL CURSON	 3	*HENRY TOOKE	 7
†WALTER R. FARROW	 4	*GEORGE T. PEGNALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Sunday, March 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

JOHN CHARNOCK	... . *Treble*	ALFRED BLOGG	 5
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE	... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES	 6
E. ROGER MARTIN	 3	HAROLD DAVIES	 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	... 4	SYDNEY BLEASDALE	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Edward Armstrong and E. W. Armstrong, of the Preston Branch, and William Pye, a non-resident member.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE	... ...*Treble*	CHARLES HAYLINGS	 4
CHARLES YOUNG	 2	CYRIL HALLING	 5
GEORGE GUNNELL	 3	LEONARD DOVEY	.. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES HAYLINGS

SELSTON, NOTTS.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 4, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

*THOMAS HAND	... ...*Treble*	CHARLES COTTAM	 4
FRANK COOKE	 2	LESLIE A. RAWSON	 5
*GERARD RAWSON	 3	CYRIL JAQUES	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK COOKE.
* First peal. Rung for the 30th year of office of Mr. Wilson Dobbl (hon. president of the above association), for this period hon. secretary of Selston tower. All are members of the local band.

DYMOCK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES H. COX	... ...*Treble*	*RICHARD CHEW	 4
H. ERNEST COX	 2	ALFRED T. POULTON	 5
CECIL COX	 3	HARRY E. COX	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

HERBERT SHERMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	 4
*STANLEY GRAVESTOCK	... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	 5
†GEOFFERY MAYES	 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. THOS. NEWMAN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD C AYRES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. REDRUP	 4
FREDERICK T. BOLTON	... 2	ALFRED ELBURN	 5
ERNEST PARKER	 3	FREDERICK J. BOLTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. BOLTON.
First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who was 60 on the previous day.

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PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

ALBERT DIXEY	*Treble*	REGINALD SIMMONDS	4
GEORGE TRENDELL	2	THOMAS BIRD	5
CHARLES RIPPINGALE... ...	3	ALBERT CATTERWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. GRIVE	4
RONALD H. DOVE	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
CHARLES DAVIES	3	JACK BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

LYTOHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores in 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

HENRY W. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	*LIONEL H. PINK	4
*JONATHAN H. COOPER ...	2	FRANCIS G. BLAKE	5
†HAROLD E. WHITE	3	*WALTER F. LOADER .	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. G. BLAKE.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, NORFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, March 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
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, each called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ARTHUR BALLAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM STANNARD	4
GEORGE W. ABLITT	2	HORACE W. FOULGER ...	5
GEORGE LILLEY	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, March 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*OWEN NEWSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. SMITH	4
ALDERMAN LING	2	*HARRY J. VINCE...	5
FRANK L. FISHER	3	WILLIAM SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.
* First peal in seven methods. A birthday compliment to ringers of second and tenor.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 of Plain Bob and 3,600 of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt.

GEORGE WYATT	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	3
ARTHUR RAINBIRD	2	ALBERT PRYKE	4
HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. TURNER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Albert Rainbird, who for 41 years was a chorister and bellringer at this church, and who died on March 12th, 1934, and was interred in this churchyard on March 17th, 1934; also as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Pye, as no ringing was possible at Brentwood owing to illness near the church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in One Hour and Forty Minutes,
AT 48, KING'S ROAD.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Size 15 in C.

*FRANCIS KIRK	1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4
WALTER AYRE	5-6		

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First true peal of Minor 'in hand' for the association.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, March 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	*HAROLD BARSLEY	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
* First peal 'in hand.'

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Friday, March 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 28, FIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. W. BRINKLOW.
Umpire—Stephen H. Hoare, who checked every lead-end throughout the peal. This is the first peal of London Surprise 'in hand' by the society.

DEATH OF A PENWORTHAM RINGER.

FIRST AND ONLY PEAL AT 73.

The death has occurred of Mr. Edward W. Hutchinson, of Penwortham, near Preston, Lancashire, at the age of 78 years. Deceased, who was a native of Leek, learnt the rudiments of the craft at Burton-in-Lonsdale, and, singularly enough, rang his first 720 there many years later on the occasion of a picnic of the Penwortham band. Mr. Hutchinson was essentially a service ringer and had only rung one peal. This he did when 73 years of age.

The deceased was laid to rest in the picturesque churchyard of St. Mary's, Penwortham, on Monday, March 11th, four of his fellow-ringers bearing the coffin in and out of the church. A few rounds on handbells were rung over the grave.

The bells were rung fully muffled before the cortege reached the church, and half-muffled to touches of Kent and Plain Bob after the interment. A peal attempt in the evening came to grief after nearly two hours' ringing.

Mr. Hutchinson was a familiar figure at Preston branch meetings, and his death will be regretted by all.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Durweston on March 9th. A company of about 50 included members representing 14 towers in the branch and visitors from Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Poole, North Cadbury, North Stoneham, Swindon, Upwey and Wyke Regis. The Guild service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, and an excellent address given by the Rector (the Rev. B. T. Rosson). Tea followed in the school, kindly given by Frances, Lady Portman.

In the absence of Canon Hellins (through ill-health), the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (deputy chairman), who extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and thanked Lady Portman, the Rev. B. T. Rosson, and the ladies, who kindly served the tea.

Seven new ringing members were elected. The Rev. W. M. Askwith (Vicar of Sherborne) was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. R. C. H. Connolly (North Stoneham) and C. W. Denyer (Aldershot) life members.

A collection at the service towards the restoration of Blandford bells realised £1, to which was added £2 voted from branch funds.

The 1934 accounts were read, showing a credit balance for the year of 13s. 6d. and a total balance in hand of £16 3s. 11d.

The bells of Bryanston and Shillingstone were also available throughout the afternoon and evening, the ringing including rounds, call changes, seven methods of Doubles and Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor.

ENTHUSIASTS ENCOURAGED.

CORNISH RINGERS QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATES.

For a town ringer to visit a place like Zennor, Cornwall, on a winter's night, when there is a strong cold north-east wind blowing in from the sea and sweeping over the bracken and granite-covered heath and waste land, which comprises three-fourths of the parish, it makes one wonder at the enthusiasm shown by some country ringers who tramp or cycle several miles to practise their art. There has been a revival of ringing of late in this Cornish parish, and it was to test the band's ability and to grant certificates of proficiency that the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella), with some other Truro ringers, attended their practice on Thursday, March 14th.

The test was very thorough. Rounds were rung, but no, they were not allowed to ring one bell and one bell only, for the tenor man was shifted to the second and the third ringer had to ring the treble—a general 'shuffle'—but the rounds were just as good. Next a 'peal' of 30 call changes was rung excellently in 20 minutes by R. Woods (conductor) 1, H. Harfoot (aged 12) 2, G. Nankervis 3, C. Pitman 4, Mrs. Harfoot 5, C. Trundle 6. Certificates were duly presented by the diocesan secretary. Congratulations to Mr. Reggie Woods and his band.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was then rung in 45 minutes by A. S. Roberts 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 3, R. Woods, Zennor (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 5, G. Nankervis, Zennor (first quarter-peal) 6.

Most of the Zennor band go to Towednack, another six-bell tower, three miles distant, once a week and have stirred up interest there also.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AT CHARLWOOD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. The Vicar (the Rev. William Grainger Thompson) conducted the service, and tea was served at the Half Moon, 27 members attending.

Alderman Temple Newell presided at the business meeting and presented a certificate of the Surrey Association to F. Lancester (Buckland), who was the youngest momber present.

Two new members were elected, and the election of one compounding member previous to a peal ratified.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Lingfield in June, and the next quarterly peal, to be conducted by R. Thorpe, at Buckland.

The tower was again visited, and ringing from rounds to London Surprise Minor indulged in. Votes of thanks were passed to all who made the happy gathering such a success.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB AT DARTFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote of the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Dartford on March 2nd, may I correct the statement that it was the first peal in the method on the bells. Upon referring to the Cumberland Society's peal book, I find a peal was rung by that society at Dartford on November 21st, 1763, namely, 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hours 18 minutes.

It is interesting to note that there were two peals painted on the walls of Dartford tower ringing chamber. One was found, upon careful cleaning, to be a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1749. The other peal was indecipherable, and the peal of Oxford already mentioned is probably this peal. JAMES E. BAILEY.

DEATH OF NOTTS RINGER.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death, at the age of 40 years, of George Edward Allin, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, who passed away on March 9th. He was the second son of Mr. W. Allin, captain of the St. Mary's Parish Church band. Deceased, who had been in failing health for a considerable time, was formerly a ringer at St. Mary's, and had rung and conducted a number of peals.

The interment took place in the churchyard on Wednesday, March 13th. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss. After the funeral, as a token of respect, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,272 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled: T. Bettison 1, J. Bleby 2, C. M. Heathcote 3, W. Swain 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL BAND'S PROGRESS.

At Glasgow on Sunday, March 10th, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): J. F. Sargent 1, H. F. Sargent 2, N. Leiper 3, R. J. G. Thorn 4, R. O. Street 5, T. C. Winderann 6, S. G. Lewis 7, E. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, J. Ewing 10 (tenor 32 cwt.).

This was the first quarter-peal by all the band except the ringers of 5th and 9th, and was the first quarter of Grandsire Caters on the bells. All are service ringers of St. Mary's except Mr. Thorn, who is an honorary member of the St. Mary's Society.

All this band (except the ringers of 4th, 5th and 9th) has been recruited from the congregation of the Cathedral and are communicant members of the church. They are young men, showing great enthusiasm for the art, and some of them can already ring Stedman Triples and Caters 'double handed' on handbells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

After the Bankers, the Lawyers? Are there any solicitors or solicitors' managing clerks who would be prepared to attempt a peal together? If so, will they get in touch with Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

The peal of Surprise Minor rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on March 2nd, was not rung for the Kent County Association.

Thirty years ago last Sunday, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 1905, a peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, the first and, we believe, the only peal by the Irish Association out of Ireland.

Mr. Challis Winney was 77 on Sunday. The good wishes of all ringers will be extended to him. Time still deals kindly with this London veteran, but he no longer runs to catch trains, he says.

Mr. Albert Walker's remarkable record of 291 twelve-bell peals include 260 Stedman Cinques, the one hundred, among them one 'silent,' referred to last week having been rung on handbells. The odd 31 have been made up of Grandsire and Erin Cinques, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and, principally, Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Quite a large number of ringers have, we understand, called at 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, to wind the new clock.

A clerical ringing week is being organised, from May 13th to 18th. Any clergy who would like to take part and have not yet received an invitation to do so should communicate with the Rev. E. V. Cox, The Vicarage, Brampford Speke, Exeter.

Those who propose to attend the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual meeting on Saturday week, at Guildford, and stay for the Australian 'movies,' are reminded that if they want tea, they must send in their names by Tuesday next.

Mr. Frank Cooke rang his first peal and called it, at Selston, Notts, particulars of which peal are recorded in our peal columns this week. It was four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A fine achievement.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

The referendum taken last week on the proposed change in the name of the Essex Association to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild has resulted in an overwhelming vote in favour of retaining the present title. The cards returned to the hon. secretary showed the voting to be as follows:—

Essex Association	412
Chelmsford Diocesan Guild ...	178

CHANGE RINGING MACHINE.

OPERATES A TYPEWRITER.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has further developed his change ringing machine so that it will operate a typewriter and print the figures of the method rung, as well as drawing a diagram by means of a pen operated from the 7th bell.

A descriptive booklet of the machine has now been printed, and the drawings assist in the study of the mechanism of the machine. The booklet can be had by anyone who will write to Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, Highfield, Sedbergh, Yorks, for a copy.

It is interesting to learn that all the 1,250 parts of the machine, except screws and springs, were made by Mr. Woodhouse himself. The machine has already rung over 400 methods, and three peals have been rung on it.

'MARCH 4th' AT APPLETON.

HAPPY PARTY CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

The 118th anniversary of the opening of a peal of six, then eight and then ten bells in the Berkshire village of Appleton was celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. About 40 ringers and friends sat down to dinner in The Thatched Tavern, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Handbell ringing by the brothers White, interspersed with songs by members present and a few West Country yarns from Canon G. F. Coleridge (who was in the chair), kept everyone happy until the arch enemy, 'Time,' caused the breaking up of the party.

It is some years since the worthy Canon first visited Appleton on March 4th, and it was a great pleasure to see him present once again, also to meet Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, and his irrepressible young friend, ex-P.S. Williams, of Newent, Glos.

The bells of St. Lawrence's Church were set going as soon as enough visitors had congregated, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were tapped off in really good style.

Several ringers visited Appleton for the first time, and, like most others have done, expressed a wish to be able to make more visits. As our dear old friend, the late Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn, used to say, 'There is only one Appleton, but one never gets tired of spending a few hours there.' Long may Appleton and its ringers flourish.

R. T. H.

WILLIAM PYE.

AN APPRECIATION.

BY C. T. COLES.

The Editor has very kindly invited me to write an appreciation of William Pye. I feel it a great privilege to do so, although it would require a much more fluent pen than mine to convey, in an adequate manner, all that might be said about the great ringer who has just died.

My first meeting with William Pye took place over 30 years ago. In those days we youngsters looked at the great men of the day from afar off. Some were unapproachable, but not so William Pye, as I soon found out. In the early part of 1905 he paid a visit to St. George's-in-the-East, my first tower, and, on one of the band failing to appear, he gave me a chance on the tenor to Stedman Triples. The bells at this church were never easy to ring, and probably Mr. Pye thought that a 30 cwt. tenor would be a stiff test. I shall never forget the words of encouragement which came from him and his brother, Ernest, towards the end of that attempt, which failed through a rope breaking after over three hours' ringing. William Pye's sympathy with me was shown to be genuine when he consented to make another attempt at the earliest possible date, which met with success, and I rang my first peal with him.

touches of Stedman Triples. This, be it remembered, was in the days when very little encouragement was given at all to young ringers. In later years, when success might have turned his head, he gave these friends of his early days the credit due to them. One of his last public acts, when he was already suffering from the affliction which brought about his own death, was to attend the funeral, in June last, of William Manning.

I have said that he had a wonderful memory. He had a storehouse of reminiscences, and when in the mood to talk of ringers of his early days would show that he had the utmost respect for those of the pioneers who did much of the spade work of ringing. Of his own prowess he seldom spoke; when he did it was never in a boastful manner. He was as unassuming as it is possible for a man to be, and yet with all this there was a powerful urge with him which enabled him to overcome the greatest of difficulties.

I well recollect the peal of Maximus at Worcester Cathedral in 1929, a few weeks after his great triumph at Ashton-under-Lyne. After a terrific gruelling he was asked why he did not stop, and he said that many men in the band had come a long way and he did not want to disappoint them. The 48 cwt. tenor was afterwards found to be loose on the stock, and it was only his indomitable courage and determination which enabled him to finish the peal. Yet not a boastful word fell from his lips. At Exeter, too, on the occasion of the Cambridge Maximus, after one of the biggest jobs ever undertaken by a man,

THE FINAL SCENES

Above: (left) The flower-covered coffin entering Aldborough Church; (right) At the graveside. Below: (left) The ringers' requiem over the open grave; (right) Some of the wreaths.

After occasional meetings in the interval, the association between us became more intimate in the early months of 1907, and from that time onwards I have had every reason to be thankful that our ringing careers should have thrown us together. When, in 1910, I was elected joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association it was a comfort to know that such a man as William Pye was, at the same meeting, elected Master. He has ever since that time been a tower of strength to the association, and much of the success attained by active members of the present day is due to his great abilities. He showed men the way to ring the most intricate methods; the experience gained by large numbers when ringing with him has given them the confidence which enabled them, in their turn, to assist others; and it is not too much to say that William Pye has, more than any other man, been instrumental in raising the standard of ringing in the large area surrounding London, as well as in London itself.

One of the best traits in William Pye was his inability to forget a friend. Indeed, his memory in this respect was wonderful. In his early days he was a frequent visitor to St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, and he never forgot the many kindnesses shown to him by the late William B. Manning, who gave him every opportunity to call

he had a good word for everybody, from his companion on the tenor down to the treble man. He said that never had he heard little bells rung so well.

At the other end of the scale he did not refuse to assist young ringers. I have seen him ringing rounds at district meetings and practices, to say nothing of plain courses of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and in his own unpretentious way was ever helpful to the youngster who wished to ring a course or so in a Surprise method. He had an unerring eye for a safe ringer and a good striker—such an one could always rely on William Pye for a place in a peal.

Holiday time with William Pye was an experience not quickly forgotten. Himself keen to do the best possible, he expected it of others. No lame ducks on these excursions. His reputation had gone before him, and he was anxious to live up to it. The greatness of William Pye was well known, and he would do nothing to impair that greatness. Hence one had to be in first-class form when on tour with him, as many ringers can testify. Yet withal there was a holiday feeling and a spirit of cheerfulness that one could enjoy these outings to the utmost. Those ringers who have accompanied William Pye on

his ringing tours have seen him at his best as a ringer, and in his most jovial mood as a man.

The Editor has mentioned that he never called a peal of Bob Major. That is quite true, but in his early days of conducting he called all the bobs but the last in an attempt when a rope broke. Afterwards he said that there were plenty to call Bob Major without him troubling about it, and, in spite of the chaffing he received as to his apparent inability to call such a peal, he would not repair the omission. But, of course, his abilities were required in other directions—one would not use a steam-hammer with only a cocoanut to crack.

Reading his list of peals this week brings back many memories. The struggles to accomplish the peal in 12 Surprise methods, the help he gave to us weaker ones in the band, the patience he had during the many attempts, and the joyous 'That's all' when the peal was at last accomplished at Ealing. And his word of congratulation to his colleagues afterwards. Another memory is of my first visit to Exeter. It was on the occasion of a peal of Stedman Cinques, and he did me the great honour of inviting me to call this peal. I declined. I told him that such a job was for him on such an occasion. I can see him on the box, with Arthur Mitchell strapping, and this brings back one of the last memories of all. On the way home from Cornwall in September last, when William Pye was already a sick man, he rang the same bell with Arthur Mitchell to a course of Stedman Cinques after the unveiling of a peal board recording his single-handed triumph of 1903. The Exeter tenor was, therefore, the last tenor bell that he rang, as, after the peal at Heavitree in the evening of the same day, when he rang the sixth, he never touched a bell rope again.

Another memory, a much more pleasant one, is of him getting off the box at St. Mary-le-Bow after the 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus. I hope I may retain such memories of him as this one until my own turn comes to say 'That is all.'

I have still another memory of him. Less than five weeks before he died I visited him in hospital. Although very weak, he was still interested in ringing and in his old friends, about many of whom he made inquiries. I said 'Good-bye' to him with a sad heart, for I feared then that I should not see him again.

William Pye has left the Exercise much better than he found it. He has shown that a man can be a great ringer and conductor, and at the same time give a real helping hand to his weaker brethren. His work for the Middlesex County Association will stand for all time, as will his great all-round record as a ringer, conductor and a man. May he rest in peace.

THE FUNERAL.

INTERMENT AT ALDBOROUGH.

In the little country churchyard of Aldborough Hatch, towards which Greater London is now fast stretching out its all-embracing tentacles, but from which the open fields of Essex can still be seen, the mortal remains of William Pye were laid to rest on Saturday morning. And there a large gathering of ringers assembled to pay their parting tribute to the memory of one who was an outstanding master of his craft. The simple service was impressively conducted by the Vicar, and the interment took place in the grave where Mr. Pye's first wife is buried. Indeed, Aldborough Hatch is a family burying ground, for there, too, lie Mr. Pye's father and mother, and his brother, that truly great ringer, Ernest. There are no bells at Aldborough Hatch on which a muffled requiem might have been rung, and even the tower a mile away, where he first learned to ring, and from which the sound of the bells used to be wafted across the fields, has now disappeared. But over the open grave the handbells said their last farewell, while a watery sun shed a misty light over this final scene and perfect silence reigned all around. And as we left William Pye sleeping, our hearts, like our thoughts, were full.

The family mourners were the widow and Mr. E. W. Pye (son), Miss S. Pye (sister), Mr. Alfred Pye, Mr. George R. Pye and Mr. Albert Pye (brothers), Mrs. Alfred and Mrs. Albert Pye (sisters-in-law), Mr. Leonard Pye (nephew), Mr. R. Kendall (brother-in-law) and Mr. James George (who also represented St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham).

Friends of Mr. Pye both in his early days and of after years were present, and several of the ringing organisations of which he was a member were represented. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary) represented the Central Council, of which Mr. Pye was a member from 1912 to 1923; Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. H. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretaries) and Mr. A. W. Coles (Ringing Master of the North and East District) officially represented the Middlesex County Association, of which many members were present. Among other of Mr. Pye's ringing friends were Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Essex Association and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Messrs. C. F. Winney, C. S. Burden and A. R. Macdonald (College Youths), R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), G. W. Steere (Royal Cumberland Youths), E. J. Butler (Essex Association), Rupert Richardson (Master) and Mrs. Richardson (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Messrs. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), W. Linter, jun. (representing the Master, Mr. G. Williams, and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), W. Lawrence, Little Munden, and M. F. R. Hibbert, Bushey (representing the Hertford County Association), Reuben Sanders, James E. Davis, James Bennett, J. Thomas, H. J. Clark, J. Marks (London), W. T. Elson (Putney), Wesley Watson (Romford), G. B. Lucas, E. Holman, R. Maynard (Walthamstow), G. Dawson, J. Moule, E. D. Smith, R. Molton, A. Prior (Leytonstone), H. Kilby and G. Kilby (Willesden), W. Prior (Stanstead), C. W. Pipe (Staines), E. W. Furbank, H. Hoskins, W. Morris (representing Harlow Common Society), Mrs. C. T. Coles, Mrs. E. J. Butler, Mrs. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, etc. It is interesting to note that Mr. Wesley Watson rang with Mr. Pye when the latter was a boy, and that Messrs. Harold Clark and Reuben Sanders rang the 10th and 11th respectively to the long peal of Cambridge Maximus at Bow, which Mr. Pye always looked upon as one of the best jobs ever accomplished.

The course of Grandsire Caters at the graveside was rung by a representative band, consisting of Messrs. C. T. Coles, R. T. Hibbert, E. H. Lewis, W. Watson and J. George.

Many beautiful flowers were sent, there being wreaths from the widow and son; Mr. and Mrs. A. Pye; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pye; Mr. G. R. and Miss S. Pye; Mr. and Mrs. L. Pye; the Central Council; the Middlesex County Association; the Essex Association; St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow; St. Margaret's Society, Westminster; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; West Ham Hospital staff; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles; Mr. and Mrs. W. Pickworth; Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Butler and family; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman; and many others.

IN MEMORIAM.

TO WILLIAM PYE, DIED MARCH 8th, 1935.

IS DEDICATED THIS ELEGY.

'Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust,'
Fall the sad words with solemn sound;
We yield our best to hallowed ground
And say 'Farewell,' for so we must.

Is this the end, the goal of years:
Do men's achievements count for nought?
Is 'Finis' writ—the battle fought;
The victor's laurels, bitter tears?

The parts we play may bring renown;
We tread the road where Fortune lies,
And as we reach to grasp the prize,
Death's cold hand rings the curtain down!

What profit though we win the fight
If all we gave and all we got
Are dust and ashes? Yet 'Shall not
The Judge of all the earth do right'?

Until the final change be rung
Earth-bound we grope towards the light
Nor fear to face the coming night
E'en though our evensong is sung.

Can honour perish, glory fade?
Is life's long travail all in vain?
Be this reward—a path of pain
And dead-sea fruit the accolade?

No! In that day when face to face,
Then will the Voice of Him who knew,
Say, 'Come, my servant, good and true,
Near me is thy appointed place.'

WILLIAM WILLSON.

MEMBER OF MANY ASSOCIATIONS.

Since the list of Mr. Pye's peals was published in our last issue, three others have been found, viz., one of Bristol Surprise Major, one of Cambridge Surprise Major, which he conducted, and one of Stedman Triples. This makes his total up to 1,969, of which he conducted 1,428. He called a peal on every one of the 366 dates of the year.

He was a member of the following associations and guilds, for all of which he rang peals, as well as for the Ancient Society of College Youths: Archdeaconry of Stafford, Bedfordshire, Chester, Devon, Durham and Newcastle, Ely, Essex, Gloucester and Bristol, Guildford, Hereford, Herts, Irish, Kent, Lancashire, Lincoln, Llandaff and Monmouth, Middlesex, Midland Counties, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Salisbury, St. Martin's Guild, Stoke Archidiaconal Association, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Truro, Winchester and Portsmouth, Worcester and Yorkshire. In addition he was a member of several local societies, including Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, etc.

In the footnote to Mr. Pye's peal list, the reference to the Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise should have been that these are the only two Spliced Surprise Maximus ever rung.

MUFFLED RINGING.

Our peal columns record a number of peals rung as a last tribute to Mr. Pye.

At St. Mary's Church, Willesden, where many of Mr. Pye's Spliced Surprise peals were rung, an attempt was made on Saturday for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples, but it was unfortunately lost after 2½ hours ringing: W. F. Holloway 1, Miss K. M. Bradford 2,

(Continued in next column.)

DEVON PEAL RESTORED.

WEST DOWN BELLS GREATLY IMPROVED.

The bells at Holy Trinity Church, West Down, Ilfracombe, have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Six months ago it became evident that the bells must be restored, for the old wood frame was in a dilapidated state and had sunk below its original bearing, whilst the general condition of the bells called for serious attention.

The captain of the ringers, Mr. Isaac Phillipps, an enthusiastic lover of his bells, set to work to raise the necessary funds, and his efforts met with such signal success that at the rededication by the Bishop of Exeter nearly the whole of the amount required had been subscribed.

The church was crowded for the dedication service, held on March 4th. It was conducted by the Vicar of West Down (the Rev. R. J. Garrod). The Rev. C. Hammond (Rector of Bittadon) acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the Rev. R. J. Kaye (curate at Braunton) was also present.

The Bishop, in his address, contrasted the conditions when the old churches of our country were built with the present, and said it was difficult and expensive labour to build the churches in those early days.

The church tower represented the finger of God pointing up to heaven, and the bells called people to worship. While it was argued that one bell was enough to do that, the perfect peal of bells ringing out in harmony was an inspiration and directed the minds of the people to prayer and the worship of God.

Capt. Ineledon Webber, a vice-president of the Devonshire Association, was amongst those who were present, and although the service took place on a Monday evening, an inconvenient time for ringers, no less than six complete bands of ringers, including Braunton, Morthoe and Henton Hill, attended.

The bells are a ring of six with a 10 cwt. tenor. They have been rehung in a new low-side 'A' frame and with the latest type of fittings. The bells themselves have been sandblasted and carefully tuned. Five of them were originally installed in 1795, and the treble was given by Mr. Edward Anderton in 1879.

The local band rang the first 'peal,' and the ringing was kept up until a late hour. All those present were much impressed with the excellence of the work carried out, and remarked on the improvement effected by retuning, on the perfect 'go' of the bells and the true and easy clappering.

Mr. S. R. Roper, who represented the founders, was congratulated on all sides for the excellent way in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had carried out the restoration.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWBURY BRANCH TO HOLD COMBINED PRACTICES.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Shaw on Saturday, March 2nd. The following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore, Shaw and Thatcham, with one visitor from Bramley. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, who gave a very interesting address.

Tea, to which 40 sat down, was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. F. J. Owen, assisted by other ringers' wives. The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided over the business meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 27th, at Yattendon.

It was decided to hold combined practices during the summer. The first practice was fixed for Chieveley tower on Saturday, March 23rd, from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford for his address and welcome to the ringers, and to the ladies for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung.

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G. M. Kilby 3, C. E. Lankaster 4, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 5, T. J. Lock 6, H. Kilby 7, E. H. Kilby 8.

In the evening the bells at the Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, were also rung half-muffled, as a token of respect, to 'whole pull and stand' for the appropriate number of times, the band being: G. M. Kilby 1, E. Hartley 2, C. E. Lankaster 3, Miss K. M. Bradford 4, E. H. Kilby 5, T. J. Lock 6, F. Barratt 7, H. Kilby 8.

On Tuesday week, the bells at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, were rung muffled.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S TRIBUTE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, wish to endorse all the expressions of regret regarding the passing of the late William Pye. Your leading article, Mr. E. P. Duffield's letter and other notes show what a wonderful ringer Mr. Pye was.

This society knew him personally, as it was at Ipswich that he rang in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Here also he rang his first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus, which he conducted.

G. E. SYMONDS.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESS OF COMBINED MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association combined with the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Egerton on March 16th. This was the first occasion on which the Guild has combined with the district, the result being a record gathering of nearly 70 ringers and friends. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Ashford, Boxley, Bromley Common, Charing, Deal, East Peckham, Egerton, Hayes, Hollingbourne, Holloway (London), Hothfield, Ightham, Kennington, Keston, Kingsnorth, Linton, Little Chart, Marden, Milstead, Staplehurst, Sturry, Tenterden, Throwley, Tunstall, Wrotham and Wye. The good attendance was particularly gratifying considering the lack of transport facilities to the village.

The association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Luckraft), the singing being led by the choir. After the service the company was waylaid at the west door and photographed before being allowed to proceed to the George Inn for tea. Owing to the number being larger than was anticipated, one section had a jolly time with the handbells till more room could be found. At length the second string was satisfied, and business was begun, the Vicar being voted to the chair. This being a by-meeting, there was no routine association business, but the district secretary had a few words to say on the subject of practice meetings and a proposed scheme for encouraging Sunday service ringing by local companies.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address at the service, to the organist and choir for their services, and to the Parochial Church Council for their hospitality.

The business of the Romney Marsh Guild was then transacted, Hythe being chosen for the next meeting on April 27th.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. R. Edwards spoke of the ringing fraternity's great loss in the death of Mr. William Pye, and the company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

A move was then made for further ringing on the six bells in the tower, while a few enthusiasts remained behind to keep eight handbells going in the standard methods. In spite of the crowded belfry and the short touches, a good standard of striking was maintained, the following methods being rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Original and Carter Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oswald Delight, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. At 9 o'clock the bells were lowered in peal, bringing to a close a most enjoyable and instructive meeting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION'S RECORD ELECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at West Tarring on Saturday, March 16th, when 26 attended from the following towers: Arundel, Brighton, Heene, Henfield, Lyminster, Shoreham, Portsmouth, Washington, West Grinstead and Tarring. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

An excellent tea was provided by the Rev. J. Godber, Rector of West Tarring, and his lady helpers. The Rector presided at the business meeting, which created a record for this division, as no fewer than 29 new members were elected, including three new bands, viz.: Thakeham (7), Messrs. F. Knowles, W. Cherriman, D. Saunders, D. Saunders, G. Lee, G. Williams, C. B. Skinner; Felpham (7), C. Andrews, W. Bristow, A. Crisp, P. Oram, E. Burnell, C. Bristow; West Tarring (9), C. Goldring, C. Street, F. Chipper, G. Brading, G. Martin, W. Langrish, G. Street, G. Gatland and A. Searle; and, in addition, Reg. Manwaring (Arundel), T. Wells, jun., R. Webb, B. Rogers, L. Thetchell and J. Simmons, of Lyminster.

A. W. Groves was elected as secretary for the 21st time. He asked the members to find someone to take his place next year.

The retiring committee were re-elected en bloc.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the excellent spread, also to the lady helpers. The members then attended a short service at the church, after which further ringing brought a very successful meeting to an end.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ASHFORD, KENT.—For evening service on Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, T. Cullingworth 2, F. Conley 3, G. Swaffer 4, S. Nicholls 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, D. Godden 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, Rev. E. V. Cox 2, F. S. Bayley 3, J. Topp 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Specially arranged for the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild.

LATE NOTICE.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, March 30th.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec., Little Munden.

THE PEAL IN 42 MINOR METHODS.

HOW THE SEVEN EXTENTS ARE CONSTRUCTED.

Below we give the composition of the peal of Minor rung at Disley, Cheshire, on February 9th, in which 42 methods were spliced into seven true extents. The composition, as our readers know, includes the greatest number of methods put into a single peal, and it was supplied to the conductor by Mr. A. G. Driver, whose unrivalled knowledge in the production of multi-method extents has enabled him to splice no fewer than 86 into seven 720's. The following peal, however, will provide the majority of Minor ringers with good food for thought and practice as a beginning:—

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— 26435		23564		62345		— 45236		36524		32654		— 45236	
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45236	41	— 63254		43652	17	35642		64235		— 52364	12	35642	
— 36245		42563		64235		— 35426		26543		43652		— 35426	
45623		35642		26543		— 35264	4	— 35264	15	26543		— 35264	19
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1.—3rd's Place Delight: 28 Chepstow, 36 Balmoral, 30 Skipton, 42 Dover, 41 Fotheringay and Surprise, 40 Hull.
2.—3rd's Place Delight: 29 Rostherne, 37 Wilmslow, 35 Ely, 31 Knutsford, 40 Bogedon and Surprise, 41 Bourne.
3.—3rd's Place Delight: 15 Melandra, 17 Castleton, 16 Bucknall, 20 Peveril, 18 Beeston, 22 Leasowe.
4.—4th's Place Delight: 16 Crowland, 3 Abbeyville, 5 Canterbury, 7 Combermere, 9 Vale Royal, 4 St. Werburgh.
5.—4th's Place Delight: 11 Marple, 15 Taxal, 34 Newdigate, 17 Old Oxford, 21 College Bob IV., 13 Willesden.
6.—4th's Place Delight: 10 Braintree, 14 Humber, 35 Charlwood, 16 Neasden, 20 St. Albans, 12 Wragby.
7.—3rd's Place Delight: 27 Disley and Treble Bob, 25 Ockley, 6 Morning Star, 3 Duke of Norfolk, 8 College Exercise, 19 Norbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

MR. J. GOODMAN, JUN., RETIRES FROM RINGING MASTERSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock, and were kept going merrily until 4.30, when the beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted in the church by the Rev. P. R. Hayes (assistant priest). The Archdeacon of Dudley (the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd) read the lesson and gave a very helpful address.

An excellent tea was provided from funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent ladies and gentlemen of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends. The tea was admirably served in the Parish Hall by a contingent of ladies, among the following presided at the tables: Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Tait, Mrs. J. Goodman, sen., Miss C. J. Payne and Miss Bessie Sheppard. It was regretted that Mrs. Shepherd, wife of the Vicar, was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

At the business meeting which followed, the president occupied the chair, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. E. Barry and J. McDougal Tait), Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. A. E. Meredith (vice-presidents), Mr. S. J. Hughes (treasurer) and the secretary. Before commencing the business, Mr. Mason, on behalf of those present, congratulated Mr. John Goodman, sen., the father of the Dudley band and one of the pioneers of the Guild, upon his attaining his 81st birthday. He proposed that the secretary send Mr. Goodman a congratulatory letter. Mr. Mason also mentioned that one of their old members, Mr. W. Short, of Clent, who is also Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association, had just lost his wife by death, and suggested that the secretary send him a letter of condolence and sympathy in his sad bereavement. This proposition was carried by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet for the past year, which was considered satisfactory. He stated that the membership, both honorary and performing, had increased during the year, and financially the Guild was still in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Mason, in a happy speech, proposed that the Vicar of Dudley (the Ven. A. P. Shepherd) be again elected president, the proposition being received with acclamation. The following were re-elected vice-presidents Messrs. J. W. Nayler, C. E. Lloyd, Dr. P. S. Blaker, Messrs. A. Spittle, H. Mason, A. E. Meredith, W. E. Barry, J. McDougal Tait, W. Shuttleworth, A. Winbow, T. W. Watson and the Rev. E. L. Warren, Vicar of Netherton.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore, of Brierley Hill, was unanimously elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. John Goodman, jun., who had decided to retire from the position after 16 years' valuable service to the Guild. Mr. Sheppard proposed that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the retiring Ringing Master in appreciation of his valuable services so unstintingly given to the members of the Guild for so many years.—Mr. Goodman briefly thanked the members for their thanks of appreciation.

Mr. Herbert Sheppard was again unanimously elected hon. secretary and was accorded a special vote of thanks for his valuable services during the past year.—Mr. S. J. Hughes was re-elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. auditors, Messrs. T. Justice and T. A. Townsend, were also re-elected and thanked for their services.

It was proposed that the annual peal be attempted at Dudley, and that the next quarterly meeting be held at Bilston, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

Several new members were added to the roll.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Mason proposed that a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Dudley for kindly consenting to the meeting being held at Dudley, for the use of the tower and bells, for his address at the service and for presiding at this meeting. Also to the Rev. T. R. Hayes for conducting the service. Special thanks were also given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies who presided at the tables, to those who kindly gave their time in preparing and serving the tea, and to the organist, Mr. Cutler.

At the close of the meeting the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock in various methods, and another happy and enjoyable meeting at Dudley was then brought to a close.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

All resolutions to be proposed at the next meeting must be sent to me as soon as possible.

Secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Referendum of Title.—The voting is as under: Essex Association 412, Chelmsford Diocesan Guild 178.—E. P. Duffield, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 21st, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Rollestone-on-Dove on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal.

ALBURY, NEAR GUILDFORD.—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 23rd, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. All ringers invited. Bells available after opening touch.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall to follow. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions welcomed. All ringers cordially invited—members and non-members, learners and veterans.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, March 23rd, for election of officers, etc. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., in St. Mary's Hall, at 5. Tower open 3. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each.—J. P. Tarlton, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

LADIES' GUILD (Lincoln and Northern Branches) AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Collingham, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.15, conducted by Canon Williams.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—Next meeting will be at Queen Camel on March 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Forthcoming Events.—Social and Dance, St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, March 23rd, 7.30 p.m., 1s.; April 8th (same room), pictures of human parasites, bacteria and common inflammations, also movie pictures by Mr. Rupert Richardson, including the famous reels taken on Australian tour, 7.30 p.m., silver collection. Charabanc week of tours, August 12th to 17th inclusive. Cricket match, July 13th, at Wrington. Watch for details of Directory, fourth edition.—Edgar Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings.—Sunday evening, 24th, service ringing, Bow, Cheapside; Monday, 25th, committee meeting, St. Clement's, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 27th, practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 7.30 p.m.; Monday, April 1st, practice, St. Clement Danes, 7 p.m., also same evening quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Northiam on Saturday, Mar. 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Market Parade) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m., Councillor Eggleton presiding. The following towers open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary de Crypt (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. (Ladies invited.) Tickets, 3s., can be obtained, with remittance, not later than March 26th, from W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec , 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. Canon Tonks, the next by-meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, March 30th. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. F. A. Rye, 6, Castle Road, Walmer, near Deal, on or before Thursday, March 28th?

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, March 30th. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. each. Meeting follows. —H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th. S. Nicolas' bells (10) from 3 p.m., Cathedral bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting to follow. After the meeting Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his Australian tour cinematograph pictures. All ringers welcome, but those who desire tea must let me know by Tuesday, March 26th, or they will not be provided for.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, March 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after tea, with further ringing till 8.30. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Tuesday, March 26th. This is very important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. (Please come.) Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviours, Bolton, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at York on Saturday, March 30th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Thursday, March 29th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due and annual report available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Next branch meeting at Daresbury, Saturday, March 30th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 27th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual nomination meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged only for those who send in their names to me by Thursday, March 28th. Business meeting immediately after tea. Nominations required for all officials.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends will be made welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Management committee meet at Gloucester, Spreadeagle Hotel, 3 p.m., March 30th. Annual general meeting will be held at Swindon, Wilts, Saturday, May 18th. One month's notice of proposed alteration, addition, or deletion of rules must be given.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol, 2.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Vicar for all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, the 27th. A good attendance is desired. Everybody welcome, and please do not forgot to send in for tea.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The restored and augmented peal at Earls Barton Parish Church will be dedicated at 6 o'clock on Sunday, March 31st. An open ringing day will be held the following Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired. —Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 6th. For tea, please send names to Mr. H. Lomax, Avendal, Park Road, Coppull. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by April 2nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, April 6th, at Liversedge. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, please send not later than March 3rd to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, April 3rd?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available at 3 and after the meeting. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) from 3 to 4. Service at Reigate Parish Church 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. F. Hoad, 20, Warren Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, April 3rd.—Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea by Wednesday, April 3rd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Rochester on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting 11. Service in Cathedral, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester (12 noon). Luncheon at 1, followed by business meeting. Full particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

PROPOSED CLERICAL RINGING WEEK, May 13th to 18th.—If any clergy who would like to take part have not received an invitation to do so, will they please communicate with me at once?—Rev. E. V. Cox, The Vicarage, Brampford Speke, Exeter.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. James G. A. Prior, Northern district secretary of the London County Association, is now 8, Hugh Street, Victoria, London, S.W.1.

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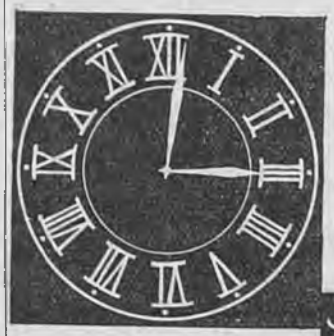
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RINGERS' SERVICES.

'What is the object or purpose of the service usually held in connection with ringers' meetings?' This question is asked by a correspondent, whose letter appears in another column. We should have thought the answer was obvious. It is held because the ringers themselves like to take the opportunity of their meeting to join in a corporate act of devotion. It may be quite true that Parochial Church Councils, when they meet for the transaction of business or the choir when they meet for practice, do not hold a service in the church; but neither, as a rule, do ringers when they meet at their own tower for the weekly practice. The association meetings that are held are on a different footing. There is, of course, no compulsion to hold a service on such occasions, but the custom of doing so has grown up very strongly during this century, until there are very few associations' meetings that do no incorporate a short service into the proceedings at some stage. For our part we believe that most ringers enjoy and appreciate this feature of their meetings. It marks out the gathering as something different from the ordinary Saturday afternoon outing, whether to a football match or the pictures, or what not. Ringers are churchworkers, and the foundation of church life is worship, and if, as our correspondent says, ringers are treated differently from other bodies of workers in the church, it is not because they are 'considered to be greater sinners,' but because they better realise and seize their opportunities.

We are not going to suggest that a service in conjunction with an association meeting appeals to all ringers alike. There are some, we know, who would prefer to spend the time in ringing; others who find the sameness in the theme of the preachers a little irksome; but the majority of ringers, we are sure, like to share in those few minutes of devotion which the short service provides. That half-hour spent in church can be very restful and refreshing, to the body as well as to the soul; and that address, after all, is a well-intended message from the preacher. At the same time we are inclined to think that the 'address' might often be omitted. Unless the occasion is a special one there is no address at the ordinary morning or evening week-day service, and there is no real need for it when ringers hold an ordinary monthly or quarterly meeting. The act of corporate worship is sufficient to serve the purpose, and on a day when the clergy usually have the greatest claim upon their time, in preparation for Sunday, many of them would prefer to be relieved of giving an address. But to the question raised by our correspondent, 'What is the ob-

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ject of the service?' the answer can be found both in the desire of man to seek the comfort and inspiration of worship, and in the seal which this act of devotion sets upon the work which the ringers are doing—a reconsecration, if you like, to the service of Almighty God. If a service has not got this object, then the holding of it is sheer hypocrisy.

TEN BELL PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*E. DENNIS POOLE	*Treble*	*ALLAN JONES	6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	WALTER LAGO	7
JOSEPH STANIER	3	JAMES GEORGE	8
G. LEONARD HEWITT	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	9
†WILLIAM FARMER	5	‡GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. G. MAY. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal on tower bells. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth, completing 60 years of unbroken service as leader of St. Leonard's ringers, Bridgnorth. Before commencing the peal the band stood in silence as a token of remembrance to Mr. William Pye.

GREAT YARMOUTH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 30¼ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE BAILEY	6
ALFRED J. MOY	2	ARTHUR G. KING	7
ROBERT D. TOOLEY	3	WILLIAM J. LEE	8
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	9
*REGINALD J. DAVEY	5	HERBERT JERMY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. King, of Yarmouth, and the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the treble. Canon Aitken entertained the company to supper after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALEX LUPTON	*Treble*	CECIL ROTHWELL	5
HAROLD W. EMMETT	2	FRED KENDALL	6
THOMAS ROLLERSON	3	ERNEST PARKINSON	6
ALEX BARNES	4	STANLEY PICKUP	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by T. ROLLERSON.

* First peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*RENE REDPATH	*Treble*	‡PERCY AMOS	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	6
†MOLLIE REDPATH	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
‡RONALD D. WARD	4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' This peal was originally arranged as a birthday peal for Mollie Redpath and to accommodate P. Amos, who was in London, but, owing to the death of Mr. W. Pye, was rung half-muffled to his memory.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES H. HAYWOOD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	2	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
*LESLIE HAYWOOD	3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	7
MISS DORICE TURNER ...	4	FRED WATKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.
* First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*JAMES R. TERRY... ...	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ...	2	CHARLES DAVIS	6
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ...	3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	HARRY COOK...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* First peal. Rung on the eve of St. Patrick's Day to celebrate the 87th birthday of William Cooper, who was a member of the local band for over 60 years, and as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ...	...*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
*ARTHUR SKELTON	2	ALBERT PICKLES	6
EDGAR WHITELEY	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
CLIFFORD ELLISON	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Mr. J. Butterfield, 49 years a ringer at the above church.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER BARRETT ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER...	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	*ROBERT BARBER	6
GEORGE HOWLETT	3	WILLIAM FLATT	7
*ROBERT GARDINER	4	CHARLES LOOME... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by CHARLES LOOME
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	PETER CHARMAN	5
JOHN H. B. HESSE	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
WALTER CHARMAN	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	7
JOHN COOK	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
Rung prior to the unveiling by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Farebrother) of a peal board in this tower commemorating a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 10,432 changes, rung on April 29th, 1933, in 6 hours 12 minutes, in which seven of the above band took part, E. J. Charman replacing W. Stanford, indisposed.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

LAWRENCE POULSON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ...	2	KEITH W. WHITTELL	6
ARTHUR SYMONDS	3	LEONARD PRYKE	7
†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ...	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*KENNETH LEWIS ...	...*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY...	2	WILLIAM FERNLEY	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
LIONEL CLOUGH...	4	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Wolstencroft's 250th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, March 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES ROSE	...*Treble*	STANLEY G. MOSS	5
CLAUDE WOODWARD	2	CHARLES SHEMMING	6
KEITH W. WHITTELL... ...	3	HERBERT SHEMMING	7
CHARLES CLARKE...	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt. G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Treble*	ALFRED G. HILL	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
JOHN S. MORTON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
LIONEL J. CULLUM	4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, March 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY RABBITT	...*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	JAMES G. POWELL	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	WILLIAM GORRINGE	7
TOM SAUNDERS	4	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, March 19, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. CORNFORD	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	7
ALFRED PRIOR	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William Pye, who was interred in Aldborough Hatch Churchyard on March 16th. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, March 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND	...*Treble*	*JOHN BROWN	5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR... ...	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON... ...	6
LESTER L. GRAY	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	7
JAMES MARSH	4	HUGH ROBERTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal in the method away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Pye.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, March 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE	...*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
REV. R. P. FARROW	2	REGINALD JELLEY	6
*HERBERT W. PERKINS ...	3	FREDERICK E. WILSON ...	7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ...	4	JOSIAH MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal 'inside.'

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F sharp.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
*125th peal. Birthday peal for Messrs. W. Button, sen. and jun., both birthdays being on the above date. The composition, No. 393, is rung for the first time.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*HENRY W. SAUNDERS	...*Treble*	LOUIS J. LOCKYER	5
†J. IVON DAVIS	2	WILLIAM HOULTON	6
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	3	*FRANCIS G. BLAKE	7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN	4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.
* First peal in the method and of Major and members of the local band. † First peal of Major. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Saunders kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
*CHARLES E. BASSETT ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS
* First peal of London Surprise. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

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On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ERNEST W. PYE ...	...*Treble*	*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
THOMAS J. LOCK...	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	4	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This composition contains 2,880 London, 896 Bristol, 736 Superlative, 704 Cambridge, and is now rung for the first time. The average age of this band is 22 years and is the youngest to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	2	*FREDERICK WHITE	6
*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	3	*HERBERT MARKWELL ...	7
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST FOXALL	...*Treble*	BERTRAM HEAD	5
BERTRAM H. HEAD	2	WILFRED OVERTON	6
JOHN ELCOCK	3	HORACE W. OVERTON... ...	7
HAROLD G. THOMAS	4	WALTER D. FOWKES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.
Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Mr. John Overton being appointed head ringer of St. Leonard's belfry. All are Sunday service ringers, and under his able tuition learned to ring in the tower.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN W. BREARLEY	5
TOM BROTHWELL...	2	HAROLD KENT	6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
REGINALD PAYNE	4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
* First peal in the method.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

MATTHEW ANDERSON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. BARBER	5
ADAM DEAS	2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON... ...	6
*JOHN ANDERSON...	3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	7
†ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ...	4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Stedman.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

*PETER CASE	...Treble	†WILLIAM BAGLEY	4
WILLIAM HESKETH	2	CHARLES BLACKBURN	5
HARRY GRUNDY	3	NORMAN HEAPS	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

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

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*ALFRED H. BOWLER	...Treble	*HENRY HOPKINSON	4
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	2	THOMAS DENT	5
*EDWIN HOPKINSON	3	GEORGE H. PAULSON	...Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Minor. Ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5 belong to Ashover, 2 and 6 to Darley Dale.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six of Lindoff's spliced 840's called differently.

*ARTHUR EALDING	...Treble	†FREDERICK B. MORRIS	4
MRS. H. BAKER	2	NELSON C. BOURNE	5
HARRY BAKER	3	*SYDNEY J. HARMER	...Tenor

Conducted by NELSON C. BOURNE

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A birthday peal for Mr. W. Rofe, father of the ringer of the second. All the ringers are from Frittenden. This is the first peal by the Frittenden band since the association has been formed.

LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON	...Treble	CHARLES DAVIES	4
EDWARD JOYCE	2	*LESLIE W. STEVENS	5
E. BAGGULEY	3	JACK BOOTH	...Tenor

Conducted by J. BOOTH.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in more than one method by all except the conductor.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MISS E. M. P. FETHERS	...Tenor	J. W. WHITTAKER	4
*NORMAN MEAKIN	2	J. W. L. SLACK	5
†TOM TAYLOR	3	STANLEY NOBLE	...Tenor

Conducted by T. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. First peal to be rung by regular service ringers at this church.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Sunday, March 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's.

*ROBERT C. LYON	...Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY	4
*REGINALD SIMMONDS	2	GEORGE R. TOWNES	5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	ALEC GENERY	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. TOWNES, aged 17.

* First peal of Surprise. Believed to be the youngest conductor of a peal of Surprise Minor.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

E. HAMMOND	...Treble	W. SMITH	4
A. E. SMITH	2	H. VINCE	5
G. FINCH	3	A. LING	...Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

W. Smith has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Ipswich, London, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT MOLTON	...Treble	PHILIP H. AVERY	4
ALFRED PRIOR	2	GEORGE DAWSON	5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Canon W. T. Brown, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Leytonstone for over thirty years.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS R. MOGG	...Treble	EDWARD S. RUCK	4
†ALBERT J. LANGFIELD	2	WILLIAM LANGFIELD	5
LESLIE C. SMITH	3	PERCY PAGE	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. The treble ringer is 13 years and the second 14 years of age.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, each ending with rounds, and consisting of eight with 2nd, eight with 3rd, eight with 4th, ten with 5th and eight with treble as 'whole hunt' bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

J. GEOFFREY GEARY	...Treble	HENRY PAYNE	3
HENRY FAULKNER	2	ERNEST MORRIS	4
A. NORMAN GEARY	...Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Believed to be only the second time a full peal of Grandsire Doubles has been rung in this way, the first being on January 15th, 1925, at Radstock, Somerset, called by J. T. Dyke.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CECIL WALTON	*Treble*	SIDNEY BROWN	4
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	2	JOHN BEATTIE	5
*JAMES BARNES	3	WILLIE AARON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. AARON.

* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Richard Scholes, who had been a ringer at the above church for over 50 years. All the above ringers are service ringers at St. James' with the exception of L. J. Williams, who hails from Church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT HESTERCOMBE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

*FREDERICK G. SPARKS ...	1-2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	5-6
H. PERCY SPARKS	3-4	HENRY CHURCHILL	7-8

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples 'in hand' for all the band.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM O. TALBOT	1-2	JOSEPH THACKERAY	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	G. WILFRED SLACK	7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
Witness—Rowland A. Tysoe.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT ARCHENFIELD, 26 IRON MILL LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN A. C. ABSON	1-2	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.... ...	5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	7-8

*EDWIN BARNETT... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Witness—Miss Redpath.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand' and first attempt.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A RINGING MASTER APPOINTED.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at St. Marie's Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 9th.

Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m. and continued during the afternoon in various methods until 6 p.m. Many ringers from outside the district were present, anxious to have a pull on this noted peal of beautiful toned bells, which have recently been renovated and hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London.

The Very Rev. Canon Dolan, Rector of St. Marie's, presided at the business meeting, at which the balance sheet, together with the auditors' report, was presented, and received with general satisfaction.

The secretary gave his report of the past year's work. He commented on the progress of the society, and recalled the installation of the new ring of ten bells at Ranmoor Church.

All the officers of the society were re-elected. A new vice-president was required, owing to the death of the late Mr. C. Severn, and Mr. George Lewis was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. S. F. Palmer stated the need of a Ringing Master at the meetings, and after a general discussion Mr. George Lewis was elected to fill that office.

Canon Dolan said he was always pleased to have the ringers at St. Marie's, and it gave him great pleasure at that opportune time to thank all ringers who had assisted in the recent renovation of St. Marie's bells.—Mr. J. R. Brearley thanked the Canon for his many kindnesses to the ringers and also for the use of the bells that day.

Mr. C. Haynes (president) moved a vote of thanks to the local company for having made the meeting a splendid success.

Further ringing continued up to 9 p.m., and the ringers were full of praise for the 'go' and tone of the bells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOCAL 'CORRESPONDENTS' WHO DO NOT 'CORRESPOND.'

A District Secretary Speaks Out.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at All Saints', Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 16th. It was arranged that ringing should take place at All Saints' and St. Saviour's. Unfortunately, the bells of All Saints' were not available owing to illness near the church. The Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Hanks) kindly advised the Vicar of St. Saviour's regarding the situation, so the bells of St. Saviour's were substituted for those of All Saints'. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Service was held at All Saints', conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address.

After tea in the adjoining Parish Room, the Vicar presided at the business meeting.

The election of officers for the division resulted as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Pankhurst; committee, Mr. W. Franks, Mr. W. Booth, Mr. A. R. Miles; Committee of Advice, Mr. G. W. Stokes, Mr. A. R. Miles and Mr. W. Franks.

Twenty-eight new members were elected, viz., 14 from Hailsham, 13 from Chiddingly and one from Alfriston.

The hon. secretary called attention to the sparse attendance (twenty) at the meeting, and impressed upon the members the necessity of those receiving postcards announcing meetings of promptly replying. He mentioned that out of 20 cards so forwarded in the present instance, only two had had the courtesy to reply. He sincerely hoped that in the future such lapses would not recur, as it entailed a good deal of unnecessary worry and trouble to the secretary in making arrangements for meetings.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of both churches for the use of the bells and to the Vicar of All Saints' for his address and for presiding at the tea and meeting; also to Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, for very kindly defraying part cost of the tea.

After the meeting the bells of St. Saviour's were kept going until 8 o'clock.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday, March 23rd. Members were present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Henfield, Steyning, Lindfield, Lewes, Ringmer and Worthing.

The hon. divisional secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, the committee and Committee of Advice, Messrs. F. W. Cripps, R. Dawe, K. Hart and G. Elphick, were re-elected for 1935.

New members were elected from Maresfield, a newly affiliated tower, and F. C. Packham and A. Newson, of Twineham, together with J. Butcher, of St. Nicholas', Brighton, making a total of eleven.

A tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. William Pye, a non-resident member of the association, who passed away the previous week, and the business meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, presiding at the meeting and the use of the bells. The services of the organist and the ladies who provided tea were also acknowledged.

Ringing consisted of methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Superlative Surprise. Unfortunately, ringing had to cease at 4.30 owing to illness in the vicinity, but some of the members went on to St. Peter's, Brighton, where the bells were available for an hour.

DEATH OF LANCASHIRE RINGERS.

THE PASSING OF A PRESTON BRANCH PIONEER.

The death occurred with tragic suddenness on March 11th at the Preston Royal Infirmary of Mr. Edward Armstrong, formerly a member of the Preston Parish Church and Samlesbury companies. Very powerfully built, his death came as a great shock to his family and his many ringing friends.

In pre-war days Mr. Armstrong was very active in raising the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association to a higher level. He took part in the first peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative, also in seven Treble Bob Minor methods. He had rung about 60 peals and was a safe ringer and accurate striker.

Some seven or eight years ago he moved on to a small farm, which terminated his regular service ringing, but his interest was maintained, and he was present at the opening of Preston bells on November 4th last.

He was laid to rest in Samlesbury Churchyard on March 14th amid many signs of regret. It was at this church that he had learned to ring, and where he attended as a young man. The bells were rung muffled prior to the interment and half-muffled afterwards by the local band, assisted by two of the Preston company. By special request of the Vicar, a half-muffled peal was rung on the Sunday, and the method selected was the deceased's favourite, Double Norwich. May he rest in peace.

Another Lancashire veteran has passed away in the person of Mr. Richard Scholes, who was a ringer at St. James', Accrington, for over 50 years. A muffled peal in his memory was rung on Saturday.

A CORRESPONDENT 'PROVED WRONG.'

The Swindon Branch quarterly meeting was held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, March 16th, and proved that Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Newbury, is wrong when he says first-class striking is never heard at meetings as a good rise was heard, some beautiful ringing and a good fall.

The towers in the branch were well represented, with visitors from Bristol, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Fairford, Faringdon, Nailsea and Southwark, while the ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

The next meetings were provisionally fixed for Purton, Malmesbury and Bishopstone, of which due notice will appear.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Southampton District was held on Saturday week at North Stoneham, when members were present from Bishopstoke, Fareham, Kings Somborne, North Stoneham, Portsmouth, Southampton, Sherfield English, Soberton, Wickham and Ventnor. Mr. W. Viggars, from Aldershot, was a welcome visitor.

Various methods, ranging from Minor to Royal, were rung upon the ring of ten bells to cater for the taste of all.

The Vicar of North Stoneham (the Rev. H. G. Peile), who was elected an honorary member, conducted the service, and, in an interesting address, pointed out that it was the duty of all church-workers to develop the 'homing instinct' of people to their parish church.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Broughton on May 4th.

A TRIO OF BIRTHDAYS.

At St. Peter's', Colchester, on Sunday, March 17th, the local ringers rang a quarter-peal (1,286 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: *V. Kerridge 1, *H. T. Pye 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, *F. L. Bumpstead 4, G. Wightman 5, *R. W. Stannard 6, W. Chalk 7, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of G. M. Rashbrook, V. Kerridge and F. L. Bumpstead, the last named on attaining his 80th birthday. He has been connected with the tower for 42 years and filled the office of steeplekeeper for 39 years. The band and also the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Bertin) joined in wishing them all 'many happy returns.'

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday evening, February 17th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. G. Evans 1, W. J. Meers 2, F. S. Sanders 3, A. S. Bayley (Coalbrookdale) 4, A. Short 5, W. Davis 6, F. Price (conductor) 7, J. Preston 8.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

A ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING IN FUTURE.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Waterford on Monday, March 18th, and was attended by 73 members. Luncheon was served in the Parochial Hall, and at the business meeting following, the chair was taken by the president (Mr. G. Lindoff), supported by the Dean of Waterford and Alderman Edmonds, senior Alderman of Waterford. The two last named welcomed the association to Waterford, and to this the president replied.

The report showed the association to be in a healthy position, special attention being called to the strides made by the Northern Branch, mainly due to the efforts of their hon. secretary, Mr. W. Pratt.

Twenty-two new members were elected, including St. Finbarr's Cathedral Society, Cork.

A vote of sympathy with the relatives of two members who had passed away, Mr W. Pye, of London, and Mr. J. Armstrong, of Dublin, was accorded by the members standing in silence.

The day for the annual meeting was altered permanently from Whit Monday to St. Patrick's Day, Limerick being selected for next year's meeting.

The following officers were elected: President, the Dean of Waterford; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff; Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C.

The shield for attendance at Sunday ringing was presented by the Dean to Christ Church Cathedral Society, Dublin, and St. Saviour's Society, Arklow, both societies gaining 100 per cent.

A grant of £5 was voted from the Bell Restoration Fund towards the renovation of Arklow bells.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the donors of the tea, which was provided before the visitors left.

Ringing took place during the day upon the eight bells of the Cathedral, the most interesting feature being the contest for the 'Murphy' Cup, a silver cup presented by Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., for striking. Only two societies being fully represented, viz., St. Finbarr's, Cork, and Waterford, it resolved into a contest between these two bands. The cup was won by Waterford, who were congratulated upon their success.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2nd, a combined practice was held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, a good company being present from Bangor, Rhyl and the local ringers. Under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Pegler, Bangor), methods from Stedman Doubles to Bob Major were practised for about three hours.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russam, of Birmingham, on celebrating to-day their diamond wedding. Mr. Russam was for long a stalwart of ringing in Birmingham, and, although indifferent health has prevented him doing much in the last few years, his interest in it is as keen as ever. Mr. Russam is a storehouse of anecdotes of Birmingham ringing in Henry Johnson's days.

An extremely nice bookcase has been provided at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, for the reception of the albums and other volumes taken out by the English tourists. Other books have been added and the nucleus of an interesting library formed.

At Hobart, too, other books on bells and ringing have come into possession of the society at Holy Trinity Church, and have been placed in the library with the gifts taken out by the English ringers. These additional books have been presented by the son of the late Mr. F. Milsom, a former Hobart ringer.

The Vicar of The Lee, Great Missenden, Bucks (the Rev. K. W. Mumford), announces that there has been many requests lately for the return of large silver coins placed in the collections in mistake for copper.

So far he has refunded the required sums out of his own pocket, but he can do this no longer. His rule is: No rebates out of collections.

The Rev. K. W. Mumford was hon. secretary of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association 1913-1914, when he left to become assistant curate to the late Rev. Canon Baker at Dunstable.

Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth, Salop, has completed 60 years of unbroken service as leader of the ringers at St. Leonard's Church, and peals in his honour have been rung at Bridgnorth and Coalbrookdale. Mr. Overton is the highly respected Ringing Master of the Bridgnorth District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Youth has again asserted itself. Last Saturday a band of the average age of 22 years rang a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. What would the 'old 'uns' of the past generation have said to this? 'Ought not to be allowed' would probably have been the comment of some of them. The peal at Dartford, however, is a very encouraging sign for the future of change ringing.

Congratulations to Mr. Charles E. Bassett, of Petersfield, Hants, on ringing his first peal of London Surprise Major at Petersfield last Saturday at the first time of asking. He is the first Petersfield man to ring a peal in this method, and it was fitting he should ring it in his own tower. He rang very well throughout. He is the hon. secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Joseph Thackray, who took part in a handbell peal at Headingley, Leeds, last week, is the sole survivor of the band who rang Holt's Ten-Part on Monday, March 18th, 1895, the conductor, Mr. Harry Williams, being blindfolded. After this peal the band made provisional arrangements to ring another peal on the corresponding date of 1975!

Alfred John Kirchen, who has achieved football fame by rising from Lynn junior football to the ranks of the Arsenal in two years, has been a ringer at Shouldham, his native village, and a member of the Ely Diocesan Association.

Hearty congratulations to that veteran of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. George Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, I.O.W., who celebrated his 92nd birthday anniversary on Thursday.

This 'grand old man' is still on 'active service' at All Saints', Ryde, where he rings regularly for evensong every Sunday and seldom misses the weekly practice on Tuesdays. He has been a service ringer since 1886, when the bells were installed in the Ryde tower by Taylor and Co.

SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can any reader tell me what is the object or purpose of the service usually held in connection with ringers' meetings. When a vestry or parochial church council meeting is held to transact business, or a choir practice for the singers to practise the art of singing, a service is not held. Why this distinction? Christ said He came not to save the righteous but to bring sinners to repentance, and this, I take it, is the object of religion, and therefore the object of services. If this is so, why are ringers, when they meet to transact business and practise their art of ringing, treated differently from other church-workers unless they are considered to be greater sinners?

A. T. MILTON.

[Reference to this letter will be found in our leading article.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.']

ST. CUTHBERT'S DAY.

On St. Cuthbert's Day, March 20th, the 1,300th anniversary of the birth of the saint was celebrated, and before a special service of commemoration at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, W. C. S. Heathcote 2, J. Luck 3, M. A. K. Simpson 4, Miss A. I. Whitson 5, H. Mann 6, C. R. Raine (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. Burman 8.

A SURREY VILLAGE PEAL.

BELLS RESTORED BY GREAT PAROCHIAL EFFORT.

By a magnificent parochial effort, the people of the picturesque Surrey village of Albury have restored their parish church bells and saved their tower from disaster. They are now in possession of a very fine ring of six, recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and rehung in a new iron frame, with, of course, all the latest appurtenances.

Albury bells have a long and interesting history. In the 1552 Inventory there were four bells in the tower of the old Parish Church, which stood in Albury Park. In 1695 William Eldridge, of Chertsey, made them into a peal of five, and these did duty until 1841, when the old Parish Church was dismantled and the present building of red brick, on another site and dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, erected. Then the fifth was recast by Thomas Mears, who added a treble to make a ring of six. The old oak bell frame was never a good fit in the new tower, and in recent years, when the bells were rung, its decrepit state set up a vibration that became a menace to the fabric of the tower, and indeed dislodged some of the uppermost copings. In addition, three of the bells were cracked. It was on the report presented to the authorities by the Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) that the complete restoration of the bells was undertaken, the tower having been materially strengthened by the rolled steel girders which brace the walls and carry the bell frame. The new tenor is approximately 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F, and the bells form a very fine peal. The church stands well up on the side of a hill in the valley of the Tillingbourne, and near that famous beauty spot, Newlands Corner. To the thousands who visit that glorious viewpoint on Sundays in the summer the bells will be a reminder of higher things.

ALL THE VILLAGE HAS SUBSCRIBED.

To the villagers also they will mean a good deal, for these bells have a warm place in their hearts. Nearly every household in the village has subscribed, and the bells were opened free of debt. The Rector (the Rev. Philip Gray) had a touching story to tell of the last ten shillings received on the morning of the rededication of the bells. It was a ten shilling note from an old parishioner whose wife had died two days before, and who gave it to the bell fund 'for her.'

The very full church on Saturday afternoon was further evidence of the parishioners' interest in the bells, and when the service of dedication opened with the processional hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' there was hardly a spare seat in the building. The specially arranged service was conducted by the Rector, and the dedication was performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman). This was relayed by loud speaker from the tower, and then the bells were heard for the first time. Their fine tones delighted everyone. After the clergy had returned to the chancel, special prayers were offered, and then followed a hymn redolent of the countryside:—

In town and in village our church bells to-day
Cry, come, you good people, and put care away,
For He Who made blossom and sunlight and May,
Be certain rejoices in hearts that are gay.

The preacher was the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), who spoke of the valuable instruments which had been dedicated that afternoon. They were bells made of the very best metal, and consequently they would get the very best tone out of them. To use an old phrase, they were 'very good and tuneable bells.' He congratulated the inhabitants of Albury on the fact that the bells, rung that day for the first time, were opened free of debt. Had there been any debt on them he would have refused to come there to speak, because he was one of those who allowed nothing in church to be used for the service of God until it was paid for to the last farthing. He had heard that the last half-sovereign had come in that morning. Their bells, he continued, were to be used for a high purpose, mainly, of course, for summoning parishioners to worship. But that could not be done properly unless there were regular practice nights for the ringers beforehand. The ringers should give their very best in the way of ringing, as the choir should do their best in the way of singing, to God on Sunday, and the choir could not sing properly, nor the ringers ring properly, unless they thoroughly practised beforehand. He was delighted to know that a band of young ringers had been trained to ring the bells. He reminded these young men that bellringing required tremendous application and study outside the tower as well as practice in it. 'Ringing required a good deal of work and intelligence, and yet men had become good ringers who could neither read nor write. Some of the famous old band of ringers at Benington could hardly tell one figure from another, but by the aid of bits of tile and slate they learned to ring the most intricate methods. The young men who were learning at Albury must begin properly; they must learn first of all to handle the ropes properly. If they did not do that they could not expect to strike their bells accurately. He reminded them that they were engaged in a definite piece of work for God, and each must put his whole heart into it. The parishioners who had come together to take part in the dedication of the bells ought to make it a time of questioning. The bells were dedicated for ever to the service of God. Were their lives so dedicated? If God called them at that moment, were they ready to stand before Him? Every good bell would respond to its own note; every good word and deed brought out an answering note from Heaven. Let all their lives ring true and bring out the echoes from Heaven.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Angel Voices,' and the Blessing.

TWO BANDS OF RINGERS.

Albury possesses two bands of ringers, the seniors, who have been giving service for years, and a number of young men who, during the last four months, have been trained by Mr. A. H. Pulling. The seniors rang the bells in rounds at the dedication and also rang the congregation out of church. An opening 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was then rung by H. Hutton 1, R. H. Dove (who represented Messrs. Taylor and Co.) 2, J. S. Goldsmith 3, W. J. Robinson 4, J. H. B. Hesse 5, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 6. Next the young band had a turn at the ropes and rang some very creditable rounds. Thereafter the bells were available to visiting ringers, who numbered over 30, and touches in a variety of methods rung, up to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The inscriptions on the new bells are as follow:—

Treble.—In memory of Mary Dearman Lloyd, 1848-1932.

4th.—This peal of six bells was recast in the year of our Lord 1935. Philip Gray, Rector; C. F. Lloyd, W. Dyson, Churchwardens. 'Fear God—Honour the King.'

5th and tenor.—The recasting of this bell was undertaken by R. Malthus and relations, in memory of Henrietta Malthus, who died December 21st, 1930.

In addition to the restoration of the bells, the clock has been cleaned and adapted to the new conditions, and the ringing chamber redecorated.

The local ringers with some of the visitors were entertained to tea by the Rector and churchwardens at the Drummond Arms, when the Rector, proposing a vote of thanks to Canon Coleridge, revealed an old family acquaintanceship which led to the telling of many amusing reminiscences. One related to the fact that in his young days the Rector and his brothers were constantly endeavouring to build motor-cars, and they waited for the coming of Canon Coleridge so that they could give him a ride to test the springs. These rides generally ended in the Canon being tipped unceremoniously out of the vehicle.

The Rector said he was sure the old and young ringers would get on most amicably together with the new ring of bells.

Canon Coleridge, replying to the vote of thanks, gave some very practical advice to the young ringers, and this was supplemented by Major Hesse and Mr. Pulling, both of whom asked the Albury ringers to give wholehearted support to the Diocesan Guild.

This part of the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their hospitality, proposed by Mr. T. Ansell, the local secretary.

Mr. F. Thornton, who has been ringing at Albury for over 50 years, has been reappointed captain.

DEATH OF AN ILKESTON RINGER.

HAD RUNG ON THREE PEALS OF BELLS IN ONE TOWER.

With regret we have to record the death of Mr. Samuel Burgoyne, which occurred at his residence in Wood Street at the age of 64. He had been in ill-health for some years, but his death came rather unexpectedly on March 18th. He was for many years a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and he served with the R.A.M.C. in the South African War. He had been a ringer at the Parish Church for 40 years, starting when the tower contained only five bells and having rung on all three peals of bells which the tower has contained. He was not a great peal ringer, having only six peals to his credit, two of Grandsire and one of Stedman Triples, one of Bob Major and two of Spliced Treble Bob Major.

Deceased was a miner until his health compelled him to cease work. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son to mourn their loss.

He was laid to rest on Thursday week at the Park Cemetery, and was carried to his last resting place by four of his brother ringers, who also, as a mark of respect, rang the plain course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside: J. F. George 1-2, E. C. Gobey 3-4, H. Harrison 5-6, T. Wragg 7-8. After the funeral touches were rung half-muffled on the tower bells, and also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Trevor Wragg 1, J. Hufton 2, J. F. George 3, F. Tarlton 4, H. Harrison 5, F. Brown 6, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8. Other touches included a 504, with G. W. Harvey 2nd and S. Hufton 3rd.

THE PEAL OF OXFORD AT DARTFORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Bailey's letter, may I point out that the present Dartford bells date from 1916, so that the peal rung there on March 2nd is still, what it was claimed to be, the first of Oxford on the bells.

I believe that it was the custom of the Cumberlands to put compositions as well as peals in their peal book. In view of the fact that internal proof for Treble Bob was not thought necessary until 1768, if Mr. Bailey could find the figures of the 1763 peal we could decide whether it was true or not, and most probably this recent peal would prove to be the first of Oxford in Dartford as well.

E. A. BARNETT.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM PYE.

TRIBUTES AT COLLEGE YOUTHS' MEETING.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at The Coffee Pot on Tuesday week, reference was made to the passing of Mr. William Pye.

The Master, Mr. E. P. Duffield, who presided, said that owing to his own sense of personal loss it was very difficult for him to speak of the loss of one with whom he had always had a complete understanding and for whom he had a profound respect, after several years of very close friendship. Mr. Pye, he said, had once been a member of the society and retained to the end a warm regard for many of its members. It was an unquestionable fact that ringing in the London area gained immensely from the strong competition existing at various times between Mr. Pye's band and the members of their society, and he could not help wishing they had a little more of such rivalry at the present time. It would be sheer hypocrisy, said the Master, to pretend that the relations between Mr. Pye and the society had always kept within the bounds of friendly rivalry, but they could easily overlook a little over-keenness, and it was true to say that no body of ringers were more appreciative of the greatness of Mr. Pye than they of that society.

The Master went on to speak of the national reputation of Mr. Pye as a change ringer and conductor, saying there could scarcely be any part of this country, however remote, that Mr. Pye had not visited and where some ringers had not taken part in or listened to the ringing of Mr. Pye and his touring parties. In conclusion, he said that, whilst they would meet William Pye no more in the flesh, his spirit would ever remain a vivid reality to them all.

Mr. C. W. Roberts (senior steward) paid a tribute to Mr. Pye's abilities, and said how much he himself and many of the younger ringers of all societies owed to Mr. Pye for their initiation into the realms of advanced method ringing, such as Spliced Surprise, etc.

Mr. H. R. Newton (one of the trustees) said that, as a very old friend of Mr. Pye, he much regretted his passing and the suddenness with which it had occurred. He (Mr. Newton) was a great admirer of Mr. Pye's large number of very fine performances.

Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer) spoke of the unusual modesty of Mr. Pye in referring to his own great performances, and said how pleased he was to hear the tribute of Mr. H. R. Newton, who himself had many very fine performances standing to his credit, and who could, as a heavy bell ringer of great repute, the better appreciate the merit of many of the things Mr. Pye had done.

Mr. C. F. Winney (trustee) and Mr. L. Porter also associated themselves with the tributes, and the members signified their approval of the Master's proposition, that a letter be sent to Mrs. Pye expressing their deep sympathy with herself and family in their loss, by standing in silence

Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, was present at the meeting, and responded to a very cordial welcome given him by those present. He thanked the Master for inviting him to attend, and said how much it helped those whose loss was the greatest to know they had the genuine sympathy of the kindred societies such as the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was very pleased to meet the society for the first time at one of its meetings, and remarked how, even from such a sad occurrence as that which brought about his presence there that night, good could result, inasmuch as a better spirit of understanding was fostered between their respective societies. He would take the earliest opportunity of conveying to the members of his association the kindly and sympathetic expressions to which he had listened.

Having referred to the intimate association, extending over a period of about 30 years, between Mr. William Pye and himself, Mr. Coles said that, with the possible exception of Mr. G. R. Pye, he doubted whether anyone had a closer knowledge of the views and opinions held by Mr. Pye on ringing matters than he had. From that knowledge he could assure the Ancient Society that Mr. Pye held many of its members in high esteem, and was keenly appreciative of the many fine performances which they had from time to time put up. It was very nice, said Mr. Coles, to see present at the funeral on the previous Saturday a good number of College Youths desiring to pay their last respects to a great ringer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Prior to the half-muffled peal at Romford, a short memorial service, conducted by the Vicar, was held in St. Edward's Church.

Before a peal at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Wednesday, March 20th, the ringers stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. Pye. A finely illuminated and framed record of the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, conducted by Mr. Pye, has hung in Coalbrookdale ringing chamber ever since the great performance was put up.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. W. Pye and her son desire to return sincere thanks to all who have sent them messages of sympathy in their bereavement. They hope this will be accepted as an acknowledgment, as the letters are too numerous to reply to individually. They also wish to thank the many friends who sent such beautiful floral tributes.

RINGING HISTORY AT A SUSSEX CHURCH.

HAPPY GATHERING COMPLETES ANOTHER PAGE AT WARNHAM.

Ringing history has been made in the Sussex village of Warnham, and another page was completed on Saturday week, when two peal boards in the belfry of St. Margaret's Church were unveiled, the local band and a number of visiting ringers combining for the occasion.

The first peal board, of which the donor was Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, records a peal of 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major rung on these bells on April 29th, 1933, in 6 hours and 12 minutes, and conducted by Alfred H. Pulling. It established a Sussex County Association record for this method and was rung to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the previous record, also rung in the same tower.

The second peal board, given by Mr. F. W. Freeman (churchwarden), commemorates a peal of 5,088 College Single Major, rung on March 15th, 1924, in 3 hours and 10 minutes, by the local band, and conducted by Walter Charman.

All the ringers taking part in the peal of Kent Treble Bob, Walter Charman, Major J. H. B. Hesse, John Cook, Peter Charman, C. Ernest Smith, William Stanford, Arthur J. Bartlett and Alfred H. Pulling, and those concerned in the peal of College Single Major, George Woodman, Wesley Pettifer, Jack Branch, John Stanford, with John Cook, Walter Charman, Peter Charman and William Stanford, were present, and the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Farebrother) performed the dedication.

Among those also present were Mrs. Farebrother, Miss Darvill (Capel), Mr. W. T. Beeson (Holmbury St. Mary), Capt. Manley (Crawley Down) and Mr. C. Cristian (Lower Beeding). Mr. Albert A. Hughes, son of the founder of Warnham's bells, was a visitor during the afternoon.

One very interesting point about the gathering, said the Vicar, was that Walter Charman (who has been ringing at Warnham for more than half a century) took part in the peal 42 years before and was still with them. The Vicar spoke of Major Hesse's kindness in presenting the peal board; and, after uncovering it, Major Hesse recalled the many happy times that he had spent in Warnham tower. 'It is a real piece of history, and we shall always appreciate it, because it was given by someone outside the parish,' said the Vicar.

Unveiling the second peal board, Mr. Freeman thought it would be 'very nice to keep company with the other.' In the ceremony of dedication, the Vicar spoke of the wonderful service performed by the bells. It is interesting to note—another tablet in the belfry records it—that George Woodman and Walter Charman were in the local band of ringers who, on March 1st, 1889, rang a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 13,440 changes, in 7 hours and 45 minutes.

Following a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung on the bells in the morning, the band were the guests of Mr. Walter Charman at lunch, and, following a social hour with the handbells, the party returned to the tower to join with the local band in ringing touches in various methods. Then at 5.30 the Vicar performed the dedication service, after which all gathered at the Sussex Oak Inn, where the Vicar presided over high tea.

In a further address of welcome to the guests, Mr. Farebrother conveyed the regrets of Capt. Lucas at his inability to be present owing to a prior engagement. 'I do not think I have ever found a happier feeling than in our belfry,' said the Vicar, and he submitted that a parish without any bells was without a 'something' which was not to be found in other directions.

Walter Charman, popularly referred to as the 'Mayor' of Warnham, also spoke, welcoming the Vicar and guests to the gathering. Major Hesse said there was no tower he liked visiting more than Warnham, and Mr. Pulling remarked that visiting ringers always received the same welcome at Warnham, whether they brought their own band or combined with the local ringers.

Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor on handbells concluded the day, and everyone went away with the feeling of another happy day spent at Warnham.

SPLICED MINOR RINGING.

QUICK CHANGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have noted with interest the Spliced Minor peals at Disley and Deeping St. James, which had 71 and 115 changes of method respectively. I should like to add that in the peal in 14 methods rung at Bigby, Lincs, on Thursday, February 14th, there were 168 changes of method, 24 changes in each 720. G. E. FEIRN.

Bigby.

A VICAR'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

At St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, Lancs, for evening service, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Odd Bob): R. Walmsley 1, A. W. Leigh 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, R. V. Hart 4, T. Smith 5, J. Halsall 6, J. L. Wright (conductor) 7, W. Smalley 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon G. H. St. P. Garrett, on his 80th birthday.

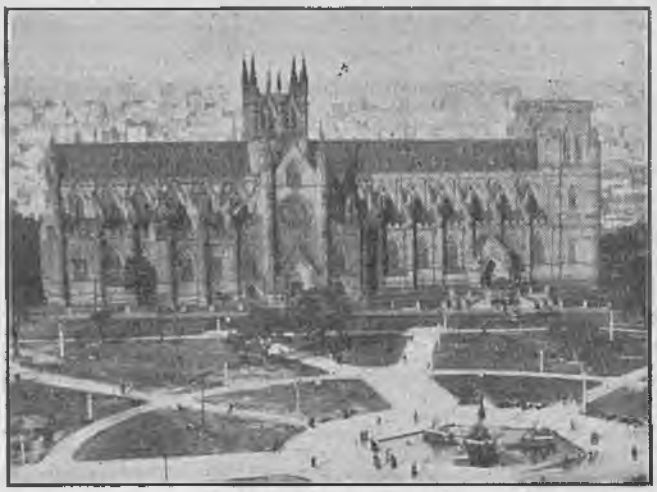
AUSTRALIA TO NEW ZEALAND.

A SIGHT-SEEING WEEK IN N.S.W.

The story of the great tour to the Antipodes is here continued by Mr. W. H. Fussell, who, with Messrs. G. Martin, W. Linter, J. Hardcastle and R. Maude, returned to England via Panama, after visiting New Zealand.

The parting of the clans, he writes, was not too happy on that eventful day, Saturday, November 24th, 1934, when the S.S. 'Bendigo' sailed from No. 9 Wharf, Sydney Harbour, for far distant England. Numerous Sydney friends, including Messrs. Macdonald (2), Scammel, Fussell, Kearns, etc., attended to wish—with the 'faithful five'—a safe and sound voyage to their 'bigger half.' This was accentuated by a maze of coloured paper streamers stretching from the taffrail to the wharf, only to be torn apart as the stately vessel slowly moved away, whilst hands and handkerchiefs were freely waved in the morning sunshine as a last farewell. There were no tears, the last handshake took place in the saloon, near the bar, with a cup o' kindness together, and the fervent hope that all would meet again some day, D.V., in the dear old Motherland.

Only a week or two earlier the team were spending a jolly day on the goldfields of Bendigo with H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester; now they were about to trust their Goldsmith to the care of the 'Bendigo' for better or for worse. My readers will have read in 'The Ringing World' how the married fraternity reached home; it is now proposed to tell you, by request, how the boys that were left behind fared during their week in Sydney—previous to going to New Zealand—on their journey round the world.



CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY BASILICA, SYDNEY.
There is a fine ring of eight bells in the central tower, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung here during the English tourists' visit.

First, proceeds Mr. Fussell, we decided to enjoy a well-earned week-end rest, so we took off into the country 25 miles out to visit friends. At Cronulla, a pretty little seaside resort, we were the guests of Mr. J. R. Fussell at Ouslow, and were introduced to the captain and members of the Cronulla team (and the boat) which won the great Australian surf riding contest at Manly beach, when 29 teams paraded before the Duke that afternoon.

Sunday and Monday were idly and peacefully spent exploring the coast, but, having made a promise to join the Darling Point team for Sunday service ringing, we took a cross-country trip—by bus, train and tram—and were able to score Grandsire Doubles for evensong, with rounds and queens for everyone. The Rev. Howard Lee and Mrs. Lee had kindly spread a substantial tea at the Rectory, and we were here introduced to the Lord Bishop of Christ Church, New Zealand, on his way up country to do duty in New South Wales. Considerable discussion at the Rectory about English bells and their use disclosed that our host had fully gone into these matters and was giving his parishioners an interesting address in his church the same evening, following upon the recent visit of the Englishmen.

The Rector personally knew Mr. Percy Howard, of Bedford, who took part in the third peal at Melbourne, and with whom I rang—as a fellow Cumberland—in London 50 years ago. He also deplored the illness of Mr. Charles Porter, who did so much for his tower in the six-bell days. I may add that Mr. Porter, in his old age, is being well looked after by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce. Many were the inquiries he made, when I called to see him, about old Bucks ringers he used to meet when residing at Woburn in the 1880's.

There was much formal business to be done on Tuesday, after our return from Cronulla, the clearing up of our return boat tickets via Panama from New Zealand to London; satisfying the Customs by a signed declaration that none of our five had made a fortune in Australia. After lunch we decided to cross over as well as under the famous bridge and get a view of the city and its bays from another angle on the north.

The evening was spent in missionary work at the belfry of St. Mary Basilica Cathedral. With new found ringers and locals we rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples, with Doubles for the beginners, and the practice did not end until 10 o'clock. Messrs. Macdonald, Scammell, Kearns, Botting and Ward were present, and a batch of Central Council literature was distributed.

A visit to the bell chamber revealed the crown staple of the 6th bell to be loose, thus accounting for its false striking both ways. An acetylene welder is to be employed before the bell is cracked. Late as the hour was, we were detained by the Rev. Fr. Bartlett to discuss the fire in the transept roof on the Sunday previous, which appeared to me to have started from the lightning conductor. Do not be surprised if Australia in the near future possesses a second ring of twelve bells. I gathered that the church authorities have discussed the possibility of adding four more to the existing octave.

One may say of old ringers, like old soldiers, they never die, they simply fade away. Mr. A. R. Botting, who assisted at St. Mary's, Sydney, is a native of Betchworth, Surrey, and was born on November 11th, 1877. He joined the Cumberland Youths in 1889 when living at Croydon, and conducted Holt's Original when 21 years of age, and had rung 15 peals before leaving England 22 years ago. His last touch was a 504 Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Sydney, 18 years ago, conducted by Mr. Macdonald, sen.

A LESSON WITH A BOOMERANG.

One of our hottest days in Sydney occurred on Wednesday, November 28th. The narrow, winding streets, similar to many in our Cathedral towns, hold the sun's rays, and there is little air circulation. It was decided to go seaward again in a fresh direction, so to Botany Bay. A long tram car ride to La Perouse, where our feet were hardened in the salt water before lunch at the local hotel. Busy little motor-boats take you across the famous bay to a point near Kurnell, where Captain Cook landed in 1770, marked by a stone obelisk and tablets recording this historical event. We came across aborigines, who make boomerangs and other articles, one by name Wesley Sims, who soon took us in hand, showed how the weapon is thrown so that it returns to the thrower, and each of us bought one. We did not hurry away from these pleasant surroundings till after tea. On the tram ride back we passed our point and were 'fleeced' by an inspector for 2d. each—the only instance of offensive officialdom in all our journey round the world. I should like to have thrown my boomerang at him as he left the car!

Our evening was spent with Mr. R. H. Macdonald at his home with a game of billiards, at which Joe proved the champion; a few touches on handbells till a clapper broke; a game of cards till a chair broke, when we all thought it was time to 'break up.' When I told Father Macdonald that we had a set of Birmingham bellropes with us, he began telling me his early history. He rang his first and only peal—Grandsire Triples—at St. Chad's Church, Birmingham, in 1878, and was one of the team who rang 3 hours 10 minutes at the Basilica for a peal of Stedman Triples when the light failed.

Another restful day on Thursday helped our party to overcome the strenuous time of the previous week, and there were many little personal matters to be seen to, such as laundry, camera refills and much neglected correspondence. Reminders of good old London occur in this city. Bayswater Road tram to the docks, via King's Cross, etc. The nimble ferry boat took us this time to Manly. Here a 13ft. shark, caught that morning, was held captive in a wired enclosure near the pier with a similar monster. The gay decorations of the town for the royal visit were admired, the beach utilised as suitable spot for a rest cure, followed by a nice lunch at the Chelma. These ferry boat trips are most enjoyable. One can visit a fresh bay each day of the week and find new interest. Suburban residents use them daily on business to and from the city. At certain seasons of the year sharks often come close in shore, and watchers are appointed at all the beachers to warn the bathers. During our stay in Sydney one swimmer disappeared.

At all the Australian seaside resorts life saving clubs are formed. Unlimited numbers of very strong swimmers are enrolled, who take turns on the beach, with a life reel, as lately advocated by the Press in this country. The way these men tackle the huge breakers rolling inward is marvellous, and thousands of people are said to have been saved by this means annually.

Friday was reserved for our Blue Mountain trip. We found local quotations for car hire rather expensive, so interviewed the traffic superintendent at the Central Railway Station, who pointed out that the B.M. Express was cheaper even than party tickets, so away we went second class in comfort, gradually climbing the 3,000ft. altitude to Katoomba. A local car took us higher still to all the points of beauty and interest in time to leave again at 4.40 p.m. The finest 15s. worth in the world in my experience. Prince Henry Drive, Laura Point, Wentworth Falls, Echo Point and the coal mine railway were all safely negotiated. Many of the Sydney families have season tickets during hot seasons and travel out week-ends, the air being always cool at this spot after Sydney. Coal is worked in some of the rocky valleys, which Mr. Linter can tell you about, as he wasn't sure if the seat of his trews was intact after travelling on the coal

trolley down a fearful incline. You pay to go down and pay again to come up. The alternative is a three mile walk round the mountains to find your conveyance.

On our return to Sydney at 7 p.m., Mr. Kearns met us and carried us by car to the home of his parents at Darling Point, where a family party with some of St. Mark's men were waiting to receive us with unbounded hospitality. The handbells—in tunes and change ringing—were employed, autograph books signed and kindly words of appreciation given our hosts for their well-planned English reception. The joining of hands and 'Auld Lang Syne' ended a jovial night at 11.50, with one regret—our bigger half was not there to share it. Our beds at the Clarendon were occupied at 12.30, not a bad finale to our stay in Sydney, and one to be remembered with gratitude by all the 'Darlings,' the New Zealanders, as well as those in N.S. Wales.

Saturday, December 1st—our last day in Sydney—was a busy one. It began early with packing and labelling luggage and paying our landlady. Mr. Macdonald came to our rescue and conveyed men and luggage to the docks, where we boarded the 'Wanganella' and fixed up sleeping berths. This left us free all day till the boat left, but this was delayed till 10 p.m. for the band of H.M. Grenadier Guards, who were engaged at the Town Hall, to come aboard. We could not very well leave New South Wales without paying our compliments to the old Parish Church of the Settlement, St. Philip's. It was consecrated in 1856, and the tower completed two years later. It was built near the site of an older building dedicated in 1810—the first Christian foundation in Australia—with a circular tower 12ft. diameter by 50ft. high. The present edifice consists of chancel, nave and western tower in line, north and south aisles, vestry, and porches on north and south sides. The architecture is Early English, and the building is entirely in stone, which has sadly become defective through faulty bedding, and is now undergoing repairs, especially to the tower.

The Parsonage is near the church and I called there to pay my respects to the Right Rev. T. J. Kirkby, Bishop Coadjutor, who kindly took me to the vestry and showed me views of the earlier church completed on the 29th May, 1807. The small eight bells for this were brought out from England by Governor Hunter and stored, but Governor Bligh discovered them and had them hung in the tower, and they were rung for the first time on the above date. Owing to the thickness of the walls, they could not be heard distinctly beyond the distance of 300 yards from the tower. On 7th June, 1807, they rang out a merry peal in honour of the King's birthday.

Five of these original bells have been traced in various buildings about the city. I recommend a search for the remaining three bells by the Australian Historical Society, and, if successful, to have them all installed in some other church. It would be a wonderful achievement to recover the first octave of bells ever sent to Australia. They were the gift of King George III. When the sailing ship 'Guildford' arrived on April 1st, 1818, these bells were rung in memory of the Princess Charlotte of Wales on receipt of the news of her death. On the anniversary of the foundation of the colony they always sounded until the tower was pulled down. The ancient Bible and Prayer Book is still preserved, and inscribed, 'Botany Bay, 14th December, 1786.'

Before leaving I thanked the Bishop for his letter regretting his inability to place the bells at our disposal, and explained our not visiting him as a team owing to the limited time we had to carry out our 'ringing' fixtures. He presented me with a history of the church, from which I am able to add to the notes already given by our Editor. The present bells began with an octave cast at Whitechapel, tenor 20 cwt., in 1850, and presented to the church by the Hon. John Campbell. A new bell was added in 1888 for the centenary of the Colony, and another in memory of the Hon. C. Moore to make the set of ten. John Campbell was one of three brothers residing in Sydney. In the church is a very fine marble tablet to the memory of Robert Campbell, the youngest son of the last of the Lords of Ashfield, who died April 14th, 1846, aged 76 years. This history briefly mentions the peal rung at St. Philip's at Easter, 1890—'A start was made at 11 o'clock, and at 15 minutes past 2 they had finished their task.' No names are given; they, however, are already well known, but the difficulty of the 'task' has not been told. The incumbent at the time was the Rev. J. D. Langley—appointed in 1882—and as the peal progressed he decided to visit the ringing room and watch the ringers, but found the door locked. With only a half-hour to go, the band naturally wondered what the knocking was about, and manfully carried on with their work, having received the Vicar's consent for a peal. A little later a violent attack with some heavy object shook their nerves until the welcome end came. On opening the belfry door in burst the Vicar in a towering rage, called them scoundrels and asked what they meant by locking him out of his own tower. Mr. Albinson, an old College Youth, who knew the ropes, very quietly made himself the spokesman on behalf of the band, and explained that they had only adopted the usual practice in case of strangers coming up to interrupt their concentration. He also explained they had conferred the honour on St. Philip's Church by performing the very first peal in Australia. Mrs. Langley helped to sooth the Vicar's feelings, and this brought about the peal tablet now in the tower.

The last house of prayer we visited in Australia was St. Andrew's C.E. Cathedral, near the Town Hall, a handsome ornate Gothic building in stone with a fine hour bell of 25 cwt. by Taylor and Co.

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BELLS DEDICATED AT LONG SUTTON

LINCOLNSHIRE SIX RECAST AND INCREASED TO EIGHT.

St. Mary's Parish Church, Long Sutton, has seldom had a more inspiring service than that held on March 7th, when the Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. F. C. N. Hicks) attended to dedicate the bells and electric light. It was also a thanksgiving service for the preservation of the church when it was struck by lightning last April. The six old bells in the tower have been recast, while two new bells have been given by Mrs. Proctor, of Long Sutton, and her family in memory of the late Mr. M. H. Proctor, J.P., a well-known agriculturist of Long Sutton.

The previous peal consisted of a ring of six cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in 1716. The tenor bell weighed less than 11 cwt., and the tonal quality was very poor indeed. Now there is a musical ring of eight bells, tenor approximately 15 cwt., and many of the parishioners and visitors expressed their keen appreciation of the wonderful improvement which has resulted by the recasting of the former six bells and completing the octave. The work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their usual first-class manner, and they were represented at the opening by Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler. Among the visitors was Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Long Sutton (the Rev. H. Gorse, M.A.), and among the many clergy present were the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (Vicar of Walsoken and hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association).

After the dedication of the electric light installation, a procession was formed to the belfry with the cross bearers, followed by Mrs. Proctor, Mr. John Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Proctor and Mrs. G. Mortimer, churchwardens, clergy, and finally the Bishop and his chaplain.

After the formal ceremony, the Long Sutton bellringers rang the bells until the procession re-entered the church.

Addressing the congregation, the Bishop spoke on 'The joy of the Lord is your strength,' and said it would be difficult—and almost impossible—to touch upon all the things which were gathered up in that great service. They had a picture to start with in the perfect ordering and dignity of the service. It was not often in a parish church a great occasion like that came, but when it did come they had an object lesson such as they had that night.

Speaking of the electric light, the Bishop said he could not think of any other fairly modern invention like electric light which was used for the service of God in an ancient church like Long Sutton's. Referring to the bells, the Bishop said he wondered how many in that church were accustomed to travelling on the Continent. If they had, they would know what he meant when he said the bells in their English church had a beauty all of their own. There was an extraordinary beauty and almost irresistible appeal of the music of bells as their sound was carried over the English countryside. It was not only the thrill of hearing them when close to them, but that sweetness they gained when they travelled over distance. What it was he did not know, but there was something in the sound of bells which appealed to the country church and which no other country possessed.

Bells were a call to worship and they succeeded in doing their duty in a way many of those working for the church did not succeed. The clergy called people to worship, but they might not be heard. The bells were irresistible. These were no longer days when people were compelled to worship; compulsory church attendance had gone, to the good of religion, but he was of the opinion that there should be one call to worship which no one could escape from, and that is what they had through the bells.

They thought also that night of the great deliverance of the church when it was struck by lightning. It came in an unexpected moment; in the daylight when everybody was about. Their church might have gone; not only the woodwork, but the stone, which could be twisted and charred to such an extent that it would have to have been rebuilt from the ground. Earlier he had said that 'The joy of the Lord is your strength,' and on that radiantly happy occasion they had joy for the preservation of that church. Such happenings as that church being struck by ligtning were parables of things eternal. God taught them about life, and of the things they could not see by the things they could see. He asked them to take a lesson from what happened to their church, and when they would know in their hearts that whatever happened God was with them.

There was a very large congregation, and the collection reached the splendid sum of £56.

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British Grenadiers and bellringers had a rare and boisterous send-off to New Zealand on the good M.V. 'Wanganella' that did not leave her moorings till after 11 p.m. There was some difficulty in clearing the decks of visitors and friends, and the crowds on the wharf appeared to swallow up our Sydney brothers when the band struck up as the boat moved away.

Passing out of the harbour, the city illuminations were a wonderful sight, reflected in the dark water from the surrounding hills, with the famous bridge looking like an electric rainbow joining up the north and south halves of the city. Thus we said, 'Good-bye' to Australia, her church bells and our friends, and—'we will remember them.'

W. H. F.

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HINDLEY, LANCS.—The dedication by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool will take place at St. Peter's Church at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30th, of the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. Canon Tonks, the next by-meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, March 30th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, March 30th. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. each. Meeting follows. —H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th. S. Nicolas' bells (10) from 3 p.m., Cathedral bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting to follow. After the meeting Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his Australian tour cinematograph pictures.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. (Please come.) Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at York on Saturday, March 30th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due and annual report available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends will be made welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on March 30th. Bells all the afternoon and evening. Tea and service, address by the Vicar. All welcome. May we have a good attendance!—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The restored and augmented peal at Earls Barton Parish Church will be dedicated at 6 o'clock on Sunday, March 31st. An open ringing day will be held the following Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTON.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, March 31st, at 6 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 2nd and 30th, St. Magnus' on the 4th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 25th, 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. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired. —Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 6th. For tea, please send names to Mr. H. Lomax, Avendal, Park Road, Coppull. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by April 2nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, April 6th, at Liversedge. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, please send not later than March 3rd to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea by Wednesday, April 3rd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available at 3 and after the meeting. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) from 3 to 4. Service at Reigate Parish Church 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. F. Hoad, 20, Warren Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, April 3rd.—Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, April 3rd?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes and Salisbury Branches.—A combined meeting will be held at Heytesbury, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Other bells available by arrangement. All ringing friends welcome. Please inform for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Devizes Branch, Melksham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Notification for tea required by Wednesday, April 3rd. Railway station, Wembley Park (Met.), and Nos. 83, 8 or 46 bus to Blackbird Cross.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Glemsford on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, at Prince of Wales, 5. Bus service from Sudbury and Long Melford.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (eight bells) on Saturday, April 6th. For tea, please notify (important) Mr. C. Fowler, Princess Villas, North Anston, by April 4th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please notify me not later than April 4th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., Rhos, Leek Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, April 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to secretary by April 2nd.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Necton on Saturday, April 6th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Badby (six bells) on Saturday, April 6th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sydling on Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Cattistock and Frampton bells also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, April 6th. The bells of St. Mary's (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Robert Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Kings Langley on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by the 3rd, please. All ringers and those interested are welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Stoke Golding, Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, 5 p.m. Meeting following. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne (5 bells) on Saturday, April 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wootton (6 bells) recently restored by Taylors, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings: Monday, April 1st, practice, St. Clement Danes, 7 p.m., and quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; Sunday morning, 7th, service ringing, 10 a.m., St. Clement's; Monday, 8th, practice, All Saints', Wandsworth, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 24th, practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 7.30 p.m.; Sunday evening, 28th, service ringing, Bow, Cheapside; Monday, 29th, practice, St. Clement Danes, 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 30th, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Please book these dates: Saturday, April 13th, Feltham; and Saturday, May 18th, Isleworth. Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescot on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea (9d. each) notify the Vicar, St. Mary's Vicarage, Prescot.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting of St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30, with meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me by April 10th for tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers, only for those who notify me not later than Monday, April 8th. These bells were put at our disposal at short notice. Please show your appreciation by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual general meeting will be held at Rochester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by the general meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (10), 10.30-12, 3-4, 4.45-8.30; Rainham (8), after meeting till 8.30; Gillingham (8), Chatham (8), Frindsbury (8), Rochester, St. Margaret's (8), all from 10.30-11.30, and after meeting until 8.30. The nearest six-bell tower is about five miles distant, and arrangements will be made for same if requested. Tickets for luncheon (which includes reasonable refreshment), 1s. each to practising members, 3s. each others. Application for tickets must be made to the undersigned, together with remittance, on or before Tuesday, April 16th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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DISTINCTIVE TERMS NEEDED.

The advance that is being made in spliced method ringing is leading to a demand for a definition of what shall be regarded as a "spliced" peal, and it is probable the Central Council will be asked at the next meeting to give some ruling on the matter. Like many other words used in our art, 'splicing,' as a term to denote ringing in a number of methods without returning to rounds at the beginning of each, slipped into the vocabulary without full appreciation, at the time of its adoption, of the distinctions that were likely to become necessary. The simple meaning of 'splice' is to unite two ends of a rope by interweaving, although it is, of course, employed loosely to indicate the joining of any two similar things. From this application has arisen the use of the word when methods are interwoven in a peal or in an extent of Minor. Whether, therefore, the word 'splice' should be retained in this connection is, perhaps, open to question. Ought we not to look for some other word to convey our meaning, and one which would be more strictly correct in meaning?

What, we believe, the Council is likely to be asked to do is to differentiate in terms between peals on the multi-method principle, where the change from method to method is constantly occurring and several methods are rung, and those peals in which, perhaps, the first half is in one method and the second half in another, so that in the course of the peal the method is changed only once. Up to the present 'splicing' has been applied to both kinds of peals. There can, of course, be no question as to the comparative merits of the two performances, but if 'splicing' is to be applied only to the former, will it not be a restriction of its use which is not quite justified? If we are to continue to use the word 'splice' at all, should this not be kept for the joining up of methods in the simpler forms, such as in half peals, and another word found for the more complicated and meritorious linking up of methods which are changed every lead or two? If an alteration is to be made in the designation of these different classes of peals it would be as well to find at once the right definition.

We are fully in accord with the desire that there should be some distinction in the terms used for these different types of peals, and 'splicing' has become the common term for the higher class of peals. But if change is to be made let it be done accurately. 'Splice' seems to be the more appropriate word for linking the methods together in long lengths, such as in two half or four quarter peals, and we commend the use of the word 'compound' to those who are seeking for a distinctive defini-

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tion for multi-method peals. Thus, peals of Minor, like those rung recently in Cheshire, Lincolnshire and Kent, would be composed of 'compound extents,' and the spliced Major peals, embodying a number of methods, would be 'Compound Surprise' peals, for to compound is 'to mingle or unite two or more ingredients in one mass.' We are quite aware that our suggestions may be open to objection, and we should welcome anything which would more accurately define what we hope may in future be differentiated. What we are anxious to see, however, is the adoption of terms which will be correct and adequately distinguish between what is now the simple 'splice' and the complicated multi-method system of ringing.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK CORKE	*Treble*	*WILFRED G. WILSON ...	6
*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 19, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

ALWYN TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	5
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT	2	VERNON SYKES	6
*JOHN LEE	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
JOE MOWBRAY	4	*HERBERT HARRISON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	*Treble*	JOHN WHEADON	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
*JOHN A. C. ABSON	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, March 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS EVELYN STEEL	*Treble*	JACK STUBBS	5
CHARLES W. BIRD	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	6
BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
FRANCIS BALL	4	HARRY CHAMBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, March 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	*DANIEL T MATKIN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
HAROLD V. COOPER	4	JOHN LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Superlative. This peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Matthews on the occasion of their silver wedding. The band also desire to take this opportunity of expressing their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russam on the attainment of the diamond jubilee of their wedding.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, March 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY H. FLOWER	*Treble*	PERCY LONG	5
ARTHUR P. BRADING	2	ARTHUR JACKSON	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	A. RICHARD WARD	7
BERTRAM J. SNOW	4	WILLIAM KEMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR P. BRADING.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Henry Coombes, the veteran ringer of Ryde and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who celebrated his 92nd birthday on that day. He is believed to be the oldest 'active' service ringer in the British Isles.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT	*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 and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE F. SWANN	2	FREDERICK W. RUSHWORTH	6
ALAN SHORT	3	FRED PRICE	7
RICHARD C. INGRAM	4	JONATHAN PRESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Russam. It was intended to ring this peal at Perry Barr, the church at which the wedding took place on March 29th, 1875, but owing to illness near the church the attempt was transferred to Handsworth.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Arranged as a 50th peal for Miss D. R. Fletcher, also as a compliment to Mr. Harold Bristow and Miss Irene Saw, who were married at High Wycombe Parish Church earlier in the day. First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*HERBERT C. READ	*Treble*	WALTER R. FARROW	5
*RUSSELL W. CURSON	2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER	6
ERIC G. BENNETT	3	*HARRY TOOKE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	GEORGE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*ERNEST KETTLE	*Treble*	ANDREW THOMPSON	5
ALAN D. STEEL	2	JAMES WILLIAMS	6
FREDERICK A. FORSTER	3	CHARLES H PAGE	7
MATHEW R. BUCKLEY	4	KENNETH THACKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23⅝ cwt.

JAMES W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	*WILLIAM E. MATTHEWS	5
HENRY I. SELBY	2	ERNEST H. EVEREST	6
WILLIAM I. COSGROVE	3	RICHARD V. FULLER	7
FREDERICK A. NICHOLAS	3	JOHN O. WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

* First peal and first attempt. Mr. R. V. Fuller is from Reigate and the conductor from Chiddingstone.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

EX. P.S. WILLIAM P. DOWDING, Birmingham City Police	*Treble*
P.C. HERBERT W. PERKINS, Leicester City Police	2
P.C. LEONARD TUFFREY, Birmingham City Police	3
*P.C. JOHN W. RAWSON, Leicester County Police	4
†Det. Sergt. HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City Police	5
‡P.C. THOMAS ANDERSON, Notts County Police	6
P.C. ALAN RANDS, Northampton County Police	7
P.C. FREDERICK E. WILSON, Leicester City Police	*Tenor*

Conducted by Det. Sergt. HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † 3000th peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman. P.C. Anderson kindly took the place of Sergt. Jenney, of Leicester, who was unfortunately placed on the sick list on the previous day.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LINES ... ...*Treble*	HORACE MOULT 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	JOSEPH CADLE 6
*SIDNEY MUNTON 3	ALFRED BALLARD... 7
JOHN H. DEAN 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Major.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...*Treble*	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
D. C. WILLIAMS, MUS. BAC. 2	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*O. NEVILLE CURTIS 4	EDWARD C. WHEELER... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM WATHEN 5
GEORGE W. ABLITT 2	CHARLES SHEMMING 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS... ... ...*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH 5
RONALD BULLEN 2	*ARTHUR PIPER 6
GEORGE IVES 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
BERNARD W. PETTIT 4	*ERNEST TOWNSEND ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD F. DRAL ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST W. TIPLER 5
R. FREDERICK ROE 2	GEORGE A. HOLLICK 6
EDWIN LLOYD 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
KENNETH A. ROE 4	PERCY W. BENNETT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. A. HOLLICK.
First peal as conductor other than in Doubles and first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different callings. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

HARRY C. JONES ... ...*Treble*	JAMES W. WINKINS 4
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	PERCY NEWTON 5
A. REGINALD BLABY 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jones, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

BEDFONT, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt in A.

WILFRED EDWARDS ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE 5
*GEORGE MARTIN 3	TONY PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First peal in the seven methods. Rung with muffled clappers, a previous peal attempt being defeated half-way by the noise in the tower.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, March 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*T. JAMES LAKER ... ...*Treble*	†LEONARD S. LAKER 4
KENNETH SNELLING 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
ALBERT E. LAKER 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

CADOXTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. THOMAS 4
GEORGE POPNELL 2	EDWARD PHILLIPS 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the Guild, and on the bells.

ELSHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE L. HALL ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4
GEORGE W. MOODY 2	*GEORGE DOBBS 5
*GEORGE L. LUNN 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ...	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON...	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	GEORGE AMBLER	7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, March 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*DANIEL T. MATKIN	1 2	FRANK E. PERVIS...	7 8
ALBERT WALKER	3-4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee—James George.

* First peal at first attempt on 12 handbells. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Vice-President Mr. Tom Russam and Mrs. Russam, who were married at Perry Barr Church on March 29th, 1875.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—John E. Rootes.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT ALLEN HODGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT 127, CRAYFORD WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. C. ABSON	1-2	*FREDK. G. GROOMBRIDGE...	7-8
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	3-4	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	9 10
†T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ...	5-5	†T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	11-12

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire—Rene Redpath.

* First attempt for a peal on twelve. † First attempt for a peal on twelve 'in hand.'

BELLS ANNIVERSARY.

Forty years ago two treble bells, to increase the ring to ten, were dedicated at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, and on the anniversary, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service and to commemorate the event, by members of the local company: S. Radford 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. Hazelden 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Tomsett 5, F. Radford 6, S. Elton (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, R. Radford 8.

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TRIPLES METHODS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S NEW 'COLLECTION.'

A new and valuable addition to the Central Council's publications has just come from the Press. It is the 'Collection of Triples Methods,' which has been compiled by the Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope and Mr. S. H. Wood, and is a companion to the other volumes of Minor and Plain Major and Caters methods. Originally the Triples Collection, in a limited form, was just a section included with the Minor methods, but the revision of this latter book led to the decision to form a separate publication for Triples, and the work now produced proves that this step was fully justified, for its covers 60 pages. Indeed, it should, in some respects, make a wider appeal than the other books of the same series, inasmuch as for the first time some of the methods are given by full courses, and the compositions include touches as well as complete peals. Thus the book will be of practical service to beginners in Triples ringing and to young conductors.

The pure Triples methods with two hunts naturally take up the bulk of the volume, and the compositions have been selected for their practical, as well as their historical interest; at the same time they are examples of types which make them well worth study.

Both Stedman and Erin—the only two methods with all the bells working alike in a plain course, which are of any practical value—are of course included, with touches and peals of each.

A selection of methods with six working bells, but which, of course, do not consist of pure Triples, is introduced. Nevertheless they are methods of interest. 'There is in the Exercise,' the authors say in their preface, 'a widespread opinion that all seven-bell methods should consist of regular triple changes. As to whether that view is sound we express no judgment.' It would have been interesting if they had given us their opinion on this subject.

The authors also remind us that 'all pure Triples methods constructed with two hunts and five working bells, even if not symmetrical, will produce extents equally well with and under the same limitations as symmetrical methods. The same is true of pure Triples methods with irregular lead-ends. Indeed, the practical value of symmetry and of correct lead-ends is very much less in seven-bell methods than on any other number except five.'

In view of this pronouncement we are sorry the authors did not include that old method, Union, which is well worth practising, and with the double dodging at every treble lead can be considered 'musical.' It lacks strict symmetry and does not have 'regular' lead-ends, but it is pure Triples, which cannot be said of some of the methods included in the new volume, as, for instance, Penning's Bob, with no fewer than five 'double' changes in every lead, which means that there are 1,800 changes in a peal that are not Triples. We confess a sneaking regard for Union Triples, which would probably have had a considerable vogue had it not been for the cold douche which was given it some years ago by the Council, when there was great controversy over 'legitimate' and 'illegitimate' methods. Union was dubbed 'illegitimate' and the practice of it, thus discouraged, gradually faded out. Now we have the Methods Committee telling us, in effect, that the practical value of symmetry and of correct leads is comparatively unimportant. Some day, perhaps, Union Triples will come into its own again, and the compositions which the Council themselves published in the first section of the Peals Collection will be once more sought after.

We do not offer this as a criticism of the Triples volume now published, which is a most admirable work. The comment is made from regret that, with this newly-expressed official view upon Triples methods, Union, one of the oldest of the twin hunt methods, and one upon which eminent composers in the past thought it well worth spending their time, has been overlooked, if only in illustration of a class of methods to which the authors thought it worth while directing attention.

'The Collection of Triples Methods' is published at one shilling (post free), and is obtainable from the Council's Librarian, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Walsoken Rectory, Wisbech, Cambs.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO AN 'AT HOME.'

In spite of the very inclement weather which prevailed, a good company of members and friends of the Sherwood Youths Society, Nottingham, gathered at the Church of St. John, Beeston, for a meeting on March 16th. Some good practice was obtained by all present, and touches of Stedman, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Duffield, etc., were rung.

The members thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and also Mr. P. Price for his kindly welcome and having everything in readiness.

It is hoped the next meeting may be held at headquarters, St. Mary's, Nottingham. At present the society is 'driven from home' by very necessary repairs to the tower and the rehanging of the bells. It is understood, however, that this work is progressing favourably and the society is looking forward to its completion in the near future, when it can be 'at home' to welcome all members, old and new. Readers are asked to look out for the date.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DECISION TO START A BENEVOLENT FUND.

Australian Pictures Attract Record Gathering.

Attracted largely by the opportunity of seeing the Australian tour 'movies,' of which Mr. Rupert Richardson very kindly gave a private exhibition, a record attendance of nearly 200 members and friends was present at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at Guildford on Saturday. Twenty-seven diocesan towers were represented, and there were visitors from Beddington, Bristol, Caversham, Croydon, Edmonton, Egerton, Enfield, Fareham, Heston, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Kingston, Luton, Surfleet, Sutton, Walthamstow, Winchester and Yateley.

Apart, however, from the interesting display of pictures, the Guild had important business to transact, and decided, among other things, to establish a benevolent fund.

Previous to the meeting, ringing took place on the bells of the Cathedral and at S. Nicolas' Church. The Guild's service was conducted by the Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan, who gave an address. Tea was served in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Mr. Walter Harrison presided over the subsequent business meeting, supported by the Provost, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, etc.

AN APPEAL TO CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

In their annual report the committee said they were gratified chiefly to be able to record that the Sunday service ringing had been well maintained at practically all the towers affiliated to the Guild, and it was the encouragement of this primary duty of the bellringers of the diocese which must always remain the principal object of the organisation. Other phases of their work needed fostering and deserved encouragement by the Church authorities throughout the area, but in nothing so much as in the service ringing was the Guild anxious to make its influence felt. There were still a number of towers in the diocese where neither the authorities nor the ringers showed an interest in the Guild's work and, in some cases, seven years of endeavour had failed to make any impression.

'The committee,' continued the report, 'again make an appeal to clergy of the diocese and the Parochial Church Councils in every parish which possesses a ring of bells, not only to further encourage their ringers in the work which they are endeavouring to do in the service of the Church, but, where necessary, to use their influence to raise the personnel of the belfry to full strength and develop the diocesan spirit by encouraging their ringers to share in the activities of the Guild.'

The membership of the Guild showed a marked increase during the year, with, of course, a corresponding increase in the income of the districts, each of which was numerically stronger than at the end of 1933. The membership, excluding the non-resident life members, was 495, compared with 448 in the preceding year, and the total of the balances in the district funds had risen in the year from £40 7s. 4d. to £48 2s. 2d. The General Fund this year had not quite paid its way, owing to the inroad made upon it by the experiment of paying the whole charge for the tea at the annual general meeting. The balance in hand at the end of the year was £32 1s. 6d., compared with £34 19s. 7d. at the end of the preceding year.

Twenty-three district meetings were arranged during the year, but while a number of them were most encouraging, particularly some of the meetings in the Farnham District, where the enthusiasm of youth was constantly showing itself, there were several meetings at which the attendance was very disappointing, and there was still a large proportion of members who do not attend any meetings during the year. The committee would again point out that these meetings are specially arranged for the benefit of members, to enable them to increase their opportunities of change ringing practice and to meet and fraternise with ringers from other belfries. Every member ought, therefore, to show his interest in these gatherings by attending at least one meeting in the year, at his own or some nearby tower, even if he cannot get further afield.

OLD RECORDS TO BE COLLECTED.

The committee have undertaken the collection of copies of old records relating to ringing up to the year 1880, contained on tablets, boards or otherwise in the church towers of the diocese. It is hoped, with the co-operation of ringers in the various towers, to make this collection full and complete.

After referring to the recent restoration of the bells at Albury Church, where the work was carried out on the report made by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who has also inspected and reported on the bells at Ewell, Yorktown and Crondall, in all of which instances it is hoped the restoration will not be long delayed, the report went on to say that the number of tower bell peals rung during the year increased by two, but on the other hand five less handbell peals were rung, with the net result that there was again a falling-off in the total, the 28 peals in 1934 being three fewer than the number rung in 1933. Peal ringing, said the report, is not the chief aspect of the Guild's activities, but it is an important factor in its work. There has been a serious falling-off in the number rung in the last three years, and the total is only one-half, approximately, of the number rung in 1931. The principal reason for this would seem to be the difficulty of obtaining the use of the bells of churches in the diocese. Last year peals were rung in 14 towers, but only in 11 in the diocese, which is about one-fifth of the churches with peals of bells. Out of the 30 eight and ten-bell towers there were only ten last year in which a peal was rung. The committee feel that, while peal ringing needs to be done in moderation, incumbents should permit, at least, one peal a year on their bells. Peal ringing is the highest form of ringing practice, and if a larger number of ringers were able to share in more peals, as they would if more bells were available for the purpose, there would be a higher standard of service ringing. During the year six members rang their first peal, two their first on an 'inside' bell, 34 their first peal in a new method.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the Guild on the work it was achieving in securing the recasting and renovation of bells. He referred to the losses of the Guild by death—Canon R. W. H. Stuart (Vicar of Bagshot), Mr. William Thorne (Ockham) and Mr. G. Pearce (Hascombe)—and referred also to the death of Mr. William Pye.

He asked the members to remember the faithful departed, and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments.

The report and accounts were adopted, and it was agreed to transfer 16s. 6d. (balance remaining on the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund) to the New Cathedral Bells Fund.

The whole of the ringers at Albury, where there are two bands, seniors and juniors, were elected members and welcomed to the Guild.

The following officers were elected, the Bishop of Guildford being ex-officio president: Vice-presidents, Mr. Walter Harrison and the 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; hon. librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

The meeting agreed to the summer festival of the Guild being held at Shere on July 6th, and that the next annual meeting be held at Guildford.

BENEVOLENT FUND STARTED.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the meeting agreed to the establishment of a benevolent fund, and that it be raised by voluntary subscriptions and by such sums as it might be possible to set aside from the general funds of the Guild.

The Chairman moved the recommendation, and said there was no doubt as to the value of starting such a fund. He emphasised that no member would have any claim on the benevolent fund as by right.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, seconding, said he did not think there was anyone who would wish to claim. He hoped the fund would be reserved for severe cases of illness.

The Hon. Secretary supported the proposal, and expressed the hope that it would not dry up the charity of ringers in other directions.

The resolution was carried.

A further motion was then carried, vesting the management of the fund in a committee consisting of the Master, the hon. treasurer and the hon. secretary of the Guild, and the district secretaries, who were empowered to make recommendations to the districts for confirmation at the annual general meeting of the Guild, for the purpose of increasing the amount available in the fund, and have full discretionary power in the making of all grants from the fund to members of the Guild in distress.

The Secretary stated that the fund had been started with generous donations of £5 5s. from the Master and £2 2s. from Mr. W. Harrison.

The rules of the Guild were amended to permit of a donation, not exceeding two guineas, being paid out of district funds towards the expenses of the restoration or augmentation of any ring of bells in the district, or the restoration of a church tower containing a ringing peal of bells in the district. The resolution was the outcome of a wish expressed at a Farnham district meeting to make a contribution towards the cost of the renovation of the tower of Farnham Parish Church, but which, under the rules as they stood, could not be made without the sanction of the general meeting of the Guild.

An amendment to the rules that ringing members should be elected to the executive committee for three years (instead of for only one year), submitted by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, was defeated.

The meeting approved of the design submitted for a Guild badge, and Mr. C. W. Denyer agreed to act as badge secretary.

VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY.

The Hon. Secretary stated that a number of copies of the county bell histories and other volumes had been offered to the Guild for £12 10s. They were very valuable books, many being out of print, and would become more difficult to obtain as the years went by. When the Guild approved of the establishment of a library a sum of £5 was voted for that purpose, which had never been expended. He moved that the collection be acquired, and that the remaining £7 10s. be raised from the district funds in ratio to their members. The sums each district would have to contribute would be: Chertsey 12s., Farnham £2 12s. 6d., Guildford £3 3s., and Leatherhead £1 2s. 8d.

Mr. C. W. Denyer seconded, and the purchase was agreed to.

The meeting confirmed a grant of two guineas for the restoration of Pirbright bells, and a similar sum in respect of Albury bells. The Secretary said he had received an application from Ockham, stating that they proposed to spend £275 on a new bell frame and restoration. The meeting voted one guinea to the purpose.

A cordial welcome was extended to the visitors by Major Hesse, and votes of thanks were passed to the Provost and Rector of S. Nicolas' for use of the bells and also to the Provost for his address.

After the meeting, Mr. Rupert Richardson delighted the assembly with the exhibition of pictures of the Australian tour, on which a running commentary was given by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, while Mr. W. Linter, who was also present, very happily supplied the vocal illustration of an incident at the Aden tanks.

Mr. Richardson was cordially thanked by Mr. Harrison, and thanks were also given to Mr. A. J. B. Green (headmaster of the Grammar School) and Mr. A. H. Pulling for their assistance in the arrangements for the meeting.

Will all members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild requiring badges please communicate with C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot. Prices: Silver 2s. 6d., bronze 1s. 6d. (designed for buttonhole, watch chain or brooch). State style required.

FINANCING BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The decision of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to establish a benevolent fund is to be commended. The success of that fund depends on a constant flow of subscriptions. May I suggest to the special committee formed to administer the fund that a box be kept in each tower to receive subscriptions, and that it be an accepted principle that all visitors to practice or service ringing should show their appreciation of participating in the Exercise by making a small contribution. If every visitor to, say, Holy Trinity, Guildford, tower gave a modest twopence several pounds would be raised in the course of the year. If a man plays golf he cheerfully pays his green fees when visiting another course. Why should not ringers, according to their means, give a practical example of their gratitude for the privilege of enjoying the use of the bells?

T. W. WHITE.

Guildford.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday evening, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung in honour of the 35th birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester by W. R. Dennis 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, C. J. Chooet 3, W. J. Norton 4, J. E. L. Cockey 5, G. Cole 6, A. C. Darnell (conductor) 7, F. G. Cole 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION ELECTS MANY NEW MEMBERS.

In spite of the inclement afternoon there was a splendid muster at the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association at Leytonstone on March 23rd. Early arrivals soon had the bells going to various methods, several touches being brought round prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. T. Brown), who based his address on the life and ringing accomplishments of the late member of the association, William Pye, asking all present to strive to emulate his fine character as their aim in their work for the Church. During the service the members had the pleasure once again of listening to a fine solo, 'Cast your burden,' by Miss Margery Dawson. After service, a move was made to the Church Hall for tea, and before sitting down the District Secretary congratulated Canon Brown on his having attained his 70th birthday, and extended to him the best wishes of the meeting. Before the commencement of the business all present stood in silence as a tribute of respect of the late member, Mr. William Pye.

At the business meeting two honorary, one non-resident life member and 20 new ringing members were elected, thus showing that interest in ringing in the South-Western Division is not on the wane.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th.

A resolution proposed by Mr. Joyce, seconded by A. Prior, congratulating Mr. Relfe and his Lamberhurst band on their fine accomplishment in ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods, was carried unanimously.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Brown for use of tower and bells, for providing the tea and for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to Mr. Douglas Wilson (organist) for accompanying the hymns and solo, to Miss Dawson for her splendidly rendered solo, to the curate for his assistance, Miss Miller and friends for arranging the tea, and also to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success. The members were pleased to welcome also during the afternoon Messrs. Clark and West (churchwardens) and several lady friends who take a great interest in the work of the association.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Hornchurch, Leyton, Romford, Bishopsgate, Brockley, Camberwell, Waltham Abbey, Leytonstone, Bentley, South Weald, Walthamstow St. Mary's, Fobbing, Orsett, Wanstead, Southgate, North Weald, Sydenham, West Ham and Woodford, and touches in various methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise Minor were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Six Georges rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on Saturday at Elsham, Lincs. Several peals have, in the past, been rung by namesakes of England's patron saint, but we believe this is the first peal of Surprise Minor they have put to their credit.

Another performance in which youth has played a conspicuous part, with a leavening of experience. Teddy Barnett, jun., and J. A. C. Abson, at 16½, and Geoffrey Murphy, at less than 16, formed half the band in a peal of Bob Maximus 'in hand' at Crayford on Sunday. The Groombridge family made up the rest, and of the six, four were making their first attempt for a peal on twelve, and the other two their first attempt on twelve 'in hand.'

Margate Parish Church bells are being thoroughly overhauled and fitted with ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They will be ready in time for the King's jubilee festivities. Mr. J. Wagborn, an old London ringer, is now living in Margate and has joined the band. From the point of view of change ringing, we are told, he has made things much more lively. Ringing visitors are always welcome both at practices and Sunday ringing.

Lincolnshire is again busy with bell restorations. The Loughborough Foundry will shortly be taking in hand the rehanging in new frames of the ring of eight at Holbeach Parish Church; the ring of six at Lea, near Gainsborough; and also the rings of five at Tattershall and Rippingale; the latter is to be augmented to a peal of six.

Another peal of London Surprise Major on handbells has been rung at Oxhey. Every one of these peals is a wonderful performance.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S HOMECOMING.

AUSTRALIAN RINGING TOURISTS' MESSAGE OF GREETING.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester reached home on Thursday week, after his Empire tour, the primary object of which was to take part in the Melbourne centenary celebrations and dedicate the State of Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance on Armistice Day.

Among the telegrams of welcome he received was one sent on behalf of the English ringers who visited Australia for the centenary, and who rang to welcome His Royal Highness in the two principal cities of the Commonwealth. They followed close upon his heels from Ceylon, saw him in Bendigo and rang for him in Melbourne and Sydney. The following was the message sent to the Duke's Equerry:

> 'The English Church bellringers who rang at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, to welcome His Royal Highness to those two cities, send respectful greetings and congratulations upon his safe homecoming.'

A reply has been received from Buckingham Palace in the following terms:—

> 'The Comptroller to the Duke of Gloucester is directed to thank Mr. Goldsmith for the message of greeting which he sent on behalf of the English Church bellringers.'

THE PEAL RINGER'S SOLILOQUY.

I've had enough of this. No one e'er wished
That 'Paradise Lost' were longer than it is,
Said Samuel Johnson. Well, that's true of peals.
I've had enough of this one any way.
I wonder what there is for tea—Good Lord!
Am I in quick or slow? Oh, yes, that's right,
Six is my course bell; I must keep awake.
Betty looks tired. What pretty arms she has. . .
Now is this first half-turn or second whole?
I'll risk it; lead a whole-pull right . . . oh curse!
It was the first-half then. All right, you fool,
It's no good shouting when the mischief's done.
Well, I will make no more mistakes I swear. . . .
I wonder how the time is; it seems hours
Since the half-way single. I'll think no more
Of time until the next part-end, and then
Turn a stealthy glance upon my wrist watch.
Clumsy oaf! Can't you keep off at hand-stroke?
You're striking much too close upon my bell.
Ah, here is the part-end; now for the time;
Only another half-hour? That's good. . . .
It's queer how solemn everybody looks;
I'll smile at Betty when I dodge with her,
And see if she will answer with a smile.
By Jove! my knees are stiff. After this peal
I swear I won't ring any more awhile.
Hullo, there's Tittums; but, good Heavens, you,
You must have missed a bob; Tittums came up
Some time ago, at least I thought it did.
No, it is all right, we are home at last.
'That's all.' Now 'Stand.' Well, thank the gods that's
done.
Let's flop down on this bench a bit. What, Bill?
A peal next week? Thank you, old man, I will.

A GUILD OF YOUTH.

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF YOUNG RINGERS' SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am well aware that the standing of the young ringer in the belfry has been greatly improved in the last generation; especially is this obvious when I call to mind what I have been told by some of the older ringers in Birmingham. They tell me how that 50 years ago, when they were boys or young men, they used to come up and sit in the belfry both for practices and for service ringing, and never did any of the ringers take any notice of them. Perhaps they had to be coming to the tower for months on end before one of the ringers would venture to ask them whether they were ringers or wished to learn ringing. Probably, as we have been told from time to time, the reason was that they jealously guarded the secret of their art and were unwilling to impart it to others: much more so if the learner was someone much younger than themselves.

All this, of course, has been changed; there are so many excellent books and pamphlets on the subject that it is practically possible to teach oneself. There are occasions, however, when I feel that the young ringer is not given all the help and encouragement he ought to have.

To increase his opportunities I suggest that a new ringing society should be formed. I have suggested for its title The United Guild of Young Bellringers. It would be a national affair, and would be run on the same lines as the Ladies' Guild or the National Police Guild. Branches would be formed at various centres where youth is strong, and these branches would be run on the same lines as a local ringing guild. It would have its own secretary, Ringing Master, treasurer, etc. The several branches would be united into one whole under a general committee formed from representatives from the various branches, together with the general secretary, Master of the Guild, etc.

I am suggesting limiting the membership to any ringer of either sex who has not yet attained the age of 26. I am of the opinion that if we go any lower than this, the chances of having good representative meetings and local peals would be lessened. I am proposing a subscription of 6d. or 1s. per year, and this would include a badge and/or certificate on entrance, if possible. I suggest that the positions of president and vice-presidents be reserved for elder ringers. Possibly we could arrange to have general meetings once a year at various centres, at which we could all meet together, and at the same time the committee could meet. My plans are to form first of all branches in various parts of England where youth is strongest. These branches would elect their own Ringing Masters and secretaries from among their numbers. It would be the duty of the local branch secretary to arrange the local meetings, collect the subscriptions, and send reports of meetings, peals, balance sheets, etc., to the general secretary, who would be responsible for the report. After about nine months, when the branches have each held two or three meetings, and the membership has been allowed to become fairly representative of the whole of the country, then nominations could be received for the positions of Master of the Guild, general secretary, and also for president and vice-presidents.

Briefly, those are the plans as far as I have gone. Now for the ways in which I think the Guild will be an advantage and a help to the Exercise. In the first place the young member will no longer feel he is a mere nobody, as he will belong to a Guild whose members are all about his own age. At ringing meetings the young ringers will have the chief claim to the ringing, although the presence of our elders at such meetings will be both welcome and advisable.

One of the main difficulties I think is that there is no other hobby, if you can call it a hobby, where the ages of those who take part in it vary so widely. It is hardly natural to expect youths of 12-17 to mix freely with and to take part in the same conversations as their elders, right-up to the ages of 70 or 80. Perhaps I ought to tell you now of some of the points from those who have given me their opinions against the idea. To quote one letter: 'We will suppose that a man, middle-aged, a good and capable ringer, a loyal member of his association, teaches a young ringer successfully. Will he not feel insulted if this young ringer joins this new association and rings peals with it so that someone else takes the credit for the work he has done? He won't feel inclined to help the youngster any more or to allow the association to have his tower for peals or meetings, and surely that is what will happen. Is it not much better when both young and old can co-operate, instead of being divided into sects, one of which excludes members of the other? . . . There is something further concerning peals. . . . Most ringers like to ring peals, and occasionally like to ring them in high methods. No youngster, however clever he may be, can possibly conduct these peals thoroughly; that is something which comes only with age and experience, and here we should have to depend on older ringers for support. Peals with young ringers only would get so far, but no farther, and stagnation would result. . . .'

This is an extract from a letter I had from a ringer who would himself be eligible for membership of my proposed Guild. I am not

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SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many ringers will be grateful for your leading article on the above subject.

Repentance forms a necessary part of the approach to a Holy God, but cannot be considered 'the object of religion and therefore the object of services.' Christians are not intended to go in sackcloth and ashes all their days, but to rejoice in the Lord and to praise His Holy Name. On these occasions we ringers come not only as loyal servants and as loving children, but as a united family, to give praise, thanksgiving and worship to our Maker, our loving Father, our Saviour and our King.

As Bishop Shaw said at the dedication of the bells at Faringdon: 'We ringers are privileged to put the biggest musical instruments we can find into the tallest buildings we have and announce to all the world, "We give glory to God."'

Bellringers in general, as loyal members of the Church, are, I am sure, glad to have these opportunities of 'ascribing unto the Lord the honour due unto His Name.'

VERA ROBINSON.

Wokingham.

A DUTY TOWARDS GOD.

Dear Sir,—I read with some disgust Mr. A. T. Milton's letter on services at ringing meetings. I think the first thing such people should learn is that church bells are inseparable from the Church. They were, I agree, used at first in strange and symbolic ways, yet for the last three hundred years they have been dedicated to the glory of God. Might it be pointed out that without the Church there would be no bells, nowhere for the art of campanology to be performed.

If, therefore, Mr. Milton feels none of the sentiment of the Church, then because of what the bells signify he should accept ringing services along the one line of duty!

We have a duty and respect towards God, and if we are not to give Him some acknowledgment of our reverence when we meet together to ring bells dedicated to His glory, then the message of the bells becomes irrelevant and a mere jangling mass of iron.

The public do not tolerate bells merely as bells; it is because they pertain to God that they are so readily tolerated.

I do not in any way wish to condemn the meeting as a furtherance to the art of ringing. It is our duty, no doubt, to improve our standards, but what I do maintain is that while we should do that we should remember to Whom the bells are dedicated.

Separated from the Church the art must truly fall to the ground.

Melton Mowbray. VERNON TAYLOR.

'STICK TO THE SERVICE.'

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that a present-day ringer should ask such a question. The best answer or advice I can give him is to ask him thoroughly to read and digest the first part of your article on the front page of the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' I think it is good, sound, straight-from-the-mouth talk. I should like to add, as a member of a Parochial Church Council, that we never hold a meeting without starting and finishing with prayers, and I have no doubt but that all other P.C.C.'s work on similar lines.

Let us stick to this service at our meetings, for I am sure there are a great number of ringers in the same boat as myself, far from being free from sins, much to my sorrow, and let us still have a short address. But here I would like the various clergy to be asked to give us a simple talk for the benefit of our souls and not try to rake up something about bells for an address to ringers, because that is just like pouring water on a duck's back and expecting it to stop there. G. R.

Broxbourne.

ADDRESS IN PREFERENCE TO ROUTINE PRAYERS.

Sir,—Your leading article dealing with 'services at ringers' meetings' contains much which is true. But I would like to be permitted space in your columns to take exception to one paragraph: The suggestion of often omitting the address. Better, to my mind, to have just a few hymns and an address than a lot of prayers of a routine nature uttered off by heart by most people with little or no thought as to its meaning. I am no advocate of a long service, nevertheless, and I know there are preachers and 'preachers,' but a few words from the lips of one in touch with most of the present-day difficulties can serve a very useful purpose, especially to those ringers who, as I have more than once previously said, are inclined to make their ringing into a one-sided and selfish hobby—ringers who think of nothing else but Surprise methods, and who, if asked to 'make one' for a humble peal of Grandsire Triples to oblige another of less ability, would rather leave it to someone else, making his chances possible only with a 'scratch' band, instead of using their own ability towards bringing him up to their standard. This, and petty jealousies which we read something of last week, were the subjects of a fine sermon I once heard at a ringers' meeting. To say, as some do, that 'many a clergyman is glad to be relieved of taking a service' is, to my mind, a very poor and shallow excuse. The number of parsons who view the matter from that standpoint I should say are very few. P. AMOS.

Northampton.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

PART II.

ARRIVAL AT AUCKLAND

We were well out in the Tasman Sea on Sunday morning, December 2nd, and found the 'Wanganella' a first-class boat for berth and board accommodation. The passage of 1,281 miles to Auckland was smooth and uneventful. After our unlimited feasting for a month, the three meals a day, at 8, 12 and 6 o'clock, were all-sufficient, and as these were served in two sittings, separating our party, we were given an opportunity to study and admire fresh faces amongst the big crowd crossing with us.

Being Sunday, morning prayers were attended, and the ordinary simple life followed till bunk time at 10 p.m.

The Guardsmen in mufti indulged in a homely hand of whist or bridge, whilst our party took up the usual deck games. Both appeared glad to have a restful time whilst they could.

On Tuesday Major Miller, who resides near my home, issued an order for a full-dress parade, but gave us no music, as the weather was wet and windy, so the golden instruments were carefully stored away after their polishing up. At night there was an excellent cinema show, followed by a ringers' refresher, and so to bed at 10.30, dreaming of 'Tugboat Annie.'

On Wednesday the good ship safely berthed at Auckland Harbour, soon after 4 p.m., and what a tremendous crowd was there to welcome her passengers, which included Mr. Malcolm MacDonald and his sister, son and daughter of the Premier. The busy Press of New Zealand had fully announced the visitors. In the customs sheds a general 'mix-up' of all the baggage, and the owners kept officials busy for an hour, while anxious friends were standing outside in the broiling sun waiting to offer their greetings. Amongst the friends to greet us were Mr. F. Colgrove, Mr. and Mrs. C. Charge, Mr. A. J. White, of St. Matthew's, Mrs. R. Field and others, who kindly offered bed and board to us, which, however, we had already fixed up.

While the Guards marched to the Town Hall, our humble party drove out to Onehunga, a seaside resort ten miles away on the south side of the city, where we were accommodated by Mr. Field and her neighbour until our departure for Wellington four days later.

I am reluctant to occupy too much the scarce columns of 'The Ringing World,' so will briefly give you my notes of the crowded doings of the 'faithful five' during their stay on the North Island.

On Thursday morning we were 'engaged in the city.' When you travel out of Great Britain there are many business matters that have to be carefully attended to, and it was always a case of 'Don't forget your passport,' or 'Have you anything to declare?' I overheard more than one passenger 'declare' in words such as could not be found in the English dictionary. First, there was your money. We received in Australia £24 18s. 9d. for £20 sterling, but in New Zealand the Australian £1 was only worth 19s., so the bank for the 'ready' was first attacked. Next the Post Office for stamps. There is penny postage in New Zealand to-day. Then followed the Shipping Offices, where the railway journey to Wellington and boat from there to Christchurch were formally adjusted. We had already satisfied the port and medical authorities that the British bellringers were, in shipping language, 'A1 at Lloyds,' and, I may add, registered tonnage, copper bottoms and later on in the day true to Plimsoll water mark. I suppose all these exacting details are necessary to the welfare of the British Empire, and, having transacted them without a hitch, we felt entitled to take something to restore the loss of energy and moisture. Our first drink in New Zealand at the Imperial was followed by a generous lunch at the Waverley, and now it was that we felt we were really 'landed.'

Through the good offices of Mr. White, of Darling Point, a letter of introduction to the chief of the A.M.P. Insurance Company led to an enjoyable excursion to some of the beauty spots of the city rightly named the Queen City. Starting from Queen Street, one of the most important thoroughfares that connects the quay and harbour with the Town Hall, we drove to the Domain, a well-laid-out area of 190 acres, with winter gardens, fern walks, statuary and native trees and shrubs. On a raised plateau stands the Auckland war memorial and museum, the latter a large stone edifice in Grecian style, with the Cenotaph in front. We could have very well spent a couple of days here. In the entrance stands a bell of about 10 cwt., presented by Mrs. Elsa Jeanette Bodle. The inscription reads, 'Sung Hing Bell, presented to the most obedient disciple, Wo Chang. Made and presented in the spring of 1603.'

There is a large handsomely carved figure from a solid block of stone of 'Laocoon,' from the baths of Titus at Rome, found in 1506, and carved A.D. 76 (some say earlier). Relics of the native Maori race are to be seen in a very fine state canoe carefully restored, and a native hut, both grotesquely carved in native design with figure heads which show protruding tongues that signify 'defiance.'

Passing onward, our next place of interest worth noting, amongst so much of real and deep interest, was Mount Eden, 644ft. high, the site of an early extinct volcano, with wonderful panoramic views of the city and the sea coast. The summit is marked by a stone pedestal having a flat top with porcelain enamel map, inlaid in black line, indicating local geography and distance. There is a similar dial in Stirling Churchyard (N.B.) in bronze, pointing out the distant Scottish hills. We were eager to learn where we stood on the map of the world, and were mutely informed that we were 1,506 miles from Hobart, 1,281 from Sydney, and had 7,463 miles to get to Panama via Wellington. If anyone desired to call at Vancouver to have a touch with Mr. Limpus, the crossing of the North Pacific would mean 6,358 miles, a nice 'coming home' course.

Then to Cornwall Park, a scenic reserve of 538 acres, presented to the city by the late Sir John Logan Campbell, 1817-1912, a pioneer resident, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, our present King and Queen, in the year 1901. In the centre of this reserve stands 'One Tree Hill,' 602ft. high, with the remains of an ancient Maori camp, and more distant scenery—Waitemata Harbour and the distant island and mountain of Rangitoto, a Government reserve. On this hill the donor lies beneath a marble slab, inscribed, 'Si Monumentum Æquiris Circumspice.'

We were most grateful to the two members of the insurance staff who so generously gave the use of cars and time to show us so much of their city. This drive ended up 'Imperially,' not by measure, but in toasting the old country and the new.

The day finished up by an evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charge, at Green Lanes, on the south side of Auckland, where a party of 12 sat down to dinner at 7 o'clock. The handbells they had charge of were freely used between recollections of London and New Zealand ringers amidst a cloud of smoke. I was agreeably reminded of a peal of Royal I shared with Cornelius 40 years ago at Fulham. We were loth to leave our kind hosts, but having a big day on the morrow a couple of taxis cut across the suburbs from Remuera to Onehunga, which enabled us to 'turn in' by midnight.

W. H. F.

THE 42-METHOD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out that 720's Nos. 1 and 2, published in your issue of March 15th, are not as rung. I rather fancy the fault is mine, as I had two 720's like them sent to me by Mr. K. Lewis, our treble ringer, asking me to have a look at them, and get them proved for him (which I have not yet done).

When copying the 720's out to send with the peal report I must have copied the wrong 720's for the first two.

Mr. Driver wrote to me saying that the number of changes of method during the peal should have been 76 instead of the 71 you mentioned, but I took it to be a small mistake on your part and did not therefore draw your attention to it. Now it looks a blunder by me.

I am enclosing the 720's as rung in case anyone requires them.

J. WORTH.

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25346	36	62534	
— 46325		— 62345	S.41
25634		53462	37
34562		— 62453	
— 62534	42	34562	
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45362		— 34625	35
34256		42356	
23645		25463	
— 62345	S.40	56234	
45236	30	63542	
— 36245		— 63425	S.41
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In the above 720's the methods are the same as published in 'The Ringing World,' but the arrangement is different. Both these 720's were suggested by Mr. Severn in 1933 after we had rung the 35-method peal at Chelford.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—For evensong on Sunday, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Stanley Woodard 1, James Woodruffe 2, John Trotman 3, George Blake 4, Frank Fisher (conductor) 5, Frederick Woodruffe 6, William Woods 7, Alderman Ling 8.

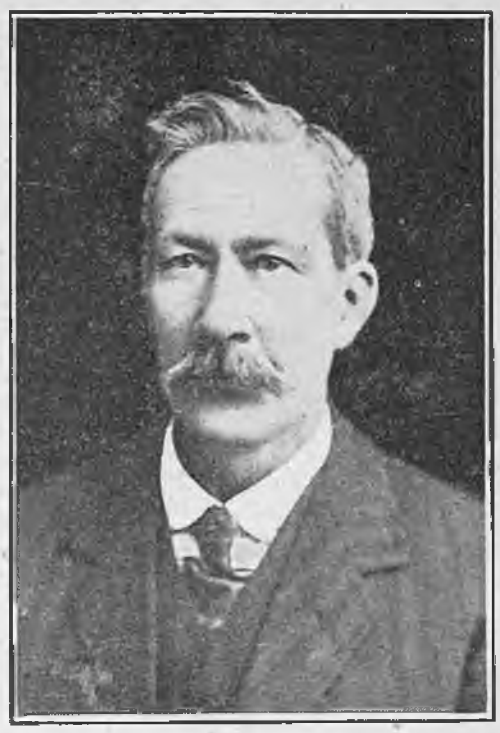
BIRMINGHAM RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS RUSSAM.

As briefly mentioned in our last issue, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russam, of Birmingham, on Friday, March 27th, celebrated their diamond wedding, and they have been the recipients of many congratulations.

Mr. Russam forms a link with the Birmingham ringers of nearly 70 years ago, for his ringing career began in 1869. Prior to that he had been a choirboy at Bishop Ryder's Church, and he and some of his fellow-choristers used to climb the belfry steps and watch 'Puffer' Malin (so-called because he was also organ blower) ringing the bell for service. The boys soon had a desire to ring the bell themselves, and after a bit they almost used to fight for the privilege. When the ring of bells was installed in 1869 Tom Russam was one of the first to become a member of the band.

This soon brought him into contact with the Birmingham celebrities of those days—Johnson, Chattell, Perks, Hallsworth, Biddlestone and others. Those were times when the would-be ringer had to pick up knowledge as best he could. Text-books were not readily available, but Tom Russam 'sat at the feet of the mighty,' and drank in the wisdom (regarding ringing) that fell from their lips. It was Chattell who really taught him Stedman, for he had what was then considered to be the special privilege of going to Chattell's bakery, where that worthy used to demonstrate the 'slow work' by a novel method of his own.



MR. T. RUSSAM.

The Birmingham men, even in those days, were very keen on handbell ringing, and they met, usually, at a place known as 'Old Joe Nixon's.' The practices, it is said, used to commence every week on Mondays and finish the following Sunday night. In this atmosphere of enthusiasm Mr. Russam learnt his ringing, and he became a leading exponent of the art in the city. He is a graceful as well as an expert ringer, and, although Mr. Russam's health has never been robust, he has taken part, he believes, in over 300 peals, although he has kept no detailed record. On tower bells he has rung peals on all numbers from Triples to Maximus, and the methods include Grandsire, Stedman and Erin, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Duffield and Forward, while on handbells his peals include Grandsire from Triples to Cinques, Plain Bob, and Stedman from Triples to Sextuples, for he rang 1-2 in the only peal that has ever been rung on more than 12 bells.

Mr. Russam was a member of the Birmingham and District Association and the Birmingham Amalgamated Society from their formation until they became defunct. He was also a 'Holt Society man' until it was absorbed by St. Martin's Guild, which previous to the amalgamation was St. Martin's Society. Mr. Russam called the first peal for the 'Guild.' In addition to the distinction of having taken part in the Stedman Sextuples, Mr. Russam took a pair of bells in the first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' and the first double-

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BILLINGSHURST RINGER'S DEATH.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION LOSE AN OLD MEMBER.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. James Burdfield, of Billingshurst, at the age of 57. Deceased had been troubled for some time as the result of an injury received during the war, but death was unexpected, as he was actively engaged until within a few days of the end. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

An old member of the Sussex Association, Mr. Burdfield had been leader of the local band for 30 years, and was largely responsible for the complete renovation and rehanging of the Billingshurst bells.

He had rung about 50 peals, and as a ringer and also a member of the choir had been a loyal and devoted churchworker. He will be sadly missed.

At the funeral service, which took place on Friday last and was choral, the cortege was escorted by members of the British Legion, of which deceased was a member. The bells were rung half-muffled. In addition to members of Billingshurst band, ringers were also present from Kirdford, Pulborough, Slinfold and Warnham. Among numerous floral tributes was one from the bellringers and the choir.

As a last token of respect to Mr. Burdfield a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Billingshurst, on March 29th, the funeral having taken place the same day: P. Wood 1, A. Feist 2, C. Wood 3, T. Adams 4, W. Wicks 5, R. Wood, jun. (conductor) 6, R. Wood 7, W. Holden 8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S JUBILEE RINGING.

A very well-attended quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Ickleton on Saturday week. Ringers came from Cambridge, Chelmsford, Chesterton, Exning, Fulbourn, Hitchin, Little Shelford, Melbourn, Newton, Newmarket, Over, Royston, Sawston, Springfield, Trumpington and Willingham, and there was a splendid muster of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Penny), with Mr. L. Lilley at the organ.

Mr. J. Wright, of Trumpington, and Messrs. B. Dean, S. Dockeril, G. Easy and A. Hurst, of Little Shelford, were elected members.

The question of ringing for the King's Silver Jubilee was discussed. The matter is a simple one in the parishes which have keen local bands, but it is hoped to make arrangements to visit towers where there are no ringers during the Jubilee week.

It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Chippenham on May 4th.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. P. Webb, who had made all arrangements so splendidly. The visit to Ickleton is always one of the best events in the association's year, and all who attend can be sure of having a good time, but the 1935 meeting was even better than usual.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

VETERAN RINGER AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

TWO SONS AND DAUGHTER RING FOR BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday, March 31st, Mr. W. Collison, of Tunbridge Wells, attained the age of 71 years, and to mark the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church: Mrs. A. Mayes 1, B. V. Collison 2, C. Collison 3, Miss G. Collison 4, W. Collison 5, H. Markwell 6, A. Richardson 7, A. Mayes 8.

Mr. Collison began his ringing career over 50 years ago in Sussex, and since moving to Tunbridge Wells he has been a regular service ringer at St. Peter's for over 20 years. He has more than 100 peals to his credit, but has always put Sunday service ringing first. He is always ready to help a youngster, and in spite of being older than some of the rest, can still show them how to do it.

The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the above quarter-peal are his sons and daughter. It was conducted by Miss Collison, and was her longest touch as conductor.

The good wishes and congratulations of all the band were offered to Mr. Collison and also to Mr. Mayes, whose birthday fell a week previous, and who is also a regular service ringer at St. Peter's.

Mr. Collison is the second member of the Tunbridge Wells band to complete a long term of service ringing, Mr. W. Latter, the local captain, having recently resigned the secretaryship of the Tonbridge district of the Kent County Association, after 40 years in office.

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handed peal of Stedman Cinques out of London, this being only the second over rung in hand. He also once took part in 10,000 of Grandsire Major on handbells, but he always looks back with pride on his share in a handbell touch of Stedman Cinques at the great gathering of ringers assembled to celebrate Henry Johnson's 80th birthday. Scores of excellent ringers who were present had never before heard twelve-bell ringing on handbells, and the touch went off without a hitch to the huge delight of the assembled company.

During his long career Mr. Russam has acted as instructor to many ringers, and beginners have never had a better mentor.

Advancing years have prevented Mr. Russam of late from doing as much in the belfry as formerly, but he is as alert and interested in ringing as ever.

Ladies and gentlemen, the toast is 'Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russam!'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on Saturday, March 30th, and was attended by over 50 ringers from Beverley (Minster and St. Mary's), Cottingham, Easingwold, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hull, Market Weighton, Pocklington, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Kirk Ella and York, together with visitors from Bradford (Western District), Ripon, Birstwith and Norton (Northern District), Wortley (Southern District), London, Lincolnshire and West Hartlepool. The glorious Minster bells (12) and also the six at Clifton Church were rung in the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in Feasgate Restaurant, and at the business meeting, which was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer), Mr. J. Hardcastle, of Bradford, gave a most interesting account of the Australian tour, for which he was heartily thanked.

The members present stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Cotterell, the association treasurer, Mr. D. England, district committeeman, and Mr. William Pye, all of whom have recently passed away.

The invitation to hold the next meeting at North Ferriby in June was accepted unanimously.

Messrs. G. T. Miller, R. B. Smith and F. W. Dale were all re-elected to serve on the district committee for a further period of three years, and Mr. F. W. Dale to serve on the general committee, while Mr. A. B. Cook was elected on the district committee in place of the late Mr. D. England.

Mr. H. S. Morley was re-elected district secretary for a period of three years. One new member was elected, Mr. A. C. Hopper, of Cottingham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean of York for the use of the bells and to the Minster ringers for the arrangements, and were responded to by Mr. G. Horner, who gave the visitors a hearty welcome to York. Further ringing on the Minster and Clifton bells terminated a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

NORTHAMPTON TOWERS' LOSS.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A YOUNG RINGER.

At St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on Monday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Harry Bruce, a member of the local band, whose tragic death at the early age of 24 has left the band with an empty space which it will be difficult to fill. Well known by all ringers locally, his death has come as a great shock to all, and to those who mourn heartfelt sympathy is offered.

The ringers in the quarter-peal were B. Yorke 1, N. Bannard 2, J. Burston 3, F. Wilford 4, W. Rogers 5, G. Bannard 6, I. Bennett 7, R. H. Taylor (conductor) 8, G. Flavell 9, F. Kettle 10.

On Monday, March 25th, the death occurred of another Northampton ringer, Mr. W. Farey. He had been in ill-health for some years, but his death came unexpectedly. He was for many years a ringer and leader at All Saints' Church.

He was laid to rest on Thursday, March 28th, and as a mark of respect a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the half-muffled bells of St. Peter's Church by some of his old colleagues and members of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild: J. Dean 1, A. P. Hensman 2, A. Robinson 3, F. Wilford 4, H. Blundell 5, W. Parker 6, W. Austin (conductor) 7, W. Atterbury 8. It was at this church that the deceased rang his first peal.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

IMPROVEMENT IN LAMBETH TOWER.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a most successful meeting on March 16th at Lambeth, when some 35 or 40 members and friends attended and made good use of the bells, which are now much more pleasant in the belfry than they used to be, as new ceiling and floors have been put in, so absorbing some of the sound, which was formerly rather strident. Proceedings commenced soon after 3 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples, in which several novices distinguished themselves. During the remainder of the afternoon touches for all were the order, and some good ringing was the result. A substantial tea was disposed of in the Parish Institute. At the business meeting, consisting mostly of routine business, the Master (Mr. H. Mance) mentioned the great loss the Exercise had suffered by the death of Mr. William Pye, and recalled the quiet and dignified temperament of this truly great ringer.

Those present stood in silence for a short time as a tribute to his memory. Afterwards the secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. W. Pye offering the condolences of the members.

More ringing was indulged in previous to the usual evensong, at which the Vicar, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Jones, addressed the company, welcoming them to his church.

Ringing then continued till 9 o'clock. It might be well to say that a most enjoyable time was spent, a feature being that a number of quite young ringers attended and received help and encouragement. Also that a vote of thanks was expressed to the Vicar and to Messrs. Hardy and Wyatt as well as to Mrs. Aitken and her helpers at the tea table.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NOMINATION MEETING.

The society's annual nomination meeting was held at Armley on Saturday, March 30th. The bells were rung up in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 p.m., except for a break for the business meeting and tea. On this occasion the society provided tea for all who made application, and about 50 members sat down to the meal in the Parochial Hall. They were welcomed to the parish by the new Vicar (Rev. J. S. Hollingworth, M.A., LL.D.).

The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) occupied the chair at the business meeting, when a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. F. Renton and seconded by Mr. H. Marsden.—The Vicar, who acknowledged the vote, said although that was his first experience of a gathering of that kind he hoped to welcome the society on future visits to Armley.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. L. Drake.—Mr. H. Lofthouse replied on behalf of the local ringers.

The following nominations were then received: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, J. Hey and H. Marsden; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and L. Drake; trustees of the bank account, Messrs. J. W. Moorhouse and F. Rayment.

After the business meeting the members were entertained with handbells by four members of Leeds Parish Church company and Mr. J. Thackray, of Armley, who rang 'Caller Herring.' Other ringing followed, but when, at the end of one touch, certain ringers were seen following the Vicar down the main room natural curiosity compelled the remainder to follow, and all ringing was forgotten. They found themselves in the room set apart for the children's Guild, where the Vicar has one of the most up-to-date model (electric) railways, covering 17ft. 6in. by 14ft. Oh, how the years fell away from shoulders, and fingers itched to touch the points, controls, etc., of this wonderful model. Then, hearing the tower bells going again, the company were reminded that they had visited Armley for a ringing meeting.

Members were present from Almondbury, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Felkirk, Hendingley, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Northowram, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Tadcaster and the local company.

A KELVEDON PEAL BOARD.

A handsome peal board has been unveiled and dedicated at Kelvedon, Essex, by the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Croft). The board has been made by Mr. W. Elliott and carved by Mr. E. W. Beckwith. The board consists of two panels and records five peals of Surprise Minor, namely, one of London, one in three methods, one in seven methods on one panel, while the other records a peal of Cambridge and a peal in seven methods. Four of the peals were rung in 1933 and the last one in 1934. The ringers who rang in the first three peals were W. Keeble, G. W. Burton, A. Mason, J. Elliott, W. Elliott and C. Button. In the peal of Cambridge, G. Green, of Great Baddow, was in the place of A. Mason, and in the last peal, A. Mason, C. W. Burton, W. Elliott, J. Elliott, W. Keeble and C. Button.

Several touches were brought round by those assembled for the ceremony, among those present being Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), J. C. Newman (Feering) and S. Hills (Witham) and all who rang in the peals with the exception of Mr. G. Green.

The Vicar complimented the ringers upon their achievement, and said it was an incentive to others who would follow. He also thanked the ringers for such a beautiful piece of work, which made a handsome addition to the belfry.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Egerton, Kent, on Sunday, March 17th, 1,260 Doubles, being 300 Original, 360 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire: L. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. J. Pack 2, Miss M. Pack 3, A. Waddington 4, A. Missing 5, V. Field 6.

At Lavenham, Suffolk, on Sunday, March 17th, for evensong, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): A. Symonds 1, F. G. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, F. F. Mortlock 4, D. A. Symonds (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, M. T. Symonds 7, I. G. Nash (first attempt of Surprise Major as conductor) 8.

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inclined to agree with either of his objections, but I quote them to give some idea of what other people think of the scheme besides myself.

I should like to have views and criticisms from young and old, and most especially I would like to hear from all those ringers of 25 and under who would be willing to join the Guild if it were formed and to give it their support. In this way I would be able to tell where there was sufficient strength in the way of young ringers to form branches. Some of the ringers, I expect, will send their opinions to 'The Ringing World,' but perhaps most of them will send their views direct to me.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 30th, St. Magnus' on the 4th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired. —Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 6th. For tea, please send names to Mr. H. Lomax, Avendal, Park Road, Coppull. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, April 6th, at Liversedge. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (10) available at 3 and after the meeting. St. John's, Redhill, bells (8) from 3 to 4. Service at Reigate Parish Church 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15.—Chas. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (eight bells) on Saturday, April 6th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury and Clare District. —A meeting will be held at Glemsford on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, at Prince of Wales, 5. Bus service from Sudbury and Long Melford.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Railway station, Wembley Park (Met.), and Nos. 83, 8 or 46 bus to Blackbird Cross.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Kings Langley on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and those interested are welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Stoke Golding, Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, 5 p.m. Meeting following. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wootton (6 bells) recently restored by Taylors, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome. —Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hollingbourne (6 bells) on Saturday, April 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer welcome. Photographs of the group at Egerton meeting available. Fine prints, about 6in. by 8in., 1s. each, postcard size 3d.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Please book these dates: Saturday, April 13th, Feltham; and Saturday, May 18th, Isleworth. Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting of St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30, with meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me by April 10th for tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescot on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea (9d. each) notify the Vicar, St. Mary's Vicarage, Prescot.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the local ringers, only for those who notify me not later than Monday, April 8th. These bells were put at our disposal at short notice. Please show your appreciation by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. each. Please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 6, Lydgate Villas, Horbury, near Wakefield, by Thursday, 11th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea notify me by Thursday previous latest. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, 10th.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify the Secretary not later than Thursday, April 11th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Low, Bentham, on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. per head. All are welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westmeon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the New Inn. Please let me know numbers for tea by April 10th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—A peal board will be dedicated in this church on Saturday, April 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers and friends welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 10th.—Cyril Wilson (next P.O.), Woodford, Kettering.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, April 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Chilton Foliat. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea (by invitation of the Vicar) at 4.30. Please notify for tea.—A. Taylor, Branch Secretary, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual general meeting will be held at Rochester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by the general meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (10), 10.30-12, 3-4, 4.45-8.30; Rainham (8), after meeting till 8.30; Gillingham (8), Chatham (8), Frindsbury (8), Rochester, St. Margaret's (8), all from 10.30-11.30, and after meeting until 8.30. The nearest six-bell tower is about five miles distant, and arrangements will be made for same if requested. Tickets for luncheon (which includes reasonable refreshment), 1s. each to practising members, 3s. each others. Application for tickets must be made to the undersigned, together with remittance, on or before Tuesday, April 16th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Institute. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Institute, 5.15. All ringers welcome. Sidmouth Bells (8) available 6 p.m. by arrangement.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 3 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., Dean. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 17th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2.45; 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 12 noon and 1 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 22nd. Further particulars next week.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at 3 p.m. on Easter Tuesday. The ring of five has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, before April 25th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North and South Norfolk Branches.—Meetings have been arranged at Redenhall on May 11th and East Dereham on May 25th. Usual arrangements for tea. Please advise, and note change of address as from April 12th: Nolan Golden, Pear Tree Cottage, Northrepps, Norwich.

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EXETER.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at St. Sidwell's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Baker 1, C. Clark 2, C. Lilley 3, W. Drake 4, T. Bartlett 5, E. Shepherd (conductor) 6, J. Lilley 7, W. Howe 8, W. Richardson 9, J. Harris 10.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Porter 1, F. Howson 2, H. Weeks 3, C. Ottley 4, E. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, A. Newman 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8. First in the method by ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, February 17th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Wood (first quarter 'inside') 1, J. H. Godfrey, jun. 2, L. Hine 3, J. H. Godfrey, sen. 4, C. Turner (conductor) 5, J. Arbury 6, E. Marks 7, V. Pyne (first quarter-peal) 8.

LATE NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice Sat., April 13th, St. Mary Bourne. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

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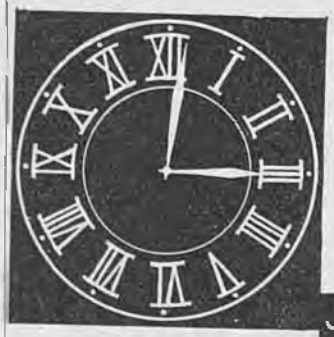

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ORGANISATION OF YOUTH.

The proposal put forward in our last issue by Mr. Malcolm Melville to establish a Guild exclusively for the youthful members of the Exercise will, we are sure, have aroused great interest among the junior members of the ringing fraternity. Whether or not they will start such an organisation is entirely for them to determine, and if they desire it, it is not for their elders to say them nay. Those of us who have already passed the age limit may, perhaps, be permitted to offer them advice, but the actual decision must rest with the young people themselves. The main principles which they have to consider in beginning an undertaking of this kind is whether there is scope for such a Guild, and whether it will really serve the purpose for which it is intended.

There can be no question as to the place youth is taking in the Exercise to-day. Despite the lament in many quarters that young ringers are hard to obtain and harder still to retain, there was never a time when more young people were interested in the art of bell ringing. A generation ago really young ringers were comparatively few and far between; to-day every association boasts of a large number of them. The facilities for obtaining practice are greater than ever they were, and the youngsters of both sexes receive the utmost encouragement; indeed, it is often complained that some of them are taught to run before they can walk. There is not much ground for complaint in these days that youngsters do not get their share of opportunities of ringing or advancement, but we do think that there is a great deal to be said for providing them with greater means of mixing with ringers of their own age, of developing initiative and of learning how to shoulder the responsibilities of office which will fall to their lot when their elders have to lay down the reins.

Youth at the helm is the way to create energy and enterprise, and if a Guild of Youth were formed in connection with church bell ringing we do not think there need be any fears that promising youngsters who joined it would be 'dropped' by the 'old hands.' The old ringer, unless he be of the dog-in-the-manger type, is only too pleased to watch the advance of his pupil, and in any event the junior will not be entirely independent of his elders if he wants to make progress. Any fear of loss of interest by the seniors in their pupils can therefore, we think, be put aside as groundless. On the other hand, we believe that an organisation of youth would be one of the best means of keeping up a supply of ringers in our towers. It is the fact that age and youth, with their difference of outlook and lack of common interest in things outside ringing, do not mix well, that largely leads to failure to keep young people in the belfry, even if they have been induced

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to start. The towers where the inflow of regular recruits is most assured are the towers where new ringers can come in on some parity of age with others already in the band, and there is nothing which draws young people to the belfry better than the presence of other youngsters. If a new Guild of Youth can set out with the high ideal of popularising the art and inculcating the desire for service among others of their own age and so augment the supply of ringers in our church towers, it should have a great future before it. It would supplement rather than compete with the work of other ringing organisations, especially if it were made a condition that qualification for admission should be membership of some recognised association, guild or society. The future of ringing is with the young people of this country; they should be induced by every reasonable means to retain and increase their interest in the art; and if an organisation established among themselves can serve this end it is worthy of all the encouragement which their elders can give it.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES;

Tenor 39¾ cwt.

*ERNEST F. BENNETT...	...*Treble*	†JOHN BROWN	6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
EDWIN C. BIRKETT	3	JAMES MELDRUM	8
CLAUDE I. DAVIES	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	9
GEORGE R. NEWTON... ...	5	*HUGH ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EVAN COLES	...*Treble*	ALFRED PARNELL	6
ERNEST COOMBES	2	GEORGE LARGE	7
*LESLIE BAINHAM	3	†REGINALD ADDIS	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRED G. MAY. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from the treble. Arranged specially as a farewell compliment to Dr. E. E. Brierly, for many years churchwarden at this church, who is now leaving Cardiff and going into retirement in the Isle of Man.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*REG. C. H. CONNOLLY	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. ROSE	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	... 2	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT ...	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	8
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	9
GEORGE PRESTON	5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells.

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EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, March 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HOWE	...Treble	*ARTHUR T. TRUMAN	5
JOHN ARBURY	2	*HARRY CORRY	6
CHARLES R. LILLEY	3	*WILLIAM A. WILLS	7
JAMES E. LILLEY	4	ALFRED G. BETTS	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS	...Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP	5
JAMES F. HUTCHBY	2	THOMAS ATKINS	6
*LESLIE STEPHENS	3	COLIN HARRISON	7
JOHN GRUNDY	4	JOHN P. FIDLER	...Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. J. Lyon, Rector of Loughborough, on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN S. MORTON	...Treble	ALFRED G. HILL	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
†JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	HARRY HOVERD	...Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Spliced in four methods 'inside.' First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods by the society. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the latter methods being rung in alternate courses. The ringer of tenor has now completed the 'circle' to a peal at this tower.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE GILLETT	...Treble	Sgt. J. WILLIAMS	5
THOMAS WORRALL	2	ERNEST MATTHEWS	6
GEORGE CONDICK	3	WILLIAM H. HARRIS	7
JOHN AUSTIN	4	HENRY NEWMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
* First peal of Triples.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*KENNETH SIMPSON	...Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	3	THOMAS B. KENDALL	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON	...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS
* First peal and rung at the first attempt. Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson. Master K. Simpson, aged 14 years, is to be congratulated on an excellent performance.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

J. HALL	...Treble	F. L. FISHER	5
A. WATSON	2	*H. VINCE	6
*W. SMITH	3	H. HALL	7
*A. E. SMITH	4	A. LING	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. LING.
* First peal of Major. First attempt for a peal as conductor.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WISBECH BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON	...Treble	EDWARD BARKER	5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	2	FRED WIGMORE	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
WALLACE COUSINS	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF WICKEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ALBAN DISNEY	...Treble	KENNETH A. ROE	5
ALBERT L. WARD	2	RICHARD F. ROE	6
ALFRED H. CARTER	3	FRANK W. LLOYD	7
EDWIN LLOYD	4	JOSEPH S. CARTER	...Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. S. CARTER.
This method is now rung for the first time. Treble ringer belongs to Anstey. All the others are Sunday service ringers at All Saints', Wigston Magna.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN	...Treble	ERNEST J. LADD	5
TOM SAUNDERS	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	ALEC RICHARDSON	7
ARTHUR LEWRY	4	THOMAS E. SONE	...Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by T. E. SONE.
First peal in a 'Little' method by all the band, also on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lewry, mother of the ringer of the fourth.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS	...Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	CHARLES WOODBERRY	6
JOHN BASS	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	THOMAS HEMMING	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged for Mr. Collins, of Croydon.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WALTER MARTIN	...Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
*JOHN FORD	3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM LAST	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.
* First peal in the method.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK CORKE	...Treble	LAWRENCE GREENHOW	5
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
JAMES H. LUCAS	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
CHARLES POTHECARY	4	WILLIAM H. JOINER	...Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS	...Treble	ARTHUR G. JANES	5
A. REGINALD BLABY	2	*HARRY C. JONES	6
ARTHUR NEWTON	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	VICTOR EVANS	...Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.
* First peal of Triples and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans. Also a birthday compliment to the daughter of James W. Wilkins, who is in Australia.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, March 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	...Treble	*JAMES AVERY	4
WILLIAM GORRINGE	2	†GEORGE SIMS	5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	3	JAMES G. POWELL	...Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, March 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM	...Treble	*JAMES RICHES	4
LEWIS J. BATLEY	2	GEORGE FILBY	5
DAVID CRACKNELL	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal in four methods.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, April 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	...Treble	CLAUDE WOODWARD	4
*HERBERT C. FORDHAM	2	ROY WOODWARD	5
PERCY L. JOHNSON	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal in five methods. Arranged for the ringer of the fourth, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

COITY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES H. PERRY	...Treble	*BENJAMIN J. TOBY	4
*D. REES JAMES	2	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT	5
*EDWARD T. BAILEY	3	FRANK MORGAN	...Tenor

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells. It is 25 years since a peal was rung on these bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Betty Sommers, daughter of one of the local ringers.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*CHARLES R. SMITH	...Treble	ERNEST C. KIMM	4
EDGAR RIVERS	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
*JAMES E. POTTER	3	*EDWIN C. SIMPSON	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.
* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY	...Treble	GEORGE GUTTERIDGE	4
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	TONY PRICE	5
WILFRED EDWARDS	3	HARRY WINGROVE	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Evans on the occasion of their golden wedding, also a birthday compliment to J. A. Loveday, a member of the local band.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, April 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BEAVER	...Treble	ALBERT E. JONES	4
V. JAMES CARLESS	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
WILLIAM BEAVER	3	FREDERICK J. WATKINS	...Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. H. J. Hamer, a 'stalwart' of the above church for nearly 50 years.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WARWICK MEETING.

Minutes of the Second Session of the fifteenth Council (42nd annual meeting), held in the Court House, Warwick, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1934, at 11 o'clock.

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Malins, supported by Alderman W. T. Collier, extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Mayor and Corporation.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry welcomed the Council on behalf of the Church.

Prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop, and the president took the chair.

Present:—

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 Asssociation: 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. Hazelden.
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. Coles, 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. Miles.
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. Ll. 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. Trewhella.
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.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES, ETC.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the total membership was unaltered, being 51 associations represented by 128 members, and 14 honorary members.

The only subscription unpaid was that of the Shropshire Association.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Members retiring according to the rules were the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and Stephen H. Wood.

The Standing Committee recommended their re-election and the election of Mr. E. C. S. Turner to the remaining vacancy.

The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule II. the following were presented: Mr. F. Colclough, Dudley and District Guild, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. G. Lewis, Swansea and Brecon.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Archdeacon Parry, Canon C. C. Marshall, Rev. J. B. Frith, Messrs. E. Bishop, C. E. Borrett, J. H. Cheeseman, G. Chester, W. T. Cockerill, A. Coppock, G. H. Cross, W. J. Davidson, F. N. Golden, C. Matthews, T. Metcalfe, W. J. Nevard, J. W. Parker, J. C. Pollard, A. H. Pulling, J. T. Rickman, F. W. Rogers, T. S. Sone, S. H. Symonds, T. H. Taffender; hon. members: Messrs. J. Griffin and C. W. Roberts.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President referred to the death of the following members and past members: Rev. A. T. Beeston 1911-1929, Mr. J. D. Matthews 1912-1934, Mr. J. Waghorn 1897-1908.

In their memory members stood in silence.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, that the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on May 11th, 1934, be taken as read and be approved, subject to the inclusion of Mr. F. W. Rogers' name under 'Members presented.'

Arising out of the minutes, 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 reported that this resolution was brought to the notice of the Ely Diocesan Association for their attention.

REPORTS.

The following reports, etc., were circulated to all members and associations and were published in 'The Ringing World.' They are available for inspection.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

The report was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 1st, 1934, page 347, and was presented by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. librarian.

The Standing Committee recommended that the hon. librarian be given power to renew stocks of books in common demand, that the sum of £5 be available in any one year for the purchase of books for the library, and that the officers of the Council may at their discretion reduce the price of surplus stocks.

The report and recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Jenkyn for the gift of volumes of 'The Ringing World' up to 1932.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts published in 'The Ringing World' on June 1st, 1934, page 347, were presented by the hon. treasurer, and on the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, were adopted.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS.

The Standing Committee recommended that honorary auditors be elected under Rule 8 to serve until the next London meeting, and further recommended that Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles be invited to serve.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of the president.

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 1st, 1934, page 347). The Standing Committee recommended that the fee of 10s. 6d. be paid to the demonstrator who attended on April 28th. The report and recommendation were adopted on the motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

On the president's motion it was agreed to accept Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's offer to demonstrate his ringing machine at the next Council meeting.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

This was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 1st, 1934, page 347.

The committee recommended that Mr. E. Denison Taylor be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. D. Matthews. The report and recommendation were adopted on the president's motion. Mr. E. Denison Taylor expressed his thanks.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report (published in 'The Ringing World' on June 8th, 1934, page 362) was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff. The committee suggested that the articles on 'Variations' by Mr. J. A. Trollope, published in 'The Ringing World' in 1930 (pages 830-831) and 1931 (pages 10, 26, 42, 74, 90, 123, 138, 166 and 182), be reproduced in pamphlet form.

The Standing Committee recommended that the articles 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.

The committee agreed to include a few peals of Spliced Surprise Major in the collection of peals now being prepared.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. Lindoff, seconded by Mr. E. W. Marsh, and on the president's motion it was agreed to give the committee power to print the pamphlet on 'Variations' when completed.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope presented the report (published in 'The Ringing World,' May 18th, 1934, page 314).

With regard to the Council's publications the committee recommended '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.).'

The committee were given permission to delete the following sentences from their recommendation: (a) 'We suggest that this recommendation shall apply to all future publications by the Central Council.' (b) 'Our proposal is that in later books of the Central Council of a similar character, anonymity should be the rule and not the exception.'

On the proposal of Mr. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood, the report as amended was adopted.

ELECTION TO COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Mr. S. Wood, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell, that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be elected to the committee.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report and analysis published in 'The Ringing World' on April 6th was formally presented by Mrs. Fletcher.

Attention was drawn to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung by the Worcester and Districts Association which had been found to be false, and which the committee had already deleted from the official copy of the analysis.

The report was seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye and adopted.

REPORT OF THE TOWER AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The committee's report stated that members had, during the year, dealt with problems in 17 towers. As in former years, the members of the committee reported verbally on matters dealt with (see 'The Ringing World, June 8th, 1934, page 363).

The committee recommended that the attention of all Archdeacons be drawn to the dangers of Ellacombe Chiming Hammers if they were not properly used and attended to.

On the president's motion, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World,' June 15th, 1934, pages 378 and 379, was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. Cave, and carried.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope and seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher: '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.'

The Standing Committee recommended that, in place of the last two words, the words 'those members present' be substituted, and on the proposal of Mr. C. F. Johnston, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, it was agreed to make this substitution.

It was proposed by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, that this resolution apply to all motions put before the Council. The amendment and resolution were both lost.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope: '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 Rev. B. H. T. Drake proposed as a rider on behalf of the Standing Committee: 'That the "Bankes James Arrangement" be as defined in the 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."' This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

The motion in its amended form was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by Mr. J. Parker, and carried: '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.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Standing Committee recommended that the next meeting be held at Shrewsbury, and on the president's motion the recommendation was adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The following motions were recommended by the Standing Committee for consideration by the Council:—

CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

It was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, and carried: '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.'

It was agreed that the committee consist of the officers of the Council and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, and carried: 'That a letter of greetings be sent by the Council to the ringers in Australia, and that the Council approves the scheme to prepare a collection of photographs of English towers for presentation to Melbourne Cathedral and Hobart.'

MEMORIALS.

The Standing Committee recommended that a grant of £10 10s. be made to the memorial to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and £3 3s. to the memorial to Canon Baker.

On the president's motion the recommendation was adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS.

On the president's motion it was resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Archdeacon Parry, he being the first member of the Council to attain that dignity.

IRREGULAR METHODS.

An enquiry by Mr. A. D. Barker as to the Council's attitude to irregular methods which were still rung was stated by the president to be a matter for the affiliated associations, who had agreed to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

BROADCASTING.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards invited all members of the Council to write to the B.B.C. suggesting that the great bell in St. Paul's Cathedral be broadcast as well as the clock.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the president's motion, thanks were accorded to the Mayor and Corporation of Warwick for the use of the Court House, Alderman Dr. Malins, Deputy Mayor, and the Bishop of Coventry for their presence and welcome, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of bells, the Warwickshire Guild for their hospitality, Mr. F. W. Ferrens and committee for making excellent arrangements, Mr. Adams, of St. Mary's, Warwick, for his kind assistance, and to all tower and steeple keepers.

Mr. F. W. Ferrens replied.

A vote of thanks to the president was proposed by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The meeting terminated at about 5.15 p.m.

After the meeting, members of the Council were the guests of the Warwickshire Guild to tea, with their president, the Rev. J. B. Davies, in the chair, supported by the Mayor of Warwick.

PASSING OF A SUFFOLK RINGER.

LINK WITH KELSALE COMPANY 100 YEARS AGO.

On Friday, April 5th, there was laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of St. Peter's Church, Kelsale, Suffolk, the mortal remains of Mr. William Drew, who passed away after a long illness, patiently borne, on April 1st, at the age of 64 years. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, the deceased had been a ringer at Kelsale Church since his school days, and was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild. He had rung upwards of 60 peals, and was a safe ringer and conductor in many methods.

William Drew was a grandson of the late Henry Drew, who between 80 and 100 years ago was conductor of the old Kelsale company of ringers, and who helped to make Suffolk ringing history in those far-off days.

In addition to members of the family, the funeral was attended by several old ringing friends including Mr. F. Watling, representing the Saxmundham company, of which the deceased was also a member.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION SECRETARY WANTS TO RETIRE.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Brighouse on Saturday, March 23rd. In spite of very unsettled weather about 40 members were present, representing Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Birstall, Denholme, Elland, Halifax, Haworth, Headingley St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Holbeck, Idle, Keighley, Leeds Parish, Lightcliffe, Lindley, Queensbury, Rothwell, Shipley and Sowerby towers, together with the local company. The Vicar (the Rev. R. E. M. Haines) conducted the service, and gave a very friendly and interesting address.

Tea at the Co-op Cafe was followed by the business meeting, at which the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) was in the chair.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Tysoe (Headingley), A. Barker and A. Dennison (Tadcaster), W. S. Green and T. C. Corlass (Keighley).

The Secretary (Mr. W. Ambler) explained the reason for not holding the December meeting, which was accepted. As the Mirfield ringers had expressed a wish for a meeting to be held at their tower on the newly rehung peal, it was resolved to hold the June meeting at this tower if arrangements could be made.

The Secretary intimated, owing to the curious nature of his work, a desire to retire, but as no successor could be found he was asked to carry on until the next meeting. The following were re-elected to serve on the committee: Messrs. J. Ambler, H. Peel and C. E. Lawson.

Mr. J. Ambler being re-elected to the general committee, the vacant seat on the divisional committee was filled by the election of Mr. R. Bottomley.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was voiced by Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the association).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.—The Vicar suitably replied.

A vote of thanks to the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior.—Mr. G. Drake, an old stalwart of the local company, replied in a pleasant speech.

The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to that great ringer, the late Mr. William Pye.

Handbells were brought into use and some visited the tower for further ringing.

Will members please note that June 15th is definitely fixed for the meeting at Mirfield.

RINGERS' DINNER AT GLOUCESTER.

The seventh annual dinner of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Gloucester Branch) was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on Saturday, March 30th.

Mr. W. R. Eggleton was in the chair, supported by Mrs. Eggleton, Mr. S. E. Romans (chairman of the branch and Master of the association), Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), and Messrs. J. Austin, J. Williams, and J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association), etc.

After the loyal toast, Mr. Romans, proposing 'Church and State,' said that Gloucester had for its diocese a very admired and fearless Bishop, backed by a clergy who, he was glad to see, were interested in the young and in sport, not forgetting bellringing.

Mr. John Clarke, responding, said that he was sorry to hear of so many apologies from the clergy, but during his 50 years as a ringer he had met very few examples of clergy who were against the ringers.

Mr. J. W. Jones proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association,' whose members, he said, were carrying on their traditions of giving a chance to all ringers, and he wished them long life. No one was doing more for bellringing that Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary.

Mr. Romans, responding, referred to the honour the association had done him in appointing him their Master. He mentioned the memorial made for the memory of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, co-founder of the association, for which £340 had been subscribed, four hundred ringers from all parts of England attending the ceremony. He congratulated the committee on their organisation of this tribute. In May they would be celebrating His Majesty's Jubilee, and he knew few ringers would be failing when that time came.

Mr. S. Riches, Master of Bristol United Guild, proposing 'Other Kindred Societies,' said that he did not believe many societies under the Church, such as choirs, were as well organised as ringing, and in the work of Guilds there was much that could be done to help men on to the more advanced stages.

The toast of 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. J. Austin, was replied to by Mr. E. Guise, and the toast of 'The Ringing World' was also proposed by Mr. J. Austin. To this toast Mr. Eggleton added that of 'The Citizen.'

A successful evening concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton, and to all who had helped in their enjoyment, proposed by Mr. Romans, and with the National Anthem.

Musical selections were given by Messrs. R. Benfield, R. Dobell, L. David, F. T. Harris and Virgo, and entertainment by the Tuffley Revellers. The handbells were rung by Messrs. Austin, Harris, Romans and Williams.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the taproom of the Five Bells Inn, at Horton, a set of twelve handbells is suspended from the ceiling. How long they have been there no one really knows. At any rate they have been there longer than the oldest inhabitant, a lady of 94, can remember. Another inn in which a set of handbells seem to 'go with the house' is to be found on the road between Bagshot and Brackuell, Berks.

If a Guild of Youth is to be formed, why not, asks a correspondent, start a Guild of Age with St. Mary-le-Tower's seven grandfathers? There could soon be a society of patriarchs.

The bells at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, where more than a hundred years ago some wonderful records in Minor ringing were set up, are to be dedicated to-morrow evening by the Bishop of Sheffield. The bells have been restored and augmented to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

On February 27th, 1816, the Wath ringers rang 'twenty-one peals,' in as many different methods, 'making 15,120 changes, which were brought round in masterly style in 8 hours and 27 minutes, without a man quitting his rope.' In the previous April almost the same band had rung 'fourteen peals.' The backbone of the company appears to have been a talented family named Blackburn.

Earls Barton, in Northamptonshire, is reputed to possess the finest Saxon tower in the country. The bells here have just been tuned, augmented to eight and hung in a new massive oak frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They were dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday week. A picture of the tower will appear in our next issue.

The good wishes of his many friends throughout the Exercise will go out to Mr. John Evans and Mrs. Evans, of Hughenden, who have just celebrated their golden wedding.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles, in which all the bells in turn act as the 'whole hunt,' was rung as long ago as December 26th, 1912, at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, so that the peal rung at Somerby, Leicestershire, on March 23rd last, was presumably the third, and not the second of its kind. The peal at Lincoln was rung by George Chester, James S. Betts (conductor), George Gromton, William Clarke and Richard Sharpe.

REPTON CHURCH BELLS.

OLD REPTONIANS INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Repton 'Parish Magazine' for March announces that the gudgeons and bearings of the church bells are worn beyond repair and that the Church Council have decided to rehang the existing ring of six on ball bearings.

It is also proposed to add two new trebles to make a ring of eight.

One bell has already been promised, provided the necessary support is forthcoming for the second bell and the repairs to be carried out, and as soon as sufficient money is received the order will be given to the Loughborough Foundry to proceed with the work.

Amongst the thousands of Old Reptonians who have, in days gone by, relied on the church clock and its chimes to get them up in time for early school there must be some who are interested in the church and its bells, and who would like to give some donation towards the restoration.

Any contributions, however small, will be welcomed by the Vicar, Repton, Derby, or by the undersigned.

The Vicar concluded his letter to me by saying that it would be nice if eight Old Reptonians could ring at the dedication after the bells have been opened by the local ringers. Can this be arranged?

I will conclude by saying that it would be better still if the Old Boys would provide the second bell.

H. J. CANN (Capt.).

The Ridgeway,
Sheets Heath, Brookwood, Surrey.

GREAT-GRANDFATHERS IN A PEAL.

IPSWICH VETERANS.

The quarterly meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on Tuesday, April 2nd. Before proceeding with the business mention was made of the tremendous loss, not only the society but the whole Exercise had sustained by the death of one of its members, Mr. William Pye, and on the suggestion of the chairman all present stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute of respect to his memory.

At this meeting four courses of Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus were rung, in which seven grandfathers took part, and two of these were great-grandfathers, viz., Robert H. Brundle and Frederick J. Tillett, both of whom rang in the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham nearly 43 years ago, the latter ringing the tenor. Mr. Robert Brundle has rung with five generations of the Tillett family.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

(Continued.)

TO ROTORUA.

Train v. motor-car was decided in favour of a six-seater saloon, enabling the whole party to travel in comfort upwards of 152 miles out to Rotorua and back the following morning. No visitor to New Zealand is expected to leave the country without paying a call at the Maori Settlement and the Thermal Wonderland at Rotorua. On Friday, therefore, we were up at 5.30, had breakfast at 6, and started off by car at 6.30 a.m.

The route was via the towns of Hamilton and Cambridge, including an unexpected deviation of 20 miles on a by-road, as the main was totally closed for rapid resurfacing. Passing for miles alongside the river Waikato gave us glimpses of the Thames Valley in imagination, disillusioned when the second tyre gave out, but this was ultimately made good at Hamilton. Homely features on this part of the journey were to be seen: replicas of English country with the humble farms and outbuildings, the hedgerows on the roadsides and grazing cattle in the pastures.

The latter part of our ride over narrow mountainous roads gave us wild picturesque views of the heart of the interior, studded with high tree ferns and gum trees. We arrived at Rotorua at noon, and after lunch we visited the Maori village. With the help of an official guide a well-informed tour was safely completed. Hot and cold springs rise here and there like a fountain; there are pools of boiling mud, which throw up large blobs of material to fall back with a splash, like jumping frogs. You have to be careful where you walk, for in places only a thin crust of old larva covers the subterranean caves. Steam and mist, continually creeping upwards, give the region a weird aspect.

In this reserve the natives have their own schools and church and follow their own handicrafts after instructional classes. Our courteous guide, named Annie, was able to give us a little more history than usual in perfect English. We were caught in a New Zealand downpour of rain and took to the shelter built on the property, where we stayed for an hour, giving us rest and opportunity to show her an English mystery, viz., a course of Grandsire Triples without handbells, by Messrs. Hardcastle, Fussell, Martin and Linter. It was well done, not a word spoken, and we left her quite astonished that no two 'fists' were moved at the same instant.

In the settlement men were busy repairing and painting the fences, houses, and pathways, in preparation for the visit of the Duke of Gloucester. Near their meeting house we were fortunate in witnessing an uncommon incident, specially rehearsed for pictures to be taken for a cinematograph film.

SHARING THE NATIVES' DINNER.

A group of natives in native costume were just about to uncover their cooking oven when we arrived, and to share the fish and potatoes among themselves. They generously offered our party some of their dinner. My sample was excellent, and Maude's photograph of the affair one of the best. The 'oven' is a primitive arrangement, just a hollow in the ground with hot stones laid in and covered with rush mats. The food is then placed on them and more mats used to retain the heat.

The storm over, the next places of interest were the blue and the green lakes, some 10 miles out on a winding road—between mountains—not unlike that from Ambleside to Broughton, without the stone walls. Going back to the other side of the town, we visited Fairy Springs, where trout come up to spawn. Electric lamps are hung on the trees along the banks of the stream and reveal thousands of the fish. They are so accustomed to being fed when visitors arrive that they will take food from your hand if it is held near the surface of the water. The lady in charge showed us round the springs and her museum, and amongst her jokes was the riddle, 'Why does the sea moan?' which has never been answered by an American tourist up to now. Reading the weather reports from Australia, we wondered if any of our 'Bendigo' friends could answer it.

Making good use of the daylight, it was 7.30 before tea and dinner together were served to us at Costello's Cafe, the finest meal of turbot, it was agreed, that we had ever had.

Mrs. Willson, our landlady, was given particular instructions to call us early—5 a.m. on Saturday morning—for our return journey. Her calling and her breakfast were punctiliously performed, and we were on our way at 5 o'clock before realising that her clock was an hour fast. The early morning drive in the clear air and bright sunshine will long be remembered, ending at Auckland at 11.40, and Onehunga at 1 o'clock for luncheon.

The population of New Zealand totals 1,536,964. Of these the Maori number 71,131 in the various settlements, and of the whites 98 per cent. are British stock. The city of Auckland has the largest population (221,300) in New Zealand, and the whole country has the lowest death rate in the world, viz., 8.4 per thousand.

Our afternoon was spent at the Parish Church of St. Matthew, and here at 2.30, quite a good company of change ringers met us, considering we were in a non-ringing city. In addition to our own party there were Messrs. Baker (Guildford), Colegrove (Oxford), Charge (Fulham), Hamblin and son (Hersham), Fountain (Lincoln), Guppy (Melbourne), Davis (Oldham), and a tenor man, and I will add the verger's young son, keen on tower and handbell ringing. The bells are one of Warner's good octaves (tenor 10 cwt.)—similar to Boyne Hill, Berks—cast for the great Exhibition of London, 1851, and on show at the Crystal Palace. They were purchased by subscriptions raised in New Zealand and England and presented to Bishop Selwyn with the express stipulation that they were to be hung in the first church tower in Auckland built to receive them. They were shipped to New Zealand about the year 1863, and at that time there was no place to receive them. St. Mary's C.E. Cathedral, as the centre of the Church in the city, had no tower, but the authorities erected a wooden structure in the grounds nearby, and here for 40 years the bells were chimed in tunes, etc., or tolled for the usual services, a Maori boy being one of the chief performers. In 1906, St. Matthew's Church being completed, the bells were removed to the steeple and rung for the passing of the old year and the coming of the new, and here they have remained ever since, faithfully observing the trust imposed, although rumour hints that the Cathedral people consider they are on loan to St. Matthew's.

THE QUAINTEST BELFRY IN THE WORLD.

A Maori image at Ohinemutu, near Auckland, in which a bell supplants the usual protruding tongue, which denotes defiance.

These bells are famous as the Selwyn octave, but have not been rung for many years—they are the only ringing peal in the North Island—mostly on account of structural defects in the steeple, and more so from local prejudice, after Press letters of complaint some years ago. A wedding ceremony at 3 o'clock had to be considered, this giving us a rare chance to hear the bells and try them by means of clocking, with ropes tied to clappers. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung on handbells, part of a Warner set of 36 kept in the belfry, most of the company taking a hand and rousing up latent talent and new interest.

For many years Mr. A. J. White, the captain, struggled hard to keep the art going in Auckland, and like most Southern Hemisphere conductors has had his share of disappointment. He conducted the first quarter-peal (Grandsire Triples) on Sunday, August 11th, 1912, recorded in the belfry, and another in August, 1913, followed soon afterwards by a valiant attempt for a full peal that failed after 3,322 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. 5 mins.

St. Matthew's is a handsome and commanding stone building in Early English style, with beautiful features in the interior, consisting of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, with a western entrance and lobby. This tower has a most uncommon design, the ringing room is 20ft. square, and rather overdone in the spacious open windows of the belfry. It is built in an unusual position, with lofty open arches to the church interior that show signs of weakness or settlement in the south-east pier. The foundation stone was laid by the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., on St. George's Day, 1902, and the site selected stands at the corner of two main roads, having a decided fall eastwards. This led to a semi-basement being constructed beneath the east end of the church—tower, baptistry and chancel—providing accommodation for choirboys, lavatories, stores, etc., but this necessitated the two piers going down another 10ft., which is not conducive to tower security in a country subject to seismic disturbances.

Owing to the recent death of the Vicar, a locum tenens is doing duty, so no effective suggestions could be offered. Friends on the spot—Mr. J. C. Wells, Mr. Colegrove and Mr. Dunsheath—are watching for an opportunity to put this tower on the ringing map, the latter gentleman, a metal merchant, rather advocating a recasting of the bells, which I consider would be a scandal.

The best news in Auckland related to a legacy of £500 left to All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, by Mr. Stitchbury, especially for a peal of bells for that church in memory of his grandfather, from London, who was in his younger days a lowly bellringer. The ringers of England will watch with keenness how this handsome gift will be installed for use in the future—thumping or swinging?

After leaving the church it was a parting and farewell with many of our friends, and then home to Onehunga for an alfresco evening with a party of 20 townspeople. The social room of a local tennis club was decorated, and here handbells, by special request, refreshments, speeches, and talks about various English counties terminated at 11.30, after neighbourly good-nights and discussion of plans for the morrow. So ended one long spell of sunshine and variety—really a day and a half.

On Sunday, our only one here, calls were made on the neighbours in the morning, and after lunch there was a drive out to Mangere, crossing the bay by a long pontoon bridge to the Auckland aerodrome and speed track. In the hangar were several machines that had flown wonderful journeys, but none went up as the clerk of the weather had notified bad weather ahead. This was corroborated two days after we left by flooding, the most widespread in memory for North Auckland. Taheke Bridge, 240ft. long, was swept away, and damage of £2,000 estimated. Others, including one of 70ft. span at Puketi, were devastated. Boat passengers from Australia never left their cabins, the weather being so unkind.

Messrs. Goode and Wilkinson kindly drove us out on a stretch of 20 miles along a high ridge, resembling Wenlock Edge, with fine views of the sea coast on either hand, and then back to tea as the rain began to fall gently.

Our Wellington train left Auckland Central at 7 p.m. Mrs. Scammell, Mrs. Charge and Mrs. Field, and many of our male friends were there to wish us 'good bye,' our number increased to six by Mr. Charge joining us. We had booked reserved seats for the long ride of 424 miles, with occasional 'naps,' with eyes open as well as closed on the way, coffee and sandwiches; but the most annoying thing was the unnecessary awakening by the ticket examiner, who roused us six times on the run. Half-way we passed a large reserve of land secured to the nation, with a railway station, where we felt the effects of the famous mountain, 'Ngauruhoe,' being in eruption. We had heard on Saturday that 'he' had started his old tricks again, and found, with favourable wind, our carriage getting dusty with the sulphurous fumes.

GOOD-BYE, NORTH ISLAND.

Arriving at Thorndon terminus, Wellington, near the harbour, at 9.50 a.m., we were very glad, after a night of it, to stretch our legs with a walk round the city. Breakfast was followed by a visit to St. Peter's Church. While we were standing to admire the Town Hall, there came along a sight-seeing car, run by the 'Bell' Bus Company, which we boarded without question, and enjoyed a right good round of the city at 5s. each for a 30 miles' trip taking three hours. The name, I think, caused the British bellringers to jump on—a sort of fellow-feeling. On this journey we followed the irregular line of the coast, with many bays and points of interest. The straits, named after Captain Cook, are only 14 miles wide, and at times we were up to a point 650ft. above sea level. We had extensive views of the South Island and the snow-clad heights of Mount Tapuaenuka (9,467ft.). It was our good fortune to arrive at Wellington's war memorial about 4 p.m., when the carillonneur was giving a special recital for relaying to England and throughout Australasia. I well remember hearing these same bells in Hyde Park, London, before they came out, and having a cup of tea by kind invitation of the bell founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. I have come to the conclusion that the little wooden building near the Serpentine gave the best musical results, speaking generally.

After tea we boarded the 'Rangitira.' The boat was fully occupied, and all six of us helped to fill up a 12-berth enclosure on the staircase. Our steward, named Evans, from Tring, inquired after Mr. Reeves, an old friend, and we were joined by Mr. Roberts, of New Plymouth, and formerly of Gravesend tower.

Wellington was left behind with a new crescent moon shining in competition with the city lights, and we made for Littleton on a smooth sea, most of the passengers making a late bed. W. H. F.

TENTERDEN RINGER'S DEATH.

St. Mildred's, Tenterden, has lost one of the pioneers of change ringing at Tenterden by the death of Henry Holdstock at the age of 73 years. He had been a service ringer for over 50 years, and had rung 25 peals. He was also a member of the choir for 40 years. His genial disposition made him much liked by all who knew him, and his services as a ringer will be greatly missed.

The funeral service took place on Tuesday last. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, members of the Kent County Association being also present from Frittenden and Hawkhurst.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. D. Pack 2, F. Roberts 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, A. Missing 5, J. Pack (first quarter-peal) 6.

A GUILD OF YOUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was a real pleasure to read Mr. Malcolm Melville's letter in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' As a young ringer myself, I had the same idea about a year ago, and have been considering it ever since. I am of the opinion that this would be the solution to the present-day problem of holding young ringers' interest. It is perfectly true what Mr. Melville says about youths of 12-17 not being expected to mix freely with their elders of between 50-70. By making the age limit 25 years or under, there is plenty of real talent for peal ringing. And I think that it would be a splendid idea to arrange as many peals as possible with ringers all under 26.

The person, whose letter Mr. Melville quotes, against the idea must have a very false impression of young ringers' abilities. After the brilliant performance the other week at Crayford, where a band whose average age was only 22, rang a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods, he surely cannot doubt that there is some excellent talent available for young peals. There is the band in and around London which, if they were organised, would be capable of ringing a peal of Treble Twelve at Southwark Cathedral, where the tenor is 50 cwt. All are under 25, and I hope one day to see the attempt take place.

I would therefore suggest to Mr. Melville that he ask all young ringers when enrolling to mention how many peals they have rung and how many conducted, and in what methods. An idea of the different talents of various ringers would then be judged and peals arranged accordingly.

I will not take up your valuable space further now, but in conclusion I should like to say that anything I can do to assist in forming a branch in Kent and district I shall be delighted to do, if Mr. Melville will communicate with me. I may also be able to give him some valuable suggestions.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Treeside,
Middle Deal Road,
Deal, Kent.

'FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE ART.'

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Melville, takes the words from my mouth. I refer to the passage in his letter where he asks, 'Will the older ringer feel insulted and jealous if the younger one joins his proposed new Guild and rings peals with it, so that someone else takes the credit for the work he has done?' I can say quite firmly, 'Yes,' and, as Mr. Melville adds, that ringer would not feel inclined to help that youngster any more. This is exactly what has happened in my own case and dozens of others I can quote.

I am glad to see that Mr. Melville advocates his scheme on national lines, and I am yet to hear a really sound argument that it would not be for the betterment of the art if the whole fraternity was run in this way. It would eliminate many things which here are too numerous for me to mention. I hope Mr. Melville's scheme will go forward and have all the support it deserves; but I would utter a word of warning. In appointing a committee see to it that they are all young men of sound business principles, and not put there just because they happen to be good Surprise ringers. The ringing fraternity has long been cursed with this habit, and men put on committees through personal influence. Because a man is a good Surprise ringer it doesn't always follow that he understands the way to manage and build up an association. In business, a man is put in a position because he is the best man at that particular job, not because he is the best at something else.

PERCY AMOS.

Northampton.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Lewisham on Saturday, March 30th. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and the Vicar conducted the service. He gave the society a very cordial welcome, and said how pleased he was to meet them. He also said how much the Church owed the ringers. Personally, he very much valued their services and the time they gave to their work. After tea, at which the Vicar was present, the business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, who made a few appropriate remarks on the loss sustained by the death of Mr. W. Pye, and asked those present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of so great an example.

Two new members were elected. After the business meeting a return was made to the tower, where ringing was kept going till 8.30. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The next meeting will be held at Burnham in July, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The best thanks of the society are extended to Mr. H. Warnett for making the arrangements for a successful meeting.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NO COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD.

Annual Dinner Decided Upon.

Members of the Surrey Association, at their annual meeting at Reigate on Saturday, decided to hold an annual dinner but to have nothing to do with ringing competitions. Between 60 and 70 members attended the meeting, after evensong in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (Rev. R. Talbot) officiated, and gave an address upon training and discipline. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, the expense being generously defrayed by Alderman Temple Newell, who with the Rector, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin), supported the Master of the association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt). Ringers were present from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Buckland, Carshalton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merstham, Mitcham, Redhill and Reigate, with visitors from Aldershot and Beckenham.

Two matters of importance arose out of the minutes of the last meeting. The Hon. Secretary reported that in accordance with a resolution passed, a conference of secretaries of the Kent, Surrey and London County Associations and Guildford Diocesan Guild was held to discuss questions of boundaries. As a result the committee of the Surrey Association had decided to take no further action. As far as the London County Association was concerned, there was no overlapping, because they did not have annual subscribing members. The members paid one sum as a life subscription. As far as the Kent County Association was concerned, they were taking no steps whatever to form themselves into a diocesan association. Moreover, the Surrey Association would be likely to find a difficulty in choosing a diocesan title, because the London County Association had got the title of North Southwark, and said very bluntly they intended to stick to it.

The decision of the committee was endorsed.

DECISION AGAINST COMPETITIONS.

Another subject referred to the committee was that of having a ringing competition, similar to those held in the North and West of England. It was agreed by the committee, the Hon. Secretary reported, that ill-feeling between towers might result from such a competition. It was felt that some bands not so good as others might become dissatisfied, and that a competition might do more harm than good. The question of having a competition based upon attendance and the number of bells rung for Sunday services was delegated to a sub-committee for consideration, and that was turned down also. It was felt to be impracticable, as not all the towers rang at regular intervals. In some cases ringing took place both morning and evening every week, in other cases only once a fortnight, and in some few cases only once a month. In those circumstances they would have a difficult job to compare results. Moreover, if there was a ten-bell tower with only nine members it would be impossible to get 100 per cent., whereas they might have a six-bell tower with eight members that could get 100 per cent. every time. In addition they had in that association the difficulty that in some towers in the overlapping districts not all the ringers belonged to the association. In view of all this the committee thought it would be best to leave it alone. This decision was also agreed to.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report and statement of accounts were both adopted on the motion of the chairman.

In their annual report the committee said that 23 peals were rung by the association during the year, 83 ringers taking part, and there were 12 conductors. Four members rang their first peal and two their first peal as conductors. The outstanding performances were Cambridge Surprise Royal by five married couples at Beddington; a peal in four spliced Surprise Major methods at Godstone; and Bristol Surprise Royal at Beddington—the first ever rung. Although the number of peals had decreased each year for several years, mainly through the closing of towers to peal ringing, individual interest was still being maintained. In 1932, when 51 peals were rung, 100 ringers took part with 16 conductors; in 1933, 28 peals, 96 ringers and 14 conductors; in 1934, 23 peals, 83 ringers and 12 conductors. The association still flourished financially. Although most of the expenses were incurred through the general treasurer, the bulk of the funds were held by the district treasurers. The total amount in the association's funds was £34 16s. 2d., being an increase of £4 10s. 10d. upon the year's working. The North-Western Division had had a most successful year. Most towers were maintaining a regular Sunday service band, and the meetings had been well supported. At the five district meetings there had been an average attendance of 40, compared with an average of 33 in 1933. A mid-week joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Streatham proved very successful, and it is hoped to arrange more of these mid-week meetings during the coming year. In the Southern District the meetings had had an average attendance of 25, but combined practices had not been very well attended. There were now 274 members in the association (excluding compounding members) as follows: North-West District, 5 hon. members, 181 ringing members; Southern District, 9 hon. members, 79 ringing members. The report concluded

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to Good Friday, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual next week, and will be published on Thursday.

Correspondents are, therefore, reminded that all communications intended for the next issue must reach 'The Ringing World' office by Monday.

Secretaries who have notices for insertion are particularly requested to bear this in mind, and conductors of peals rung to-morrow, or during this week, are asked to send their reports off in time to reach the editorial office by Monday morning.

We would again point out that the address of 'The Ringing World' is NOT 63, Commercial Road. Letters addressed there are liable to delay. 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, is all that is required.

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with the thanks of the committee and officers to the members for their support during the year.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The following new members were elected: P. J. Reeves and Miss Joan Sparrow (Beddington), Ronald Massey (St. Peter's, Croydon), A. Busby (St. John's, Croydon), H. Mance (St. Leonard's, Streatham), Mrs. Massey (Kingston), and, as a compounding member, Mrs. A. M. Rawlins (Beckenham).

Southwark Cathedral was selected for the next annual general meeting, with Kingston in reserve.

The following officers were declared re-elected, no other nominations having been made: President, the Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; assistant secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere.

In thanking the members on behalf of the officers, the Master said they would welcome new blood, and he asked them to bear this in mind when next the time arrived for nomination.

The committee recommended: 'That special effort be made in every affiliated tower that suitable ringing takes place during the day of H.M. the King's Jubilee, on May 6th next.'

A letter was read from the Rev. Melville Williams, of Limpsfield Chart, expressing the hope that the bells throughout the district would be rung at the same time as the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral for the Jubilee service.

The Master commended the suggestion, but said no band could be tied to the hour of ringing. He had no doubt ringers would make the most of the occasion, and he hoped that in every tower there would be ringing at some time during the day.

Mr. Wells said it was not often the public wanted bells rung, but no doubt they would on this occasion, and it was one of the days when the ringers could give them what they wanted (laughter).

The motion was passed, and a copy is to be sent to the secretary of each tower.

SUPPORT FOR AN ASSOCIATION DINNER.

Mr. F. W. Housden proposed that the association hold an annual dinner, the first to take place in October next.

No fewer than 42 of those present promised their support, and the motion was carried. It was also agreed that if there should be any deficit on the event, the amount should be shared by the districts in their usual proportions.

Mr. C. E. Reading proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the association for their work, and spoke of the excellent way in which the hon. secretary discharged his duties, and the valuable service rendered by the Master.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded, and paid tribute to the admirable relations existing between the Surrey Association and the overlapping organisations, which he attributed largely to the ability and tact of the hon. secretary and district hon. secretaries.

Mr. Kippin acknowledged the vote which was accorded with applause.

By acclamation also the meeting thanked Alderman Temple Newell for his hospitality, and those who had made the local arrangements for their assistance. The Master also welcomed the visitors, for whom Mr. C. F. Johnston replied, remarking that it was a great pleasure for the members from the north-west to come out into the southern district.

This terminated the business, and ringing, which had taken place during the afternoon on the ten bells of the Parish Church, was then resumed.

DEATH OF CAPT. A. E. REEVES.

FORMER OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SECRETARY.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Bradfield, Berks, where he had lived for many years, of Captain Albert E. Reeves, who was 70 years of age.

Capt. Reeves began his ringing career in 1884, and rang his first peal on December 5th, 1885, at Basingstoke, in which Mr. Tom Hibbert and the late Mr. Henry White also took part in a peal for the first time.

In two directions Capt. Reeves served the Oxford Guild faithfully and well. He proved a very competent instructor. In 1901 he became instructor at St. Giles', Reading, when the bells were augmented from six to eight, and conducted the first peal on the bells in the same year. He took the Sonning band in hand when they could ring only a plain course of Grandsire Triples by heart. When he left them they had rung peals of Grandsire and Stedman with their conductor. In 1903 the band, in recognition of the work he had done, presented him with a marble clock. He then gave instruction at Henley-on-Thames, where, in appreciation of his services, he was presented with an aneroid barometer. He also gave instruction at Hurst, Mapledurham, Pangbourne and other places.

In 1902 he was elected assistant secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and, in 1911, on the retirement of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, was appointed as hon. general secretary, which post he held for six years until, owing to military duties, he felt compelled to resign. Capt. Reeves had rung a considerable number of peals, but had kept no exact record.

In his younger days Capt. Reeves served for twelve years in the Royal Berks Volunteers, which he left with the rank of corporal. When war broke out he took a commission, and rose to the rank of captain. Prior to this he had held lieutenant's rank in the Church Lads' Brigade. After the war he became keenly interested in the work of the British Legion. Many members of the Legion were present at the funeral, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by the local band and several visitors. The fact that the annual committee meeting of the Guild was being held at the same time prevented a great many old ringing friends from being present. Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells over the grave, and afterwards Doubles and Minor were rung half-muffled on the six bells of the Parish Church.

The sympathy of their many friends will go out to Mrs. Reeves and her family in their bereavement. Mrs. Reeves is also well known in ringing circles. As Miss Mary E. Shillingworth, she was one of the founders of the Ladies' Guild, and is one of the few lady ringers who hold a College Youths' certificate.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

On Sunday, April 7th, at St. Paul's Church, Hounslow, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Sparrow (first quarter-peal of Stedman and first attempt) 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, W. Barrett 5, C. F. Winney (conductor) 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, W. W. Webb 8.

At Grayford, Kent, on Sunday, April 7th, at the Church of St. Paulinus, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: F. J. Groombridge 1, Rene Redpath (first attempt as conductor) 2, T. Groombridge, jun., 3, Mollie Redpath 4, J. A. C. Abson 5, E. A. Barnett 6, E. Barnett 7, G. V. Murphy 8.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Sunday evening, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the first quarter-peal by an entirely local band at this church: J. Hardy 1, F. Holland 2, E. Hardy (first quarter as conductor) 3, B. E. Clarke 4, W. Hardy 5, W. Batten 6, T. Wyatt 7, F. Ringrose 8.

At Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Sunday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Charlton 1, Rev. R. P. Farrow 2, F. Bayliss 3, J. Bayliss 4, C. H. Briggs 5, W. A. Wood 6, A. Ballard (conductor) 7, C. W. Ballard 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 3rd. Arranged for ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6, who have been unable to ring at their own church for about two months owing to illness.

At Sulgrave, on April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): T. Wilcox (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Salisbury (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Branson (conductor) 3, L. Wootten 4, J. Mardell 5, W. Wilcox 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. Walton (the donor of the treble bell) and Mr. J. Mardell.

On Tuesday, April 2nd, at St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the induction of the Rev. Bankes Jones to the living: *E. Comer 1, Mrs. Welton 2, J. Corbett 3, C. W. Denyer 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, *H. Hall 6, H. Hunt 7, *A. Brudenel 8. * First quarter-peal.

At Buckden, Hunts, on Friday evening, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. G. Cox (first quarter-peal) 1, W. D. Mann (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 2, J. E. Papworth (conductor) 3, W. Cornell 4, T. H. Stanyon 5. First quarter-peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

THREE WELL-KNOWN RINGERS.

The golden weddings of three well-known ringers were celebrated last Saturday.

Mr. Samuel E. Andrews, who has been a member of the College Youths since 1892, and was one of the old St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, band, who were famous about 30 years ago, was married at Radwinter, Essex, on April 6th, 1885. For the past 14 years he has been living at Byfleet, Surrey, but before that he worked for 32 years in Brixton. Mr. Andrews was formerly one of Westminster Abbey band, and rang at the Abbey for the wedding of Princess Mary and afterwards for the wedding of the Duke of York. His opportunities for church bellringing have been very limited since he removed to Byfleet, but he has spent a good deal of time in coaching a handbell tune-ringing party, established by the head of the firm by which he was employed.

On the same day Mr. John N. Oxborrow, another of the old St. Stephen's band and of the Abbey company, as well as, of course, the College Youths, celebrated his golden wedding.

As will also be noted from our peal columns, the Oxford Guild stalwart, Mr. John Evans, of Hughenden, has reached his golden wedding day.

To each of these ringers and the ladies who have shared their joys and sorrows for half a century, we tender congratulations and good wishes.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PREPARATIONS FOR COUNCIL'S MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 6th. Visitors began to arrive about 2.30 from Birmingham, Wombourn, Wolverhampton and some 16 county churches. Hon. members present were Mrs. Cope Darby (patron of Holy Trinity Church), Major E. R. T. Corbett (County Ringing Master), Rev. E. G. Pigot (Moreton Corbet, treasurer), Canon G. M. Bell (Worthen), Rev. T. Eland (Vicar of Coalbrookdale), etc. The bells were kept going in the four standard methods from Doubles to Royal. A short service was held in church conducted by the Vicar, Mr. George Turner being at the organ. Tea in Trinity Hall, kindly given by Mrs. Cope Darby, who with the churchwarden, their wives and other local ladies and gentlemen, looked after the wants of the visitors.

At the business meeting, Major E. R. J. Corbett, who presided, first thanked Mrs. Cope Darby for her very generous hospitality and for her presence at tea. He spoke in high appreciation of the Darby family, who were donors of the church, her grandfather having given the old eight bells in the year 1852.

Mrs. Cope Darby thanked Major Corbett, and explained how happy she was to be back at the old Darby home at Coalbrookdale and to do all in her power for the church and the neighbourhood.

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on handbells by five members of the county association.

Major Corbett explained that a small committee had met in Shrewsbury on March 30th to arrange for the Central Council meeting in that town. The Mayor had promised to allow the use of the Castle Council Chambers for the Council's meeting, and that other necessary arrangements for the pleasure and comfort of the Central Council members and friends were well in hand.

The members present at the meeting on Saturday unanimously agreed that the Shropshire Association should entertain the Central Council members and friends to tea at Shrewsbury on Whit Tuesday.

New members elected included eight from Wroxeter and several others.

Returning to the tower, the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., when a very good meeting terminated.

PARISH COUNCIL AND CHALFONT BELLS.

GENERAL TO RAISE DISCUSSION.

The Parish Council of Chalfont St. Giles are bent upon setting about the village bells. General Sir Alexander Gordon has given notice that he intends to raise at the next meeting the question of the ringing of the village church bells, and the interval is to give the members the opportunity of thinking the matter over.

It might be as well if someone informed the busybodies on this Council that they cannot control the church bells as they do the parish pump, and we hope the Church authorities will tell them so, even if in more polite language.

The bells can be rung by legal right and established custom, subject only to the control of the incumbent; and one of the first questions that might be asked of those members of the Council who seek to silence them is whether the bells came to them or they came to the bells, because if the latter they may rest assured they have not a leg to stand on.

It is interesting to note that at Chalfont there is a good Minor band, who can ring Treble Bob and Surprise methods well.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 30th, 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting of St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30, with meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Important business will be discussed, so a good attendance is desired.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Prescot on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea (9d. each) notify the Vicar, St. Mary's Vicarage, Prescot.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice Sat., April 13th, St. Mary Bourne. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. These bells were put at our disposal at short notice. Please show your appreciation by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room. — C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Low, Bentham, on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. per head. All are welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westmeon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the New Inn.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, April 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —Feltham, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Railway Hotel. Book May 18th for Isleworth.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS. — The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield to-morrow (Saturday), April 13th, at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to eight bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual general meeting will be held at Rochester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by the general meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (10), 10.30-12, 3-4, 4.45-8.30; Rainham (8), after meeting till 8.30; Gillingham (8), Chatham (8), Frindsbury (8), Rochester, St. Margaret's (8), all from 10.30-11.30, and after meeting until 8.30. The nearest six-bell tower is about five miles distant, and arrangements will be made for same if requested. Tickets for luncheon (which includes reasonable refreshment), 1s. each to practising members, 3s. each others. Application for tickets must be made to the undersigned, together with remittance, on or before Tuesday, April 16th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Easter meeting will be held at Richmond on Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d., to those who notify secretary not later than Wednesday, April 17th. — E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Institute, 5.15. All ringers welcome. Sidmouth Bells (8) available 6 p.m. by arrangement.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Burton-on-Trent. Bells available: St. Paul's (10), from 10.30; Winshill (6), 11.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3.30, 6.30 to 7.30; Rollestone (8), 12 to 4. Committee meet 3 p.m. Short service at St. Paul's 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Institute 4.45, arranged only for those who apply for tickets (1s. 9d. each) by April 15th, from Mr. J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.—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 22nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 3 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., Dean. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 17th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2.45; 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 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12) 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. J. E. H. Williams, M.A., Rector of Acle. 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The bells of St. Paul (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m., St. Peter (6) later. Lunch at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m. Annual meeting to follow.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Mansfield on Easter Monday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each, to those who notify Mr. C. Carr, 3, Forest Road, Mansfield, by Thursday, April 18th.—J. W. England, Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam) on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at 3 p.m. on Easter Tuesday. The ring of five has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, before April 25th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Odiham and Upton Grey on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Odiham Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 23rd, to Mr. E. Jarrold, Close Lodge, Odiham.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Secretary.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at St. Peter's (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available all day. Service at St. Gregory's at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Meeting follows. Names to Mr. H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th. 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 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Annual meeting will be held at Ashton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. — T. E. Loxton, Hon. Sec., 64, Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd?—H. R. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 22nd?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School adjoining. Names please to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes. Notify me of attendance by April 30th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Swindon, Wilts, May 18th. Full details later. Alteration to Rule 3 and branch rules notified. These have the approval of Management Committee. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol 2.

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SALFORD, LANCS.—On Sunday, March 31st, before evening service, at Sacred Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: John Bolton 1, Albert Lees 2, Harold Hollingworth 3, George Pye 4, Ralph Ravenscroft 5, Fred Page (conductor) 6, Harold Lees 7, Jack Wright. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Lees (local tower leader) on the occasion of the christening of his infant daughter.

LINCOLN.—At St. Botolph's Church, on Sunday, March 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. L. Millhouse 1, F. Walker 2, C. S. Mayer 3, G. Mayer 4, K. W. Mayer 5, R. T. Sharpe (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, on Sunday, February 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Mills 1, W. D. Grainger 2, G. Kenward 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, W. Berry 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, E. E. Peters 8. Specially arranged to oblige G. Kenward and W. Spice, of Tunstall, Kent.

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PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, *Miss J. Pearce 2, *L. Pearson 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, J. D. Harris 5, J. Topp 6, T. R. Taylor (conductor) 7, *L. Duguid 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

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LATE NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's and R.C. and at Chesterton and Clumpington. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea at King's Parade Café 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's open for ringing about 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. C. Stainsby, Rector of Great Berkhampstead. Tea at Abbey Institute after service, followed by business meeting. High tea 1s. 9d. each. Please let me know if you are taking tea, by first post Saturday, April 20th, to prevent disappointment. This is important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

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The publication this week of the agenda of the Central Council meeting, which is to be held at Shrewsbury on Whitsun Tuesday, once again focuses attention upon the work of the central organisation of ringers. The official minutes printed in our last issue are a reminder of the many activities of the Council and the business for the next meeting promises to cover just as wide a ground. It is important, however, that ringers should remember that the work of the Council is not confined to the one day in the year, when the annual meeting is held. Through the various committees the Exercise is being served by the Council throughout the year, and the Whitsuntide assembly of the Council is for the consideration of what the committees have done, as well as for providing the opportunity of discussing subjects for the well-being of the art and promoting the interests of ringers. Useful as is the purpose of these debates, the greatest service which the Council renders to the Exercise is through the agency of its committees, the work of which, probably, would never be done but for the influence and backing of such a body as the Council which alone is in a position to make the results available to the ringing community.

This year sees a parting of the ways and henceforward the Council will proceed under the new constitution which it adopted two years ago and which comes fully into operation with the election of a new Council, which will meet in London next year. Under the new rules the Council will directly represent the affiliated bodies instead of consisting simply of members elected by recognised ringing societies. The Council will have a direct responsibility to the affiliated organisations, and in that way will carry a greater authority when it speaks on behalf of the Exercise, as well as, we hope, commanding greater respect in its attempts to guide the efforts of ringers into those channels which are considered in the best interests of the art. The work of the Council is growing, and there is evidence that the time has arrived when it is desirable that the Council should be able to elect a greater number of honorary members. These members are elected because of the service which, in one direction or another, they can render to the Council. There is no place in their ranks for 'ornamental' membership, and in recent years very few indeed have been given complimentary seats. When the Council was founded it had 73 elected members and twelve honorary members. Through the years the number of elected members has slowly grown until it is more than double its original total, but the honorary membership has been

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increased only to 15 and every place is filled. It is never known when the services of some ringer, specially fitted for a particular task, may be required and therefore it is now proposed to make the maximum number of hon. members 20. When it is recollected that any election to one of the vacancies will be for the direct purpose of rendering service to the Exercise and that such appointments will be a definite gain to ringing, this extension of honorary membership should be welcomed, although it is certain to be used sparingly. With the application of the new rules, also, some of the associations will be able to elect additional members. Instead of electing, say, one or two representatives when entitled to a larger number, and paying affiliation fees only for the members actually elected, all affiliated societies will be responsible for paying affiliation fees for the full number of members to which they are entitled, and it follows, we hope, that the full quota of representatives will be elected to the Council. Every association benefits directly or indirectly from the work of the Council, and under the new rules all will take their full share of responsibility.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN	 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	... 2	ERNEST STONE	 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	... 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE	 7
*ALFRED KING	 4	JAMES GEORGE	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Mr. Thomas W. Chapman's ringing jubilee at the Parish Church.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	... ...*Treble*	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 5
GEORGE IVES	 2	RONALD H. BULLEN	 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	 7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY ...	... ...*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH ...	 5
*EDWIN C. BIRKETT	 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY	... 3	JOHN E. BIBBY	 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK WALKER ...	... ...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	 5
*JAMES F. BAYLEY	 2	JOHN WHEADON ...	 6
HARRY HOVERD ...	 3	GEORGE H. CROSS	 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's daughter.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED DUNKERLEY	*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	5
FRANK LAWTON	2	IVAN KAY	6
STEPHEN PARRY	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
HARRY A. MELLOR	4	JOHN W. TRDELOVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Garnett, also to celebrate the baptism of Allen George Dunkerley, son of Fred Dunkerley.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD E. JONES	*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	WILLIAM FERNLEY	7
LIONEL CLOUGH	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods in the county, by the Guild and by all the band. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 of Cambridge and Superlative. First attempt for the peal by the band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.	5
WALTER CHARMAN	2	†EDWARD J. CHARMAN	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	JOHN COOK	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal of Double Norwich.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
RONALD BIGGS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	WILFRED EDWARDS	*Tenor*

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Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	*GEORGE M. RASBROOK	5
*VICTOR A. KERRIDGE	2	*WILLIAM CHALK	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
*ALLAN R. ANDREWS	3	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Grandsire. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
ALEC M. GENERY	2	ALBERT WIFFEN	6
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	4	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)
On Monday, March 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. H. SMITH	*Treble*	J. B. WARD	4
*D. WRIGHT	2	†J. F. HUBBARD	5
A. L. WARD	3	J. H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twelve six-scores of Bob Doubles and ten each of St. Simon's, Union, and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

REGINALD T. NEWMAN	*Treble*	PERCY TOMPKINS	4
FRANCIS BEAUMONT	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
JOHN CHURCH	3	WILLIAM BYGRAVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY HARRISON	*Treble*	†JOSEPH L. STANIER	4
*JACK TRANTER	2	*HENRY NEWBROOK	5
*HAROLD E. F. HARRISON	3	*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on a working bell. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the eve of the Confirmation service; also as a farewell to the Rev. Charles Fletcher (curate), who is shortly leaving Madeley to take up the living of Cardington.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS HOOKER ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WANSTALL ...	4
WALTER SHERWOOD	2	EDWARD S. RUCK...	5
*CHARLES H. SACRE	3	PERCY PAGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. PAGE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM NEAL	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	CHARLES E. BLACK	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	3	HARRY GIBBARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Henson, for many years sexton and ringer at this church, who was interred on Thursday, April 11th.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*LESLIE C. FINCH ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH H. WICKS	4
†CYRIL W. HAMMOND... ...	2	JAMES E. BAILEY...	5
LESLIE T. STACEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor by all. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Butcher, sister of the tenor ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 13 in E.

JOHN THOMAS	1-2	*FRED WIGMORE	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ANOTHER GOLDEN WEDDING.

MR. AND MRS. EDWIN SHEPHERD, OF EXETER.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shepherd, of 14, Egerton Park Road, Exeter, who were married on Easter Monday, 1885, celebrated their golden wedding on April 6th.

Mr. Shepherd is one of the oldest members of the Devonshire Guild, and few, if any, have rendered it greater service. He was elected a member on June 6th, 1879, and his long and valued association with the Guild was recognised in 1932, when he was elected a vice-president. He has to his credit the highest number of peals rung by any local member of the Guild, namely, 116, of which he has conducted 48.

He has been a Sunday service ringer at St. Sidwell's Church for the long period of 57 years, and churchwarden there for eleven years—a lifetime of devoted service.

Mr. Shepherd has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for half a century.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

USEFUL WORK AT DALSTON MEETING.

North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and Loudon Diocesan Guild met at St. Mark's Church, Dalston, on Saturday last, when a very enjoyable and useful meeting was held. Divine service at five o'clock was followed by tea and the usual business meeting. Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer) occupied the chair. Seven new members were elected, and Harrow Weald selected for the next meeting of the district, on May 25th. The bells at this church have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) drew the attention of members to the Jubilee celebrations, and urged them to do their utmost to ring the bells for that memorable occasion. It should be possible to obtain permission to ring peals at quite a number of churches, but even if that were not possible, endeavour should be made to do some ringing in commemoration of the Jubilee.

The business meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, proposed by the chairman and carried with applause.

A great deal of good work was done in ringing practice during the afternoon and evening, the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) seeing that all present had as much opportunity to ring as they wished for. Some Surprise ringers, at any rate, can appreciate the fact that there are ringers who do not yet aspire to the highest degrees in ringing, and although it would have been possible at this meeting to ring almost any well-known Surprise method, most of the ringing done was in the more elementary methods.

During the evening a visit was made to the belfry by the Vicar (Rev. J. O. Vince), who had just returned from a visit to Scotland, and who welcomed the ringers present. He quickly noticed the absence of Mr. William Pye, and on being informed of the death of that great ringer expressed his sincere sympathy with members of the association.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES AND SALISBURY BRANCHES.

A combined meeting of the Devizes and Salisbury Branches was held at Heytesbury on Saturday, April 6th. The bells, an excellent ring of six, with tenor 20 cwt. in E, were made good use of during afternoon and evening. The Guild service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. L. Anderson, with Mr. Targett accompanying. The Vicar delivered a short address, taking his text from the lesson, Ephesians iv. 7.

Tea was served in the Raymond Hall, to which 54 sat down. Amongst those present were the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry), Rev F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary), Mr. F. Green (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. E. G. Caple and Mr. F. W. Romains (chairman and secretary, Salisbury Branch), Mr. E. F. White and Mr. W. C. West (chairman and secretary, Devizes Branch), Mr. H. J. Ralph (secretary, North Dorset Branch), Mr. A. Taylor (secretary, Marlborough Branch), Mr. W. B. Kynaston (secretary, Swindon Branch, Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), Miss Hastie, Miss Foulk, Miss Boon, Mr. E. T. P. Field, Mr. T. B. Holloway, Mr. S. R. Roper, and others from various towers of the Salisbury and Devizes Branches.

The Master of the Guild presided at the short meeting held after the tea. He welcomed those who had made the journey from afar, and thanked all for attending and making the meeting such a success. He struck a sad note in mentioning the passing of Mr. J. Andrews, of Trowbridge tower, and Mr. W. Pye, who was a life member.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in a few words before leaving, stated that the forthcoming Jubilee was an excellent opportunity for ringers to join in the celebrations, and suggested that besides ringing on their own bells they should visit towers where there were three or more bells, which may be silent for want of regular ringers, and awaken interest in those parishes. Nothing but good could result from such an effort.

There being no business to transact, the Chairman voiced votes of thanks to all concerned, Mr. White seconding, and to this the Vicar replied, saying all ringers would find a welcome in his tower.

During the evening Sutton Vesy bells were available, and other friends from Mere and Stourton joined the party. Methods rung included Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Rounds were also rung at intervals for those who wished, ringing continuing until 8.30 at both towers.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AGENDA FOR THE SHREWSBURY MEETING.

The third session of the fifteenth Council (43rd annual meeting) will be held in the Council Chamber, Shrewsbury Castle, Shrewsbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 11th June, 1935, 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: Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker.
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 hon. librarian.
8. Statement of accounts.
9. Report of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. (Trustees, Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.)
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees;
    To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports;
    To alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable:
    (a) Standing Committee.
    (b) Peal Collection.
    (c) Methods.
    (d) Peals Analysis and Records.
    (e) Towers and Belfries.
    (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
11. Alteration of Rules. Constitution of the Council.
    To amend Section 2 of Rule 2 by deleting the word 'fifteen' and substituting the word 'twenty.' The rule to read: 'Of honorary members, not exceeding twenty in number elected by the Council.'
    Proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

MOTIONS.

12. That an address be presented by the Council to the diocesan Bishops, requesting them to take measures to ensure that the designs prepared for churches to serve new centres of population shall include due provision for the ultimate erection of substantial towers to accommodate peals of bells properly hung for ringing, at such points as to place every group of houses within hearing of a peal of bells; at the same time directing their Lordships' attention to the fact that all cause of annoyance from the sound of bells can be effectually eliminated, if architects' designs conform to the recommendations of the Tower and Belfries Committee.
    Proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings.
13. That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods this Council resolves that the term 'Spliced' shall be applied only to those peals in which not more than the length of a normal course in any method is rung in any part of the peal without a change to another method being made. Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called 'Combined' peals.
    That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and single leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is produced by a special call, such as in peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be called 'Spliced' peals.
    These decisions shall apply to peals on all number of bells.
    Proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles; seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.
14. That in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that a record should be made of old and valuable peal boards, and that a committee be appointed to prepare this record.
    Proposed by Mr. W. H. Hollier; seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.
15. That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's peals analysis and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press are urged to denote all 'first peals' and 'first peals in the method' both by any of the ringers and 'as conductor.'
    Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

FURTHER PRESENTATION TO MR. ALBERT WALKER.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, April 6th, at the ancient Parish Church of Yardley, Birmingham. The tower contains a light peal of six bells, and these were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar of Yardley (Canon E. L. Cochrane) conducted the Guild's form of service and gave a most interesting address on the history of the church and bells. The first church was build about the tenth century, but most of this has gone, the old church being rebuilt and enlarged during the last century, but the bells are the original ones, some dating back to 1638 and bearing some interesting inscriptions.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presided.

The Secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, referred to a letter he had received from the Vicar of Aston regarding the restoration of Aston Church bells. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, had the work in hand, but a further £200 was still needed. St. Martin's Guild had very pleasant recollections of meetings at Aston Church for many years past, and no doubt when the bells were restored the same happy relations would be renewed. He therefore proposed that the sum of £5 5s. from the Guild's funds be sent as a donation to the restoration fund.—This was seconded by the Master, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) and carried unanimously.

Some further discussion took place, and it was resolved to make a collection at that meeting, which resulted in a further £7 10s. being raised.

The Master then made a further presentation to Mr. Albert Walker, the late Ringing Master. In addition to the grandmother clock presented to Mr. Walker, and the gold wristlet watch presented to Mrs. Walker at the recent Henry Johnson Dinner, there was still, he said, some money left over, and they had, therefore, decided to present Mr. Walker with a gold wristlet watch too. He had pleasure in presenting it to him, and expressed the hope that he would live long to wear it.—Mr. Walker expressed his surprise and pleasure at receiving this further gift, and again thanked his many friends who had contributed towards these valuable gifts. He also thanked the secretary for all the work he must have put in to make these gifts possible.

The Secretary also mentioned a further letter he had received from Mr. Vice-President A. Paddon Smith, writing from Bulawayo, in which he sent kindly greetings to all friends, and stated he expected to be back in England about the middle of May.

Mr. W. A. Clark, of Moseley, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, on the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

Mr. G. Swann proposed, and Mr. W. C. Dowding seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, to hold the next quarterly meeting at Solihull on Saturday, July 6th, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Erdington Parish Church on Saturday, May 11th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his interesting address at the service, also to Mrs. Cochrane and her friends in serving tea, and to Mr. A. T. Scrivens for having the bells ready, concluded the business.

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16. That a record be prepared of past members of the Council giving a short account of their work, and, where possible, a photograph, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.
    Proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher; seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.
17. Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

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HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.

A full programme of the arrangements will be published at an early date.

Hotel accommodation.—Members are requested to make their arrangements at once, as Shrewsbury is usually very busy at Whitsuntide. Terms have been obtained, and are shown below as follows: a Bed and breakfast, b from Monday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, c from Sunday dinner to Wednesday breakfast, d from Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast.

Crown Hotel (headquarters): a 10s., b £1 5s., c £2, d £2 15s.

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George Hotel: a 8s. and 15s., b £1 10s., c £2 2s., d £2 10s.

Unicorn Hotel: a 8s. and 14s., b £1 5s., c £1 15s., d £2 5s.

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BELLS OF EARLS BARTON.

Barron Trust Adds Two Trebles.

One of the most perfect specimens of a Saxon tower in this country is at Earls Barton, Northants. It was built in the first half of the eleventh century and still stands, four square to the winds of heaven. A fine example of strength and stability, which, as the Bishop of Peterborough pointed out in an address at the dedication of the restored and augmented bells, gives a sense of peace in an age of restlessness.

For eight hundred years this tower has stood and doubtless has contained bells throughout the whole of this time, for at the period when it was erected rings of bells were already known in our church towers, and the dimensions of this one are such that, in the opinion of archæologists, its original object was to contain bells.

There was a crowded congregation on Sunday evening, March 31st, when the service of thanksgiving was held for the restoration of the tower and peal of bells.

After the processional hymn shortened evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. A. Ewart). During the singing of Hymn No. 166 the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Blagden), attended by the cross bearer, servers, the Vicar (Rev. L. A. Ewart), churchwardens, representatives of the Parish and Church Councils, representatives of the donors and bell founders (Messrs. John Taylor and Co.), proceeded to the tower, where prayers were offered and the Bishop dedicated the bells and frame. A course of Stedman Triples was then rung by eight members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild: W. Perkins 1, F. Wilford 2, A. Bigley 3, G. Basford 4, H. Chambers 5, J. Shatford 6, A. Plowman 7, J. Ward 8, during which the procession returned to the church.

The Bishop, in his sermon, said it was not necessary for him to recall to their minds the special reasons they had for that very solemn act of thanksgiving; they knew better than he could tell them. The complete restoration was not yet done, and they could be thankful that up to the moment the work had been carried out without any suffering being caused to the workers. Sometimes they forgot how dangerous the work of restoration was to those men who actually undertook it, and he sincerely hoped it would be finished without any pain or distress being caused to anyone.

Bellringing, he continued, was a special feature of English life, and the bells were connected with the aspects of their church life, the things which meant most to them. This noble art, in which English skill had reached the highest point, was closely connected with the work of the Church. Our church towers, he said, are the open witnesses of the Church, and their resounding message was, 'This is the House of God.' The responsibility of those who rang the bells was as great as the responsibility which rested on the shoulders of the priest. The ringers had an example to set. It would not be a greatly noble act for ringers to take part in the ringing and then not to participate in the service. A great responsibility also rested on those who heard the bells.

The Bishop went on to say that Earls Barton tower struck him for its most extraordinary genuineness. It is a solemn and kindly reminder that what it represents is the very thing we are needing in this changing, difficult world. It is strong, stately and simple, and gave one a sense of peace. One of the bells bore the inscription, 'Beati Pacifici' ('Blessed are the peacemakers'). That was, indeed, a motto for a Christian life.

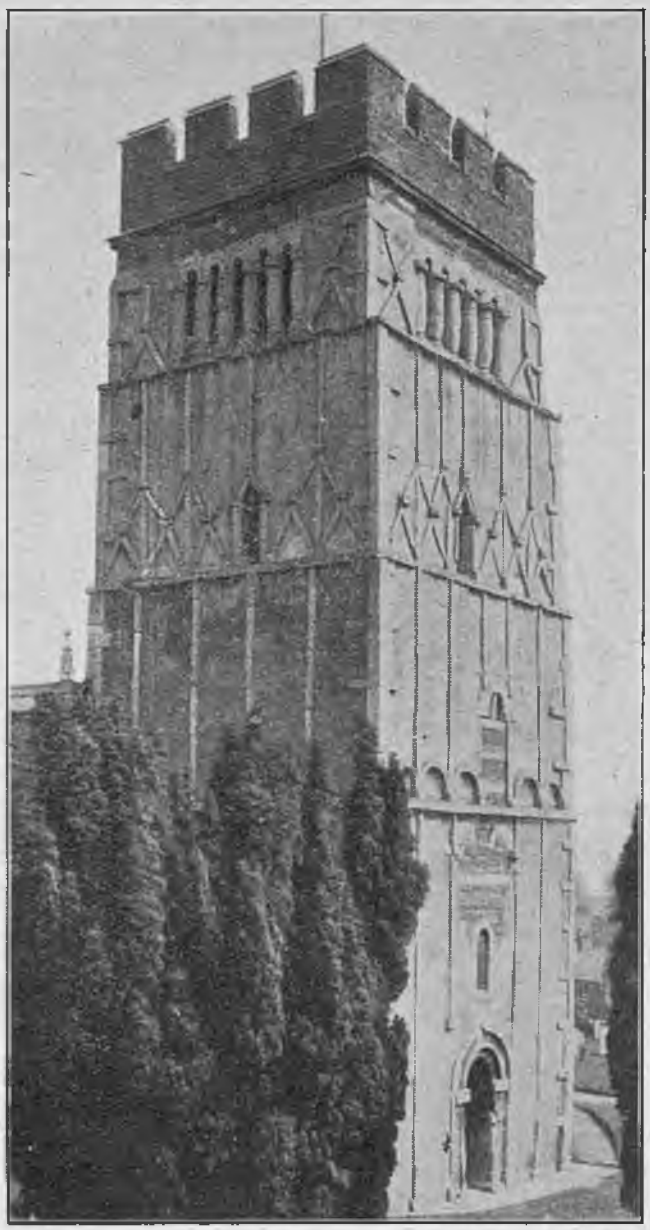
After the service two courses of Stedman Triples were rung whilst the congregation were leaving the church. The bells were then open for about one hour, when most of the ringers present (about 24) enjoyed a pull on what is now a fine peal of eight, with tenor approximately 12 cwt.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the gathering of ringers present included Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Guild) and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who turned up on his bicycle as usual. All the standard methods were rung, including Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge, and the ringers were unanimous that a really first-class job had been made. The sound of the bells is ideal both in the ringing chamber and outside, the belfry sound openings having been treated most successfully, with the result that in the village the bells sound beautifully soft, yet on the testimony of those who live two or three miles away the bells are heard much clearer at a distance.

According to North's 'Church Bells of Northamptonshire,' the following are the inscriptions on the original six bells:—

1.—Beati Pacifici. Robert Whitworth Senr. Benefr. 1720.
2.—Si Devs Pro Nobis Qvis Contra Nos 1720.
3.—Edward Arnold St. Neots Fecit 1775. John Smit & William Kemshead Churchwardens.
4.—I.H.S. Rex Iudeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei 1720.
5.—Vera Judicet Ecclesia Fixus Adversa Sperno 1720. John James: Henry Wine Church-wardens: Henry Penn Founder.
6.—To the Church the Liveing I do call & to the Grave I summon all. Jno. Warren & John Smith C-Ws 1761. Thos. Eayre. Vincent Barker Benefactor.

There was a tradition that Vincent Barker, who was a farmer at Earls Barton, did not give the sixth bell, but was instrumental in getting it recast, and put his name on as a benefactor. This gave



THE FINE OLD SAXON TOWER OF EARLS BARTON CHURCH.

offence to others, who insisted on the name being erased. The founder, however, declared that to be impossible, without danger of cracking or spoiling the bell. So it remained.

On the new treble bells are the inscriptions:—

'The gift of the Barron Bell Trust in the year of the King's Silver Jubilee, 1935. Louis A. Ewart, Vicar.'

'To the glory of God the two bells were added, completing the peal in the year of the King's Silver Jubilee, 1935.'

Formerly the Curfew was rung at this church daily at 8 p.m., the Pancake bell on Shrove Tuesday, and the gleaning bell at 8 a.m. during harvest. Another old custom was that, when there was a funeral, the tenor bell was tolled for a few minutes about an hour before the interment to summon the bearers.

RINGERS' MEETING.

By kind permission of the Vicar, a special meeting of the Peterborough Guild was held at Earls Barton on Saturday, April 6th, arranged by the Wellingborough District. About 60 ringers from a wide area took the opportunity of ringing and hearing the now very fine peal of bells.

The Guild form of service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an interesting address, taking as his text Exodus xxviii. 23. The lesson was read by the branch president, Rev. Bagshaw, R.D., Vicar of Finedon.

A collection amounting to £1 0s. 4d. was taken towards the tower fund.

Mr. J. S. Line, an Ecton ringer, officiated at the organ.

After the service an excellent tea was enjoyed. It had been prepared by the local ringers, their wives, and lady friends, and was served in the Church Hall.

There was no routine business, but mention was made of the recent death of Mr. W. Pye and Mr. W. Farey, the former a well-known non-resident member and the latter one of the old Northampton ringers.—The members stood a few moments in silence as a token of respect.

A vote of thanks to all responsible for the success of the meeting, especially to the Vicar for the permission to ring and for his interesting address, was proposed by the Rev. Bagshaw.—The Branch Secretary, in seconding, said at Earls Barton they had now a peal of bells to be proud of, and he hoped they would persevere and strike them well, so that they would be heard to the best advantage. He wished the ringers success and happiness in their work for the Church.

The Rev. L. A. Ewart, replying, said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Earls Barton. With reference to the work of restoration, he remarked that a lot of hard work was needed to undertake so great a task, but he was glad to say that they were getting along happily towards the completion. A letter of praise and appreciation with reference to the dedication service was read, which the Vicar had received from the late secretary of the district, Mr. F. Barber.

Mr. J. P. Fidler replied on behalf of the bell founders.

On returning to the belfry further ringing was done. It ranged during the day from rounds to a well-struck course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Ringers were present from Loughborough, Luton, Rothwell, Desborough, Wellingborough, Kettering, Burton Latimer, Finedon, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Bedford, Ecton, Northampton, Wollaston, Warkton, Over, Keystone, and the local ringers, and included the hon. general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black.

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FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Taunton, for service on Sunday, March 3rd, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Floyd 1, H. H. Walker 2, A. A. Walker 3, A. H. Reed 4, W. H. Poole 5, W. G. Gigg 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Bungay 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 1 and 2.

At St. Martin's Church, Desford, Leicestershire, on Sunday, March 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Preston 1, G. Dale 2, C. Archer (conductor) 3, S. Smith 4, S. Munton 5, H. Archer 6. This was the first quarter-peal for the ringers of treble and 2nd. With the exception of the ringer of the 5th, all are members of the local band.

At Newport, Monmouthshire, on Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): Edgar Howlett (first quarter-peal, aged 13 years) 1, C. Greedy 2, F Crabbe 3, J. Bullen 4, T. Butler 5, F. Greedy 6, F. Rowsell (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor) 7, W. Phillips 8, F. Atwell 9, A. Thomas 10.

At St. Peter's Church, Petersfield, Hampshire, on March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. L. Wright 1, R. A. Reed (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, A. J. Garrett 3, C. S. West 4, C. E. Bassett 5, R. C. H. Connolly (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, R. A. Budd 8.

At Eythorne, Kent, on Thursday, March 21st, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. T Ellender 1, C. Turner 2, L. Leach 3, E. J. Walker 4, F. A. Rye (conductor) 5. The ringer of the 3rd belongs to the Devonshire regiment, and has just returned from India. He is now stationed at Dover. It was his first quarter-peal, also first quarter-peal as conductor by F. A. Rye, of Walmer.

At Whitchurch Canonicorum, Dorset, on Saturday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Glyde (first quarter-peal) 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, G. H. Whitemore 3, E. F. Brooks 4, T. Gunning 5, A. Winter 6, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 7, C. W. H. Powell 8. Specially arranged for a combined band from Beaminster and Lyme Regis towers, the ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6 belonging to Beaminster.

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The work which has just been carried out consists of the addition of two trebles, the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, to increase the old peal of six to the full octave. The former 5th (the present 7th) has been recast and increased in weight; the old frame has been replaced by a strong and massive frame of English oak, on a double set of English oak foundation beams; two new floors have been constructed and louvres to protect the bells and frame from bad weather have been placed in the window openings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The rings of eight of Crawley, Sussex, and Margate, Kent, are being rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the ring of six of Buriton, Hants, is now at Loughborough for retuning and rehanging in a new frame

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have also just completed the rehanging in the old oak frame of the heavy ring of eight of Crediton Parish Church, Devon. Ball bearings have been fitted throughout, and the ringers report the 'go' of the bells is now excellent.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the order to recast the six bells at Penarth, near Cardiff, and add two more to complete the octave.

The peal at Rushmere, Suffolk, recorded last week, was the first peal in seven methods on the bells. The peal at Great Bardfield was rung on Thursday, March 28th, and not Saturday, March 30th, as mentioned in the report.

Of handbells at inns, we learn of another example, in addition to those mentioned last week. There is a set at the George, Wraysbury, Bucks, which have hung in the saloon bar 'as long as anyone can remember.' The proprietor of the George is a son of Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. Ringers passing that way will doubtless be interested to call and inspect the handbells.

The peal at Beaconsfield on March 30th was Miss Dorothy Fletcher's fiftieth.

The Premier of N.S.W. and his wife visited the church the same afternoon, and several members of the peal band had the privilege of a brief chat with them before the former went on to the Shakespeare country.

The first peal on Beaconsfield bells was rung 50 years ago. The only survivor of that band is the 'evergreen' veteran, Mr. W. H. Fussell, who rang the 4th in the peal the other day.

The ring of ten, 2 ton tenor, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, is shortly to be removed to the Loughborough Foundry, where the bells are to be equipped with new fittings throughout, including iron headstocks, etc.

Mr. J. L. Murray, the veteran Melbourne ringer, who took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques during the English tourists' visit, has had a rather serious illness, but, according to latest advices, is recovering. Mr. J. W. Spencer, who also took part in the peal, as well as in the peal of Bob Royal, has been hors de combat, suffering from a broken wrist. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

The Sussex County Association, which celebrates its jubilee this year, having been established in 1885, will hold a commemorative gathering in Brighton, in conjunction with the annual meeting, on Saturday, May 25th. There are to be a reception, dinner and concert in the evening.

Peals of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of 42 different six-scores, with all the bells in turn acting as the 'whole hunt,' were rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Suckley, Worcs, on March 12th, 1932, conducted by S. T. Holt, and at Hanley Castle, Worcs, on December 27th, 1934, conducted by C. Camm.

Stedman, St. Bartholomew, St. Vedast, Reading, and Place Bob Doubles were rung at Buckhorn Weston, Dorset, Church, by members of the Salisbury Guild, including Mr. Bert Cox, of the local band, on March 30th, to celebrate the installation of electric light in the church, the gift of a parishioner, Mrs. Vale.

At the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association, on Easter Monday, at Burton-on-Trent, the bells of Barton-under-Needwood will be available from 12 o'clock until 3.30 (not later). Buses leave Burton at 11.35, and 12.35 and frequently during the day.

SURPRISE RINGERS NOT TO BLAME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue we get another letter from Mr. P. Amos, in which, as indeed in all his letters, he has a grouse about the 'selfish' Surprise ringer. Now I know several excellent Surprise ringers in his district who, I am sure, are not of the type he would have us believe them to be, but if a man is not capable of getting beyond the Plain Bob stage that is his misfortune, and the rest cannot be expected to refrain from Surprise ringing to please just one individual. Any one of our Surprise band will be willing to stand in a peal of Plain Bob for a **first pealer**, and I am sure the Northampton and district ringers would do the same.

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

RINGERS' SERVICES.

We have received a lengthy letter from A. T. Milton in reply to correspondence on the above subject, but regret we cannot publish it, as the columns of 'The Ringing World' are not open to a theological discussion.

THE NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

PART III.

WELLINGTON'S BELLS UNRUNG.

St. Peter's Church, Wellington, which we had time to look at during our day there, is erected entirely of timber framing and wooden sheathing. It stands on elevated ground in Willis Street, a prominent thoroughfare, and its tall spire can be seen on leaving the harbour. The Vicar is the Ven. Archibald Bullock, A.K.C., from Derbyshire, and he has a difficult task to keep the church and vicarage free of debt. In a recent appeal he stated that practically £1 a day was needed to meet the rates, insurance and interest charges, and 'we cannot escape them.'

At our visit we were gladly shown over the church and the belfry by the verger, Mr. F. W. Moss, and were privileged to chime the bells round with the apparatus. The church has recently received a visit by Dr. Nicholson, late organist of Westminster Abbey, who was making a tour of the Empire on behalf of the School of English Church Music. He passed on to the Wellington war memorial, where a recital was given to welcome him. It will be remembered that Dr. Nicholson tested these bells, before they left England, on behalf of the New Zealand Carillon Society.

AN ANGLO-NEW ZEALAND GROUP AT CHRISTCHURCH.

Photograph taken at Christchurch railway station on the arrival of the English party. Left to right: Messrs. W. H. Fussell, Roberts, W. Linter, J. S. Wilde, G. Martin, S. H. Barnett, C. Charge, R. Maude, J. Hardcastle, Shaw and G. Claydon.

St. Peter's Church was consecrated on December 11th, 1879. The bells, by Warner and Son, London, are hung in an oak frame and all fittings, complete for ringing proper. The total cost was £700, of which £400 was raised by parochial subscriptions. The tenor weighs 15 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F, and the total weight of the octave 65 cwt. 2 qr.

On the belfry door we found a time-worn notice which seemed out of place when the verger told us they had not been rung for five years: 'Do not touch the ropes, as the bells are set.' It appears that a well-intentioned attempt was made to strengthen the tower by spending £20 on the foundations to the main beams that support it, and when the bells were raised for ringing afterwards the whole steeple swayed too much to let the men continue. A good set of Warner handbells are here, once used by the fine old tune-playing band, of whom Mr. T. Richards was Ringing Master, and their photograph hangs in the belfry, but they were all disbanded long ago. Richards was born in 1833 and died in 1901. For 22 years he was parish clerk and bellringer here, and held the rank of sergeant in the local volunteer corps. Before leaving England he had rung one peal at Bethnal Green with the College Youths in 1871. Messrs. Haley, Wood, etc., were in the team, and a peal card from his friend Hayworth and his own portrait are in the tower. His son, Mr. A. Richards, was churchwarden during the war. One of the most interesting documents in the parish is an ancient framed list of the original subscribers—old settlers of 1848—and the sums they gave, 'To the building fund of a new church' on 'Te Arowa Platz.'

TOURISTS ARRIVE AT SOUTH ISLAND.

Again it was a most pleasant passage on board the 'Rangatira' from Wellington to Littleton Harbour. After a glorious sunset, the new crescent moon went down beyond the North Island as we sailed down the South Island towards Littleton.

Early morning approach revealed a splendid range of rocky mountainous scenery, surrounding three parts of the bay and its town, and on the boat deck and train platform one wondered how we were ever going to leave the place. A mile or two of tunnelling carried us out on to the Canterbury plains, and we arrived at Christchurch Station on Tuesday, December 11th, somewhat resembling a soccer football eleven. Pressmen were answered as politely as possible, and the photographer given an amiable smile before we barked away in a bevy of motor-cars to our respective lodgings, under the care of Mr. S. H. Barnett. Later in the morning there was a meeting at the Cathedral, and the tourists were given a hearty reception and a copy of the secretary's full programme of the week's 'doings.'

The Cathedral and its precincts form one side of a large square, the other sides having bold public buildings and offices, and here, too, all tramcars pass round in going to and from all quarters of the city. We made this a regular place for morning assembly to suit the separate billets of the party, and daily meal times were agreed on at 8, 12 and 6 o'clock, our recent seafaring hours.

Tower ringing began at 7 p.m., when the Anglo-New Zealand fraternity assembled in force, some 20 ringers responding. We were heartily welcomed by Dean Julius, who kindly gave us the usual belfry prayer. The 'feelers' consisted of touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and a few courses of Grandsire Caters. Mr. George

Claydon had done all he could to have the bells in good order, but we found one or two of them heavy going, and the noise in the ringing room too much for comfortable ringing or conducting.

A couple of hours' decent work was done, the handbells sampled and the momentous question of a 'peal attempt' agreed on before closing the practice.

The city of Christchurch is well laid out, with broad rectangular thoroughfares, some of which have a stream of water constantly flowing along the channels, like the streets of Wells, Somerset. The city stands upon a tableland, some miles in extent, lying between the sea coast and the mountain ranges. It is divided by the river Avon, with its banks of lawn and numerous weeping willow trees that form a graceful feature not to be equalled anywhere. The general appearance of the whole town is very English, and we were not long in making ourselves, generally speaking, 'at home.'

The day following our arrival was devoted to sight-seeing, correspondence, etc. On the north side of the square we made a 'ringers' den' on the ground floor of the principal hotel, and discovered an older 'den' in the basement, once fitted up with a bar, where the early members of the New Zealand Ringing Society used to gather together 40 to 50 years ago. It is no longer in use. I may mention that all licensed houses close at 6 p.m. 'down under,' but this regulation did not affect us. Papanui, the home of Mr. Barnett, was our venue for the afternoon, and Opawa, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Minson, at their private residence in Vincent Place, for the evening. Mr. Minson's two sons are Cathedral ringers, and, with about 16 guests present, a most enjoyable time was spent for four hours. Handbells in tunes and changes brought out local talent in the latter direction. After supper the music room developed more local talent in song and harmony, with Mr. Claydon at the piano, and the last tramcar for the city was boarded at 11.30 p.m. Here we were introduced to Mrs. Tom Biddle, who graciously made a present of her late husband's peal book to the Christchurch Society. His photograph hangs in the belfry now, with a good one of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

PAPANUI.

Throughout our tour in Australia and New Zealand we found a difficulty everywhere in obtaining picture postcards of the various churches we visited. There is scope for the S.P.G., or some other society, to encourage correspondence between churchpeople throughout the commonwealth by means of this popular card. Business will be restricted, however, if the present prices in Australia are charged, viz., 3d. per card and 1½d. each for postage.

St. Paul's Church, Papanui, was erected in 1876. It is a wooden construction, surrounded by a broad churchyard with well-laid-out walks and planted with fine trees, typical of the village graveyards of England. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Orwell, L.Th.) and the verger, Mr. O. J. McKay, met us at the tower on the afternoon of December 12th.

The bells, a light ring of five, cast by Warner and Son, London, 1880, are musical, and, like most of the rings of bells in the old Colonies, have had a chequered career. The original peal of five were lost at sea with the ship that carried them in a terrific storm off the west coast of Africa. Her cargo having been insured by the shipping company, another set of bells was provided, which are those now in use. The next parochial difficulty was the tower. It was not strong or large enough for bellringing, but the parishioners, eager to have their bells properly used, pulled it down in 1912. A new tower and spire were built on a heavy concrete base, without greatly improving conditions, and we found in ringing our Doubles a strong lateral movement of the whole framework to pull against, somewhat resembling a farm wagon crossing a rut in the road.

The Ven. Archdeacon Julius, now Dean of Christchurch and a good friend of the Cathedral Society and greatly interested in the art of change ringing, was Vicar when the bells were put up. The ringing room is small and reached by a step ladder and trapdoor, which the Archdeacon, being a well-built and heavy man, had difficulty in pushing through. The warden was present, and, possibly doubting the complaints of the ringers, jokingly observed, 'There is nothing in this ringing,' and pulled off the third bell. Light as it was, the rope caught him upwards and laid him flat on his back on the floor, where he remained a few moments recovering his breath. There is a set of 25 handbells, by Warners, in the belfry. They were purchased by the former Vicar, the Rev. O'Brien Hore, who was a practical ringer. When he went away the Papanui men collected £10 in the parish to keep them for the use of the church.

When the new tower and bells were opened in 1912 the Christchurch Society, with T. Biddle as conductor, opened them with method ringing. Mr. Biddle died the following year.

At the adjoining Vicarage, Mrs. Orwell and the Vicar gave us a couple of hours' entertainment, with tea, smoke and general conversation. The old handbells were brought from the tower and used in tunes and changes before we left for Christchurch and after thanks for the kind hospitality. It may not be out of place if I here repeat the inscription on the tenor bell at Papanui: 'We sing the Lord's song in a strange land.'

On Thursday, December 13th, we made a round tour in the morning, with a visit to Broadcasting House. The afternoon was spent at

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THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR

STORY OF THE 'ADVENTURE' IN BOOK FORM?

Subscribers Invited.

Many representations have been made to us that the story of the Australian and New Zealand Ringing Tour—the greatest 'adventure' in bell ringing that has ever been undertaken and which aroused remarkable interest among ringers in this country—should be printed in book form.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' is prepared to do this if there is a guarantee of sufficient sale to cover the cost.

The book would consist of the articles which have appeared in our columns, supplemented by further material and pictures and would be about 100 pages, Demy 8vo. size, with stiff cover. If a sufficient number of copies are taken up by subscribers the book will be put on sale at 2s. post free.

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Fendalton. From 7 to 8 p.m. touches were rung at the Cathedral for the evening service, and all members were happy to receive a few words of encouragement in their work from the Lord Bishop of Canterbury, the Rev. Campbell West-Watson, D.D., and from the Dean of Christchurch, who had specially climbed to the belfry to welcome the English ringers. The Dean kindly said the ringers' office before ringing began, and gave the assembly his blessing on departure.

The belfry is a spacious one, well fitted, with a large centre table, chairs, mats, hat and cloak pegs, and a number of interesting pictures and two peal tablets on its walls. Everyone will remember the 'hour and the day,' when the bellringers and the Lord Bishop made the room a modern sanctuary. Our touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters ended at 8 o'clock, we attended an hour's organ recital by Dr. Bradshaw, when the pealing of the organ was a welcome relief to the 'loud speakers' of the ringing room, and, heard along the nave, was soothing to one's ears.

On Friday morning a visit was paid to Addington. Three private cars assembled after lunch to take all our people out sight-seeing. Mr. White's introductory note was responded to by the Christchurch representatives of the A.M.P., as happened at Auckland. We did not get back until six o'clock, after tea at Sumner Bay with our friends. The New Brighton coast and many suburban beauty spots were visited, and the Cashmere Hills for a panoramic view of the sea coast. Many of the houses built on the sides of the rocky hills had forecourts or retaining walls covered with masses of flowers, resembling, in the distance, brightly coloured mats or carpets hung out for domestic treatment.

Go-as-you-please was planned for the evening, but a rallying message was sent out for united practice at the Cathedral, and a belfry full of Anglo-New Zealand method ringers resulted. Some interested visitors came up to see us, including Mr. and Mrs. Sladen, who had travelled with us on the 'Barrabool' from London, and taught some of us how to play New Zealand dominoes, a game requiring more 'brains' than appears at first sight.

It was hoped that our ranks would be increased by the arrival for the week-end of Messrs. De Lambert and Lightband and Miss Jutson. Their official duties, however, kept them up country, much to our regret. Mr. Wright, of Huddersfield, was met during the day, and he regretted his inability to follow up the work of the belfry as he used to do. Messrs. Rashbrooke, of Colchester, and the brothers Hollobon, of Eastbourne, may be heard of in future ringing news from New Zealand.

Shopping and sight-seeing occupied our morning on Saturday, with a rest after lunch. The following men made at 5 p.m. an excellent attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which was lost by the 5th bell 'setting' after it had cast its rope in 1 hour and 5 minutes. The ringers were Messrs. Barnett, Fussell, Linter, Wilde, Chargo, Claydon, Shaw and Martin. Afterwards, some went to the cinema, others for a long chat about the old ringing days of Christchurch, and thus ended a fairly hot day of bright sunshine. W. H. F.

NUNEATON RINGER'S JUBILEE.

MR. T. W. CHAPMAN'S LONG SERVICE TO THE PARISH CHURCH.

Mr. T. W. Chapman, who has just completed 50 years' unbroken service as a ringer at Nuneaton Parish Church, was on Saturday, April 6th, presented with a 5-valve wireless set and an eight-day clock at an enjoyable gathering held in the Parish Hall. Prior to the presentation there was ringing on the bells of the Parish Church from 3.30 to 5.30, following which about 60 members of the Warwickshire Guild and friends were entertained to tea.

The Vicar (Canon J. L. White, M.A.) presided, supported by Rev. J. Bastin (curate) and Messrs. W. E. Lester and G. Hardy (churchwardens), and heartily welcomed the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), who unfortunately had to leave early, but not before saying a few words regarding the significance of the occasion.

A concert followed the tea, and in an interval between the items the presentation was made. Mr. James George, as Mr. Chapman's oldest friend, spoke of the time when, anxious to learn change ringing, he journeyed from Rugby to Nuneaton, where he found Mr. Chapman and the late Mr. Argyle very willing to instruct him. After many journeys and much practice, he rang in a peal with Mr. Chapman as conductor on October 29th, 1891. His last peal at Nuneaton was rung on Thursday, April 4th, 1935, also with Mr. Chapman to celebrate the latter's ringing jubilee. Mr. Chapman was one of the nicest men he knew, always ready and willing to impart information, and he wished Mr. and Mrs. Chapman many years of happiness (applause).

MR. T. W. CHAPMAN.

In presenting the gifts, Canon White congratulated Mr. Chapman on his remarkable achievement on behalf of the Parish Church, the Warwickshire Guild and supporters of bellringing all over the country. It was a wonderful record. The presentation was made in order to put into concrete form their tribute for a very great service—service to Nuneaton Parish Church. Not only did they make the presentation to Mr. Chapman for his ringing, but also in appreciation of a good man. Not every good ringer was a good churchman. Some forgot there were other parts of the church besides the belfry. For a number of years Mr. Chapman had been a sidesman—a sidesman who, he thought, had put in one of the greatest lengths of service. There was a certain freemasonry among ringers, the Vicar added. Messrs. D. H. Argyle and E. Stone, who had been instrumental in arranging that gathering, said they had received letters from ringers all over England proving that Mr. Chapman had not confined his ringing abilities to Nuneaton alone.

The presentation was made with the best wishes that Mr. Chapman's ringing career was nowhere near ended, and that he would go on for many years to come. The Vicar also paid a tribute to Mrs. Chapman, to whom her husband would be the first to express indebtedness for the way in which she had helped him in all the church work he had done.

Musical honours were then accorded to Mr. Chapman. A bouquet of pink tulips and mauve irises was presented to Mrs. Chapman by little Miss Olive Brassington, daughter of Mr. F. Brassington, who had been a colleague of Mr. Chapman's at Nuneaton belfry before moving to Coventry.

Replying, Mr. Chapman said that his ringing was a labour of love, and he did not desire anything in return. For over 40 years Nuneaton Parish Church had had a good reputation in the Midlands regarding its ringers. It was now up to the younger men to see that it was maintained. New recruits would be required to fill up the gaps. It was rather a difficult matter to get young men to take up bellringing, as only about 20 per cent. made good ringers who stuck it for 20 or 30 years. It had been better of late years, thanks to the Vicar, who seldom refused the use of the bells. It was nice to see so many old friends there. Mrs. Chapman and himself were delighted with the gifts, which had been prompted by the kind thoughts of so many of his ringing friends

Mrs. Chapman also thanked the gathering.

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the gathering possible. Mr. Chapman had shown much patience and perseverance to stay in Nuneaton for 50 years. He urged young ringers to emulate him. Nowhere in the Ringing Isle did ringers receive a warmer welcome than in Nuneaton.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

APPOINTMENT OF RINGING MASTER JUSTIFIED.

The meeting of the Sheffield and District Society took place at South Anston on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. During the afternoon a variety of methods was rung, including London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Kingston Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Treble Bob, Bristol, and London Surprise. The ordered manner in which the bells were kept going fully justified the appointment of a Ringing Master at the annual meeting. It was undoubtedly a great improvement to have the ringing officially controlled.

Over 30 members, including the Vicar (Rev. R. Hodgson), sat down to a splendid tea, provided in the schoolroom. The Vicar presided at the business meeting and gave the society a hearty welcome to South Anston. Mr. C. Haynes (president) and Mr. Geo. Lewis (Ringing Master) suitably replied to the Vicar's welcome.

Owing to illness near the church, the ringing terminated at 7.30 p.m. Usually at South Anston ringing goes on until everybody has had enough.

FAREWELL TO A LEWISHAM RINGER.

A 720 of Bob Minor, with tenor covering, was rung on Sunday, March 31st, by the St. Mary's, Lewisham, company, as a farewell to a popular member, Mr. John Foskett, before his departure to South America for three years. It was rung by: G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. Warnett, sen., 3, J. Dafters 4, W. F. Tyler 5, J. Foskett (conductor) 6, H. Goodwin 8. This was Mr. Foskett's first attempt as conductor in the method.

5,216 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

23456	M.	W.	H.		M.	W.	H.
65432	—	—	—	24536	—	—*	
34256	—	—		43652	—	2	
52643	—	—		35426	2	2	
32465	—	2	—	26354	2	—	
43265			—	53462	*—	—	
46532	2	—	—	64235	—	—	
35264	—	—		32546	—	—*	
56423	—	2		24653	—	2	
62534	2	2		45236	2	2	
34625	2	—		36452	2	—	
26543	—	—		54263	*—	—	
45362	—	—		62345	—	—	
56234	—	2		43526	—	—*	
63542	2	2		32654	—	2	
42635	2	—		25346	2	2	
36524	—	—		46253	2	—	
25463	—	—		52364	*—	—	
56342	—	2		65324		—	
64523	2	2		23456	—	—	
23645	2	—					
54632	—	—	—				
24365	—	2	—				
65243	2	—					
42356	—	—					
53624	—	—					
63425	—						

Each course is called London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted where more than one bob is called at M or W in the same course.

This peal was first rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, March 23rd, 1935, conducted by the composer. It consists of 2,880 London, 896 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge and/or Superlative. A variation can be obtained by omitting to call the bobs marked *. The peal can then be reduced by omitting the three consecutive bobs at W towards the end.

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Included in the vote of thanks were the churchwardens, who had made the gathering possible in the hall, the Nuneaton ringers for providing the tea, and the lady helpers for arranging it. Mr. Perrens asked the assembly to make up by hearty clapping what he had failed to say.

Mr. G. Hardy, one of the wardens, who replied on behalf of the church officials, said the splendid work done in the belfry was much appreciated.

Those who took part in the entertainment were Messrs. F. Mann (pianoforte solos), G. Wykes and C. Barnett (songs), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish (tunes on the handbells), and Messrs. D. H. Argyle, F. W. Perrens, J. H. W. White, E. R. Whitehead and J. George, who rang a good course of Stedman Caters.

The singing of the National Anthem brought a very happy gathering to a close. D. E. B.

RESTORATION OF WATH CHURCH BELLS.

DEDICATION OF AUGMENTED YORKSHIRE RING.

Five of the bells of All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, have been recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and rehung in steel frame with three new bells added, making a fine peal of eight, with a new tenor approximately 13 cwt. The octave was completed through the kind generosity of Mr. T. Wade, who gave the new tenor, and an anonymous donor who presented the treble and second bells.

The original date for opening was fixed for Sunday, April 28th, but owing to the work being completed earlier than was expected the Bishop of Sheffield kindly consented to dedicate the bells on Saturday, April 13th, at 7.30 p.m. This did not leave much time for ringing after the service, but, considering the late hour, there was a fairly good attendance of ringers from Arksey, Barnsley, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Sheffield, Darfield and the local company. There was a numerous congregation of parishioners. When the service started there was scarcely a seat vacant, which showed the great interest taken in the new bells, which have been needed badly for several years. Great credit is due to the Vicar (Rev. L. E. Meredith) and the Parochial Church Council for the way they set about the work in January last to raise the necessary funds, enabling the scheme to be carried out in such a short time.

The Bishop of Sheffield performed the dedication, and the clergy who assisted in the service were the Vicar, the curate (Rev. R. H. Atkins), and the Vicar of Brampton (Rev. E. Suggitt). In his address the Bishop contrasted the conditions of the past with those of the present time, which showed a great improvement both in the use of the bells and in the art of ringing them.

After the service there was a keen desire to test the quality and 'go' of the bells, and visiting ringers spoke well of both the tone and the able manner in which the bells had been hung.

The Vicar and churchwarden (Mr. A. T. Thomson) ascended the tower to congratulate the ringers on the touch rung directly after the service, and also extended a hearty welcome to all who cared to come on some future date and spend a little more time in ringing.

LATE NOTICES.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Sunday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. the Bishop of Willesden will dedicate the peal which has been restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Jubilee week-end arrangements are being made for ringing, and a social gathering in the City of London on Saturday, May 4th. All members are invited to bring wives and sweethearts. See next week's issue for further particulars. Visitors from the country desirous of week-end ringing should communicate with T. Wilfred Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, or Hon. Gen. Sec., Chas O. Moore, 67, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak, London.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavel's on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) open at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church School 5 p.m. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, April 24th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Peter's (City). Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know not later than 24th inst. how many for tea. Please make a special effort to attend and support the new Guild of St. Peter's.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Rd., Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—A meeting of the Wisbech Branch will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, April 20th. Re-opening of the ring of ten bells after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Service at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Preacher: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Walsoken. The bells will be rung afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 55th annual general meeting will be held at Rochester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Committee meeting at 11. Association service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by the general meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (10), 10.30-12, 3-4, 4.45-8.30; Rainham (8), after meeting till 8.30; Gillingham (8), Chatham (8), Frindsbury (8), Rochester, St. Margaret's (8), all from 10.30-11.30, and after meeting until 8.30. The nearest six-bell tower is about five miles distant, and arrangements will be made for same if requested. Tickets for luncheon (which includes reasonable refreshment), 1s. each to practising members, 3s. each others.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Easter meeting will be held at Richmond on Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at Bishop Blaize Hotel at 1 p.m.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Burton-on-Trent. Bells available: St. Paul's (10), from 10.30; Winshill (6), 11.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 3.30, 6.30 to 7.30; Rollestone (8), 12 to 4. Committee meet 3 p.m. Short service at St. Paul's 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Institute 4.45. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's and R.C. and at Chesterton and Trumpington. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea at King's Parade Café 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. —B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 22nd. The bells of St. Paul (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m., St. Peter (6) later. Lunch at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m. Annual meeting to follow.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 3 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., Dean. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2.45; 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 12 noon and 1 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. Towers of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's open for ringing about 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. C. Stainsby, Rector of Great Berkhampstead. Tea at Abbey Institute after service, followed by business meeting. High tea 1s. 9d. each. Please let me know if you are taking tea, by first post Saturday, April 20th, to prevent disappointment. This is 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 22nd. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12) 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. J. E. H. Williams, M.A., Rector of Acle. 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.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam) on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at 3 p.m. on Easter Tuesday. The ring of five has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 30th, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next practice meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, before April 25th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Odiham and Upton Grey on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Odiham Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 23rd, to Mr. E. Jarrold, Close Lodge, Odiham.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon Secretary.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at St. Peter's (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available all day. Service at St. Gregory's at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Meeting follows. Names to Mr. H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th. 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 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Annual meeting will be held at Ashton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. — T. E. Loxton, Hon. Sec., 64, Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 22nd.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd?—H. R. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 22nd?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School adjoining. Names please to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on April 27th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 24th inst.? — Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Limington, near Ilchester, on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (5) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th? A good attendance at this meeting is requested. Everybody welcome.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — The annual spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, April 27th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, April 27th, a meeting will be held at Royston. The bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Vicar invites all members, who notify him, to tea in the Church House. Postcards for tea to Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, April 27th. Heavy peal of six. Usual arrangements. Tea at Vicar's invitation. Please advise W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business, to elect a new divisional secretary. No rail fares. Tea will be arranged for those who notify Mr. G. Apps, 1, Hawthorn, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, by Wednesday, April 24th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. Crook, Shockendon, Yattendon, near Newbury, by Wednesday, April 24th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, April 27th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Reading Room at 4.30. Recently restored peal of 6 bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. Noice and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Archdeacon) 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, April 25th. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. St. Leonard's, Malton (8) may be available during evening. Tea at 5.15 at Schofields, Yorkersgate, Malton. Service at Norton 4.30. Business meeting at Norton Church Hall after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holingarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton, before Thursday, April 25th. A hearty welcome to all.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Meugan Church, Llanveigan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road. Business meeting to follow. Printed reports for the years 1933-34 will be distributed at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LADIES GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. George's, Southwark, on Wednesday, May 1st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All are welcome.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes. Notify me of attendance by April 30th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Worplesdon on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Numbers for tea to me, please, by April 30th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30. Further details later. — A. Waddington, Hon. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, May 4th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.0, to be followed by tea and business meeting. — L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Saturday, May 4th. Divine service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of London. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 9, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Number for tea not later than April 30th, to either secretary. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 4.40, and after the meeting; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 3 to 4.30; St. Magnus', Thames Street; St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, all from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pelsall on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3. Service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar (Rev. W. Armstrong). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 30th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street Wolverhampton.

BARNBY, NOTTS.—On Thursday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new treble which has been installed to complete the peal to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935). — Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6, before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

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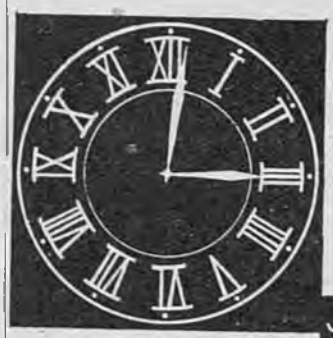

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TWO COMMENDABLE SCHEMES.

There are two motions relating to matters of a similar nature in the published agenda of the Central Council for consideration at the next meeting that should commend themselves not only to the members, but to the whole Exercise, and should enlist the active help of all those in a position to render assistance. The first is a proposal to make a record of old and valuable peal boards, and the second a suggestion to prepare a record of past members of the Council, giving a short account of their work, and accompanying it, where possible, with a photograph of the subject. Both these proposals are not only of immediate interest in themselves, but, if carried out, the results should be of value to future ringers.

The idea of compiling a record of the old peal boards to be found on belfry walls was first put forward in this column by Mr. J. A. Trollope, whose suggestion went further than the motion now to come before the Council. Mr. Trollope's plan was for a survey of the records in question, which involves not merely the making of a copy of what is in the tower, but a report upon the condition of the tablets. When the Council come to consider the subject we hope it may be made clear that the peal records intended are not merely records on wood, but all records relating to peals prior to a certain date, whether preserved on wood, stone, paper or any other material. We have in mind a manuscript record, with details of peals going back to the first half of the eighteenth century and also including peals rung for the victories of Trafalgar and Waterloo. The original records were on the belfry walls, but were removed during a 'restoration' in the last century. Had it not been for the foresight of a local enthusiast, who made a copy of them, these interesting records would have been lost for ever. So it may happen in the future in any tower where old records exist. There have been numerous instances of peal boards taken down and never replaced, when renovations or alterations have been made. It is upon such records that much of our knowledge of early performances have been based, and it is our duty to see that what is still left to us is preserved and the first step towards it is a survey and catalogue of what remains.

The other proposal to collect short biographies of past members of the Central Council will perhaps, not prove quite so simple a task. The peal tablets exist and have only to be inspected and copied. The records of past members of the Council will not be so easy to come by, but that does not make it any the less desirable that the work of collecting should be set in hand without delay. In the history of the Council most, if not all, of the lead-

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ing men in the Exercise in the last fifty or sixty years have passed across its stage. From the days before the Council there have come down to us brief biographical details on just one or two men in a generation, but the vast growth of the art of change ringing since the development of modern ringing organisations has brought to the forefront in every decade numbers of men to whom the progress of the art owes much. At some time or other most of these leading ringers have been members of the Central body, and a record of their work would be a valuable contribution to history. And if this scheme is undertaken, we hope it will not ultimately stop as the limits laid down by the motion. Could there not be added to it the biographies, as far as they are known, of the men who in earlier days helped to build up the edifice of ringing as we know it to-day, and also of those, if there be any within the last half century who, having given service to the promotion of the art, have by chance not served on the Central Council? Why not, indeed, make this first biographical venture the beginning of a wider and more comprehensive historical record?

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MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	JAMES BENNETT	8
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GEORGE R. PYE	6	FRANK E. PERVIN...	...*Tenor*

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TEN BELL PEAL.

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On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes,

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Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
KEITH HART...	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	7
ALBERT DISERENS	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	8
ALFRED KING	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	9
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*W. A. CYSTER (age 15)	...*Treble*	†JAMES D. TAYLOR (age 14)	5
*JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 14)...	2	THOMAS J. FOWLER	6
GORDON W. LIMMER... ...	3	GEORGE H. LIMMER	7
*RONALD C. FOWLER	4	GEORGE GILBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from the treble. With the exceptions of ringers of 4th and 6th (who hail from Cookham) all are members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham.

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON	*Treble*	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER	2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	*ALEX HUTCHINSON	7
FRED W. HILL	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
* First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

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JAMES ROSE	2	GEORGE W. ABLITT	6
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	3	HARRY D. LISTER	7
CHARLES SHEMMING	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

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On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*THOMAS WYATT	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	EDWARD D. SMITH	6
ERNEST J. KING	3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	7
E. RALPH MACKRILL	4	JACK WAUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H TAFFENDER
* First peal of Major.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE HOWLETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM FLATT	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
*STANLEY COPLING	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE GOWER	*Treble*	FREDERICK ROOPE	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	WALTER BARRETT	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
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ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	2	GEORGE WHITING	6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Tenor*

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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
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WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	*Treble*	†EDWARD J. CHARMAN	5
*CHARLES W. DENYER	2	GEORGE W. STEERE	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
CHARLES H. KIPPEN	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

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MAURICE LING	2	ERNEST DURRANT	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	HORACE A. WRIGHT	7
GEORGE JENNINGS	4	EDWARD E. DEWEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. E. DEWEY.

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FREDERICK TARGETT	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

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Older heads, we hope, may help in the 'educational' side of this page, so that young ringers may reap the benefit of knowledge and experience, but we also hope the young people themselves will make use of the space—not just to record touches which they may have rung, but to expand their knowledge and help others, ventilate their ideas, and, above all, make it a means of progress in the Art.

There are all sorts of things in connection with bells, besides just pulling the ropes, or even learning to ring by method, which should be of interest to young ringers, and we hope to be able to impart information under many heads.

Although every ringer should aspire to become a peal ringer not all are keen in this direction, and we hope this page will give these folk something of interest to study in our columns which will make up for any lack of interest they may at present have in the more advanced achievements of others. Indeed, it is possible that ringers who are not-so-young will find something to interest them.

The young ringers of to-day will be the backbone of the Exercise to-morrow. We want to encourage them to equip themselves for the future, to get as wide a knowledge of the art as they can and to obtain as broad an outlook as possible upon the duties and responsibilities which rest upon them as church bellringers.

And we believe they can do a good deal in this direction by helping one another. For that reason we shall welcome their contributions to this page. They can rely upon their letters and articles being dealt with sympathetically, with a crossing of the t's and a dotting of the i's where necessary. The only condition we make is that each contribution must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, although these need not necessarily be for publication.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

We propose to give each week a few simple hints on conducting for those who wish to make themselves acquainted with this important and interesting side of ringing.

Most ringers have a desire to learn to call touches. Their ambition should be to learn to 'conduct,' which is rather a different thing. Conducting means not only calling the bobs, but putting another fellow right when he makes a mistake. The ability to do this does not, of course, come all at once. It has to be acquired by practice. Every young bob caller should study the art of 'conducting,' and he can do quite a lot of preliminary work on paper by a close examination of the method of which he hopes to call touches.

Let us suppose he wishes to start on Bob Minor. First of all he must know where to call the bobs. For the moment let him be content to know about bobs 'wrong' and 'right.' A bob 'wrong' is made when the tenor (or any other bell that may be the 'observation' bell) dodges in 5-6 up and the proper place to call it is as the tenor passes from 4th's to 5th's place going up, after passing the treble in 3-4. A bob 'right' (also known as 'home') is made when the tenor dodges in 5-6 down and the proper place to call it is between the two blows of the tenor's whole-pull behind. The 5-6 down position for the tenor is the ordinary course end of the method.

Three bobs 'wrong' or three bobs 'right' will give a touch of 180, and by calling bobs 'wrong,' 'right' and 'wrong,' in that order, three times, half the extent of 720, viz., 360, will be produced. This, it will be noticed, leaves the 5-6 down position of the tenor to come at a plain lead at alternate course ends. To complete the extent of the method call a single at the end of the first 360, instead of having a plain lead; and do the same at the end of the next 360.

A first step towards 'conducting' is a knowledge of 'coursing' order, or the order in which the bells follow one another through the work of the course. The coursing order of the bells following the tenor in a plain course of Bob Minor is (6) 5 3 2 4 (6), with the treble changing its place between them each lead, first following 3, then 5, then 6, then 4, then 2. Every call, whether bob or single, changes the coursing order, and it is the conductor's job to be able to know, as the ringing proceeds, if the bells are in the correct coursing order. He needs not only to know what the coursing order is after he has made a call, but to be able to anticipate it by knowing what it ought to be after the next call. Peals are saved that way when a trip occurs as at bob.

Paper and pencil at home and close observation in the tower will soon put the aspiring young bob caller on the way to real 'conducting.'

(More about Conducting next week)

DO YOU KNOW

1. The proper way to hold a bell rope when you ring?
2. Who wrote the first 'text book' on change ringing?
3. Where and when the first known 'ring' of bells was hung?
4. How to find out the number of changes that are possible on a given number of bells?

IF YOU DON'T, THEN——

1. Keep the hands, one above the other, as close together as possible: On the rope end at 'backstroke'; on the sally at 'handstroke' with the tail end of the rope in the crutch of the thumb and forefinger of one hand, so that the sally can be grasped with the thumb and all four fingers of each hand.
2. Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, who published 'Tintinnalogia' in 1668. He was the author of the method known by his name.
3. At Croyland Abbey, Lincolnshire, before the year 1100. The first Abbot of Croyland, according to the chronicler 'Ingulphus,' 'gave six bells to that monastery, that is to say, two great ones, which he named Bartholomew and Beladine, two of a middling size, called Turketullum and Beterine, two small ones denominated Pega and Bega; he also caused the great bell to be made called Gudla, which was tuned to the other bells, and produced an admirable harmony not to be equalled in England.'
4. Multiply all the numbers together. Thus, for three bells 1x2x3 equals 6, for seven bells 1x2x3x4x5x6x7 equals 5,040.

PROPOSED NATIONAL GUILD OF YOUTH.

ORGANISER INVITES INFORMATION.

Will all ringers of either sex, under the age of 26, who would like to become members of the above Guild, kindly send their name, address, age, ringing capabilities, and mention any society they belong to, to—

Malcolm Melville,
The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry,

as soon as possible?

Several young ringers are already in communication with him, and he hopes that every ringer within the age limit will communicate with him, whatever their capabilities may be. Also will older ringers kindly tell the younger ones, who perhaps do not see 'The Ringing World'?

A GUILD OF YOUTH?

'THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.'

The suggested formation of a Guild of Young Ringers, put forward by Mr. Malcolm Melville, was discussed at a meeting of Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, when a resolution was passed nem con. that such an organisation is entirely unnecessary.

We give below also some letters on the subject:—

Sir,—It is commonly said that youth is impulsive and needs to 'stop and think' sometimes. It appears to me that this applies to youth of all ages, judging by the letters so far published on the subject of the proposed new Guild, and also your leading article. Let us 'stop and think,' young and old alike, before bestowing blessings on the suggested venture, and see the other side of the picture.

In the first place, the launching of a new Guild is a serious undertaking (especially if it is to function in districts already covered by the territorial associations), as towers are required for meetings. Apparently the proposed Guild will aim at peal ringing as well, so that we shall have another applicant for towers which are already well booked up by the local associations, and in many cases kept open only by the loyalty of local stalwarts (many of whom would be ineligible for membership of the new Guild), while in other cases the local association has played a large part in restoration of peals by grants from funds or by concerted efforts of ringers to raise funds for restorations, etc.

Do those who favour this new idea imagine that they are going to 'cut across' local claims for 'stunt' purposes and be received with open arms? I very much doubt it, and will quote the position of my own tower, where youth has had a few attempts under the auspices of the Kent County Association. When we travel outside our own boundaries we endeavour to ring peals for the association in whose territory we happen to be, and we look for the same courtesy from visitors to Crayford.

As to the idea of 17 and 70 mixing together—why not? Is it not a fact that the old titles of — Youths originated from the old idea that all were youths together in the art? I have myself taken part in many peals, and many more attempts, with bands of varying ages from 13 to 70, and it would be hard to say which youngster was most delighted when success was achieved—the one of 13 or the one of 70.

I am aware of instances where youngsters have been snubbed by some of the old school, who have (not always without reason) become disgruntled at young ringers who ring umpteen methods before they ring rounds properly, and I would suggest to any young member who feels snubbed at criticism by an old 'un, before taking the huff, he should have a 'severe think' and see if there is any possibility of that criticism being justified; remember that brilliance can always gain from experience, and that possibly that veteran can tell him in his criticism something which would take years to find out unaided. I say this with conviction, while I scored my 'first as conductor' at the age of 17, I am still learning and have learned much from criticism of my efforts at various times.

There still remains the question of an instructor being peeved if one of his colts goes to ring peals with an association from which he (the instructor) is barred. If he has any interest in his pupil he certainly should be peeved. I have spent some considerable time for several years now in furthering the progress of youngsters, but had I any idea that they intended to bar me from their peals I am afraid that they would have to go to their new Guild for the various diagrams, etc., required, for someone to spend evenings with them on handbells, or to get towers open for them, for the one reward of a voluntary instructor is to share in his pupils' success. Bar him from this and his interest evaporates, and automatically he ceases to instruct at all.

I may add that I shortly hope to take part in several peals which will be 'first as conductor,' and (I hope Mr. P. Amos reads this), although they will be Plain Bob and Grandsire, they will rank equally with London and Bristol to

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Crayford.

A NEW CLASSIFICATION.

Sir,—It is generally realised that something should be done to encourage youth in the art of ringing, but we do not need another association, with the consequent petty rivalry, jealousies, and accumulation of funds which no one will be able to deal with to the satisfaction of all.

Age and wealth are overlooked in the enthusiasm of all good ringers, and although a veterans' or youngsters' peal can be arranged to advantage, we would not have good attendance if we divided ourselves into age classes. What does Mr. Cannon consider he would do with the four or five irresponsible youngsters in his band of twelve without the steadying influence of our seniors.

However, we can classify ringers, irrespective of age, as follows:—

The Super Men. We have many amongst us of all ages. They deserve more support and encouragement from the youth they serve.

The Good Ringers. I think this class holds the majority, and we badly need more.

The Learners, and those who are slow in picking up ordinary methods. Often this class of ringer is very useful to make up a band. I belong to this class myself.

All these I place under the class of 'Enthusiastic Ringers,' but there are two other types we could do without. One is invariably captain of a tower, jealous of all others, and wants to be the big 'It'; and another with these qualities, and worse, because he is attracted to the tower for financial benefit to himself. I have first-hand recent experience of one who refuses to allow learners to be taught and gives no explanation why. Now, if youth desires to do something, why not start 'The Campanologists' Association,' to include all worth having—'Australians included.'

Stop this paying sums to be hoarded to no good, and perhaps such a project could make a big thing of the Benevolent Fund suggested by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Encourage ringers of all ages to travel and mix together in freedom and unity, and in time we could boycott the mean, despicable type to which I have referred, for the good of the Exercise. I am ready to help do something when you like; so get going, 'Youth.'

JOHN EUSTON
(just over 25).

TWO BRIEF COMMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I make a brief comment on two points recently discussed in your columns

(a) As a representative of the 'old 'uns,' I have read with sympathetic interest the proposals to form a Guild of Youth. One reflection that occurred to me was alluded to in your admirable leading article on the subject. I certainly hold that membership of such a Guild should be confined to members of a recognised territorial organisation, otherwise the support of young ringers might be drawn away from their diocesan or county societies.

(b) Mr. Milton draws a false analogy between choir practices and ringers' meetings. A local choir practice or Church Council meeting is not usually combined with a service, though simple prayers are generally offered. But when choristers or other churchworkers from different parishes meet at one centre, they regularly do join in an act of united worship.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Letters to the Editor on the subject of the new 'Triples' book are unavoidably held over.

NUMBERING THE 'SIXES' IN STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Stedman' of the 'Snowdon Series' appears the plain course of Triples giving 2314567 as the 'six-end' numbered (14) and with the succeeding six-ends numbered from (1) upwards. In the latest Collection of 'Triples' the 'six-end' 23145678 is numbered (1).

Maybe some of your more experienced readers can explain the reason of this, as the Snowdon publication is a very fine and clear book on this method.

HENRY SARGENT.

Glasgow.

The difference is more apparent than real. The actual bob is made at the first row of the 'six,' and in the new 'Triples' book published by the Central Council the figures mark the actual place where the bob should be called, i.e., at the preceding six-end. In Snowdon's 'Stedman,' as the author points out, the figures 'serve to number the sixes and are placed opposite the last row of the six, commonly called the six-end.'

For the beginner in conducting it is more important to know exactly where the bobs should be called than to know at the end of a six that a bob should have been made at the beginning of it.

'ATTEMPTING FOUL RINGING—PENALTY 10s. 6d.'

AN OLD 'CAUTION' AT A SURREY CHURCH.

Surmounted by a tall spire, the tower at Ash Church, Surrey, contains a light ring of six bells, not particularly tuneful but very handy for practice. Some 30 members of the Guildford Guild made good use of the bells on Saturday, when a meeting of the Farnham District was held. Members were present from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnborough, Farnham, Pirbright, Seale and Worplesdon, with the Guild treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith).

The singing at the Guild's service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. J. Scott, M.A.), was led by a full choir, for at Ash there is a happy understanding between those who serve at the east and west ends of the church. The Rector's address was much appreciated.

Local ladies supervised the tea, and at the meeting which followed, Mr. J. Corbett was voted to the chair. Mrs. Cann (Pirbright) was elected an honorary member, and G. L. Luck and Mildred Cank (Seale) were elected ringing members of the Guild.

A sum of one guinea was voted from the district funds to the fund for the restoration of the tower of the Farnham Parish Church.

The new Guild badges were on sale, and the hon. district secretary, who is also Guild badge secretary, did good business both in the silver and bronze varieties. The badge is neatly executed, and consists of a bell suspended from a headstock. Its accurate proportions have been taken from Ripon Cathedral tenor, and it bears the Guild's title as an 'inscription' on the waist of the bell.

Cordial thanks were accorded to the Rector, the choir and the organist, to which the choirmaster (Mr. Manfield) responded.

Attention was called to the need for restoration of the old timber bell frame at Ash, and it is hoped that something will be done before it gets into a worse state. At present it gives out weird and wonderful rumblings while the bells are being rung, and the cause of the noises can be doing the structure of the tower no good.

There is an interesting old board in the ringing chamber, worded as follows:—

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We should be interested to learn what 'foul ringing' implies. Obviously not turning a bell over. For that, the delinquent could get away with a fine of 3d. 'Foul ringing' was something much more serious, for a penalty of no less than 10s. 6d. was exacted for 'attempting' it, in addition to a liability for the damage in so doing.

Ash bells were augmented to six in 1919, and the ringing on them on Saturday covered the common ground between rounds and Cambridge Surprise, with a selection of 'Aldershot Assorted,' which included half a dozen ingredients from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A USEFUL MEETING AT SYDLING.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch, held at Sydling on Saturday, April 6th, proved not only enjoyable but resulted in good work being accomplished. Sydling possess a lovely peal of five (tenor approximately 20 cwt.), where everyone would like to see the octave completed. Good practice was put in from 3 p.m. until 4.30, when the Guild office, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Werninck). The address was given by the Rector of Upwey (Rev. A. S. Bryant), who is well known as a fluent preacher, and is always at the bidding of the Dorchester Branch, which they greatly appreciate.

Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) was held in the Clubroom, and 52 members and friends were present. The Vicar, who presided, welcomed the members to Sydling, and his humorous speech caused roars of laughter.

A short business meeting followed, at which one hon. member was elected.—The Rev. A. S. Bryant stated they would have a warm welcome when they came to Upwey for their summer meeting in June.

A welcome was given to the visitors, and the usual votes of thanks were passed, special mention being made of the Vicar for his kindness in providing such a bountiful tea, and the ladies who did the waiting and the work.

Following the meeting several members went on to Cattistock (where the carillon of 35 bells hang), and rang on the peal of eight, which are hung for ringing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 13th, when some 55 ringers attended and enjoyed ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. Galer), who also gave a very interesting address. The friendly offices of Mr. H. F. Saunders at the organ were much appreciated.

After the service the members were the guests at tea of the local ringers' wives and friends. This social event, which took place in the Church Hall, firmly established two reputations—that of the ladies as ideal hostesses and the Vicar as a highly successful raconteur.

Tea over, Messrs. T. Groombridge, jun., T. Groombridge, sen., E. A. Barnett, E. Beer and G. Cross delighted the company with three leads of Treble Ten on handbells.

The business meeting followed. The Vicar presided, and was elected an honorary member of the association. Five practising members were duly elected, and the election of six members previous to peals was ratified.

The selection of Downe as the place for the summer meeting was unanimous.

Tribute to the memory of the late Mr. W. Pye and Mr. R. Brett-Smith was paid by a minute's silent meditation by the meeting.

The correspondence in 'The Ringing World' anent the 'Organisation of Youth' was then mentioned. Discussion, in which youth was an active participant, led to a resolution that 'In the opinion of those ringers here assembled the suggested "Organisation of Youth" is entirely unnecessary.'—This was passed nem con.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and giving his address, for his liberal quotations from 'Ditchfield,' and for presiding at the business meeting; to the organist for his services; to the ladies for their generous hospitality and efficient 'service'; and to the local ringers for their ready assistance in preparing such a successful meeting.—This was carried enthusiastically

The Vicar responded. He assured the association of a welcome to St. Mary Cray whenever they cared to visit the village, and paid tribute to his own ringers. Miss L. Burchall replied for the ladies graciously and well.

Mr. G. Lovelock, the secretary of St. Mary Cray Guild, endorsed the remarks made by the previous speakers in a further happy little 'speechette.'

Further ringing both in' in hand ' and in the tower until 8.30 p.m. concluded proceedings.

Members from Beckenham, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, Eltham, Erith, Farningham, Gravesend and London, and visitors from Chelmsford and Northampton spent an enjoyable few hours in an English village in all the 'uncertain glory of an April day.'

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING AT KINGSBURY.

A very successful meeting of the Central District was held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, Middlesex (formerly St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London), on Saturday, April 6th, and was very well attended, there being over 50 members and friends present. Various methods were rung, from a few rounds for the beginners to a course of Cambridge Surprise Major by a band of members.

A short but pleasant service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea followed in the new Church Hall, and was thoroughly enjoyed. At a short business meeting held afterwards Mrs. Fletcher took the chair, in the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. Deal.

Two new members were elected—Miss E. Lakin and Mrs. W. Rawlings.

The date of the annual meeting of the district was fixed for June 22nd. This meeting is to be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London.

Mrs. Fletcher then reminded the members of the coming annual meeting of the Guild to be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, on the second Saturday in July.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service; to the organist; to Mr. Barratt for making all the necessary arrangements; and to Mrs. Barratt and her helpers for providing such a substantial tea. This concluded the meeting.

The members then proceeded to the tower, to which some of the menfolk had previously adjourned, and further ringing took place.

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EASTER SERVICE TOUCHES.

At Burnham, Bucks, for evensong, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples: J. E. Taylor (age 14) 1, R. G. Taylor (age 13) 2, Evelyn M. Taylor 3, B. T. Harrison 4, G. W. Limmer (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. D. Taylor (age 14) 6, G. H. Limmer 7, W. A. Cyster (age 15) 8. First quarter-peal 'inside' by ringer of 3rd.

At St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Surrey, for Easter evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, F. Fair 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, Ed. Hunt 8.

At Prittlewell, Essex, for 6 a.m. celebration, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): N. Townsend 1, R. Brown 2, G. Wilson 3, J. Fowler 4, A. North 5, F. Lufkin (first quarter-peal of Kent as conductor) 6, S. Baybut 7, G. Bacon 8.

At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, on Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): Geo. Lewis (Sheffield) 1, A. J. Martin 2, H. Price 3, H. F. Martin (conductor) 4, F. B. Martin 5, R. Lewis 6, S. J. Jones 7, W. H. Webb (Halesowen) 8, F. Crump 9, H. Norbury 10.

On Easter Day, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Liverpool, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): J. Williams 1, J. Cardowney 2, J. Riley 3, T. Egan 4, T. Hammond 5, G. R. Newton 6, L. L. Gray 7, E. Caunce 8. Longest length on eight bells for the first four ringers. Ring for the induction of the Rev. Father T. D. Roberts as Rector.

At Stoke-in-Coventry, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Rouse (first quarter-peal) 1, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 2, Miss V. M. Freeman (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. Sibley 4, C. Freeman 5, W. Ellender 6, W. T. Cox 7, F. Rouse 8. The quarter-peal also celebrated the engagement of Miss V. M. Freeman and Mr. E. Sibley, who are both respected members of St. Michael's band.

PAIGNTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. F. ALLWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allwood, of 8, York Gardens, Paignton, Devon, celebrated their golden wedding on April 8th, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung in their honour.

Mr. Allwood is, and has been, a regular ringer at the Parish Church for over 20 years. Indeed, he has been a ringer in various places for nearly 60 years, having been a ringer at Stoke Gabriel prior to March, 1914, when he and his wife went from Sandridge to Paignton to live.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allwood are natives of Somerset, and were married at Bristol on April 8th, 1885. Their family consists of a son and two surviving daughters, and they have six grandchildren.

Prior to the ringing of the bells, on the wedding anniversary, the Vicar, the Rev. Preb. H. M. Drake, on behalf of himself and the ringers, in the tower belfry presented Mr. Allwood with a gold-mounted cigarette holder, and presented Mrs. Allwood with a magnificent bouquet of daffodils and golden tulips as well as a rose bowl in which to stand them.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Leiston, Suffolk, on April 22nd, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples: N. Summerhayes (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. M. Bailey 2, J. G. Rumsey 3, J. E. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, F. L. Fisher (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 6, C. E. Fisher 7, A. Ling 8.

At Crayford, Kent, on Easter Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Barnett 1, G. V. Murphy 2, R. Brough 3, T. Groombridge, jun., 4, Hy. Wood 5, Mollie Redpath (first attempt as conductor) 6, E. A. Barnett 7, J. Abson 8.

At North Stoneham, Hants, for evensong on April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Faithful 1, G. Pullinger 2, R. Reed (first in method) 3, W. Rowe 4, G. Williams (conductor) 5, C. Fray 6, W. Tucker 7, R. Clark 8.

At Colchester, on Sunday, April 7th, previous to the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 48 mins.: W. Chalk 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, W. Dent 5, R. W. Stannard (first quarter-peal in method) 6, V. Kerridge 7, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 8.

At Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Reay (first quarter-peal) 1, N. Pairman (first quarter-peal) 2, P. Wisbart (first quarter-peal) 3, T. W. Crowe 4, K. Arthur 5, J. Anderson 6, W. J. Davidson (conductor) 7, M. Anderson 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Listeners on Sunday heard the bells of Jerusalem broadcast. But from no station on this great festival of Easter were the bells of any English Church heard—except the customary 'interval' signal. If the B.B.C. would act up to their profession to give us from time to time characteristic settings for things they put over the ether, they sadly fail at the great Church festivals by omitting to preface the services with the sound of the bells.

Birmingham Corporation has given notice of its intention to apply for permission to include in the Birmingham Corporation Bill clauses giving power to acquire, by purchase, St. John's Church, Deritend, and to utilise the site, after the demolition of the building, for the purposes of street widening.

The church and tower are built of brick, and there is a ring of eight bells. If the proposal is sanctioned by Parliament, St. John's parish will be united with that of St. Basil. Deritend bells have no great reputation for tone, but the metal might be used to provide some other church with a good peal.

Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth, who has just completed 60 years as head ringer at St. Leonard's Church, has been presented with a handsome oak chair, with suitable inscription on a silver plate, to mark his long and valued services.

Three fathers and five sons rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Framsden, Suffolk, on Saturday.

The Rickmansworth, Herts, peal is to be augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles, and the work will be placed in the hands of John Taylor and Co. as soon as sufficient funds are forthcoming.

Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, Kent, writes that the peal of Minor rung at St. Margaret's Church, Barming, a week or two ago, was not the first rung there. On July 10th, 1910, the Horsmonden band rang a seven-method peal there, conducted by Edwin Lambert.

Two honours have been paid to Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, this week. On Wednesday he was appointed Vicar's churchwarden at Surfleet. On the previous day he was presented with the Scouts' 'Thanks' badge, in recognition of his many acts of kindness to the local troop.

Rupert is getting quite a collection of badges, and if he goes on like this he will soon need an even broader chest (or a longer watch chain, which will require a correspondingly longer waist line), if he wants to display them all at once.

In the 'Ring o' Bells,' at Prestwich, Manchester, there used to be kept a box of handbells, but the house has now lost its licence. We wonder what has become of the handbells!

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

TO BE HUNG IN A CIRCLE IN VAST TOWER.

It is expected that the central tower of Liverpool Cathedral, which has been begun, will be completed in six or seven years' time. The cost of the tower is being met by a gift of £220,000 by Lord Vestey and Sir Edmund Vestey, but a further sum of about £80,000 is required to complete the central space, the porches and the transept now under construction.

Provision has been made for a peal of twelve bells with, it is suggested, a tenor of something like four tons, and supplied with semitones to make lighter rings. The cost of the bells is being defrayed from a gift by Mr. Thomas Bartlett of £5,500, and the Cathedral Executive Committee have had under consideration the plan of Sir Giles Scott for the hanging of the bells in the tower. Because of the great span involved this presents engineering problems. The method adopted necessitates the erection of a steel framework.

According to the 'Birmingham Mail,' the ringers will stand in the central square formed by the intersection of four girders, and the bells will be hung on a circular reinforced concrete frame in the centre of the tower. Between the ringing chamber and the bells there will be an insulating space to deaden the sound to the ringers.

The arrangement of the bells in a circle is believed to be entirely novel, and it is made practicable by the size of the tower, the interior of which is 74ft. 6in. across from side to side.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN U.S.A.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., on Sunday, March 31st, but was unfortunately lost after reaching nearly the half-way mark. Subsequently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: S. W. Sturgis 1, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 2, W. Sturgis 3, A. D. Bosson 4, W. Bashford 5, J. F. Laker 6, S. M. Wheelock 7, R. Henson 8.

Handbells were indulged in after the ringing, and included a course of Grandsire Caters, a touch of Grandsire Triples and 360 Bob Minor.

It is hoped to make another attempt for the peal on the bells at Kent School, Connecticut, some time in May, permission having been granted by the headmaster, Father Sill.

'SURPRISE RINGERS NOT TO BLAME'

We have received a letter from Mr. P. Amos on this subject, but as no good purpose can be served by pursuing the question in the vein he adopts, we regret we are unable to insert his communication.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. WALTER AYRE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, on Monday. A company of about 70 members and friends attended, and the Sub-Dean of St. Albans (Canon H. A. Skelton) took the chair until the unanimous election of Mr. Walter Ayre, hon. secretary of the Western District, as president for the ensuing year. The company stood in silence for a few moments in memory of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham, president and treasurer, and others who had passed away since the previous annual gathering.

Mr. T. Slater, of St. Albans, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. W. Barton, of Yorkshire, a non-resident life member.

Mr. Gilbert Debenham presented the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand on March 31st last of £8 11s. 5d. Subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund during the year amounted to £3 4s., giving a credit balance at the bank of £13 1s. 8d. During the year one grant of £2 was made to a member.—The accounts were adopted.

The annual report was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel).

REASONS FOR SUCCESS.

'I consider it a great honour,' said the Hon. Secretary, 'to present to you the 50th annual report of this association. At the period when this society was formed, ringers were not regarded by Church and public with the confidence existing to-day. As a class, ringers had a bad name (probably exaggerated), and Church authorities took very little interest in the men who rang the bells, chiefly in "call" changes. One of the earliest bands to initiate belfry reform in the county was the St. Albans Cathedral Society (founded January 1st, 1884), which placed its membership upon a communicant basis, and by this act secured the life interest in change ringing of Archdeacon Lawrance. He was a great friend to this association. It was customary for him to preach the annual sermon, which he did on fourteen occasions. He never missed attending our annual meeting, and he was elected president in 1913. I have enjoyed, as a member for 50 years, most of which time has been spent in secretarial duties, the unique experience of watching closely our growth, and I would attribute the success attained chiefly to: (1) God's blessing upon the venture; (2) the loyal backing of the district secretaries and members; (3) the whole-hearted support of Bishops, clergy and honorary members; (4) to the wisdom of Mr. E. P. Debenham in redrafting rules which have been for so many years our working basis. The last message our president wrote to "The Ringing World," which appeared in the issue of November 2nd last, was, "I am proud to think that the association is fulfilling so well the objects for which it was established."'

The question of raising the subscription, the report continued, was brought forward at the annual committee meeting, and a referendum was agreed to. From returns which have come to hand a majority of the bands are against any alteration. It was also suggested that a yearly voluntary bell fund of 3d. per bell for each tower in affiliation with the association be established, and that the subject be discussed at the annual meeting.

The sub-committee appointed to carry through the Jubilee celebrations met on ten occasions, under the chairmanship of the president. Details were many, but the committee had the satisfaction of knowing that their labours were crowned with success. To all who contributed to this happy ending (and there are many) grateful thanks are given. The Dean of St. Albans made the announcement of his desire that the Abbey bells should be augmented to a peal of twelve, as befitting a Cathedral, and to mark the Jubilee of the association. This was greeted with much satisfaction, and further enhanced when the president announced the Bishop's gift of £25. Since the meeting, a faculty has been secured, and the work begun by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

A special committee was called to discuss the question, and means are being taken to secure sufficient money to pay for one bell to commemorate the Jubilee and to the memory of Mr. E. P. Debenham, president and treasurer. It is hoped that every band affiliated in the county will send its quota, and send it quickly.

OUTSTANDING PEALS.

The peals rung during the past year make a remarkable list, which would be regarded as creditable to a much larger body. Fifty-four peals on tower bells and eight on handbells; seventeen peals of Surprise in Major methods, and one of Surprise Royal; Surprise peals rung without even a practice, some with only one. New methods rung for the first time, whose conductor had the privilege of naming the method, hence the local name. The peal of Hertfordshire Surprise Major was composed, rung, and named in honour of our Jubilee. Mr. H. G. Cashmore and his band are to be congratulated upon the honours they have conferred and the prestige which they added to the association. Mr. Cashmore heads the list of conductors, followed by Mr. George Debenham, through whose services many ringers have been enabled to ring a new or extended method, which might not otherwise have come their way. There have been 20 conductors, but first pealers only number six. Eight peals have been rung on handbells—five of Bob Major, one of Double Oxford Bob Major (the first by the association), one of Shipway's Court Bob Major (the first ever rung), and one peal of London Surprise Major. The latter peal ranks as the crowning effort of the year, and those who heard the excellent course rung at the Jubilee dinner by the same ringers can appreciate somewhat the mental strain such an effort must have made. Since then the same band has rung three similar peals. But there is another record which worthily deserves to be mentioned, and that is the ringing on Whit Monday last of four six-bell peals in one day, each peal in seven methods, conducted by Messrs. S. Carter (2), B. Patmore and W. A. Tack. Last year these men gave the association the record length of Bob Major, and the ringing of four peals, comprising eleven methods, in a day, is a most worthy and creditable performance.

Referring with great sorrow to the death of the president and treasurer, Mr. Edward Percy Debenham, who passed away on December 16th, the Hon. Secretary said: 'Coming so soon after our Jubilee celebration, at which function he seemed blessed with a new lease of life, his passing away was a shock to everybody. He had looked forward to the Jubilee with great interest, almost as if it was the consummation of his life's work as a ringer, and God permitted him to see the realisation of his ambitions. He was not only a servant of the Church in so many ways, but also a servant to the city in which he was born. His life was one of consecrated service. He has gone from us, but he has not left us desolate, for there remains the fragrance of a life worthy of our imitation, a life which was full of service to God and his fellow-men. He had a great family tradition to uphold, and he has passed it on unsullied to his children. The remarkable gathering at St. Peter's Church, at the funeral service, expressed in many ways the respect in which he was held by all classes of the community. It is with somewhat mixed feelings that I write these few lines, for it had been my privilege to enjoy his friendship and mutual confidence for 50 years, 44 of which had been spent together as officers of this association. What that has meant in one's life only the heart can reveal.'

The Ven. Archdeacon Gibbs, who became a life member in the early days, had passed to his rest, respected and honoured by all in the diocese. Whilst Vicar of Aldenham, ringers always received from him a most cordial welcome, whether for peal or meeting. Mr. W. O. Times, of Hitchin, a well-known figure in the diocese, and also one of the association's oldest supporters, also passed away.

BENEVOLENT FUND JUSTIFIED.

The Hon. Secretary again expressed appreciation of the services rendered to the association by the district secretaries. They had arranged meetings as usual, with happy results, in which the various incumbents had most readily assisted in granting the use of the towers, arranging services, and in many instances presiding at the business meeting.

The Benevolent Fund had been strengthend by the addition of fresh subscribing bands, and, he thought, had fully justified its place in the working of the association. The larger support became, so in measure would all be knit together in a closer bond of sympathetic Christian brotherhood, ever desiring to send help to any subscribing member upon whom misfortune had fallen.

'In conclusion, as we enter upon our 51st year,' the Hon. Secretary said, 'I would appeal to all ranks to continue to give of their best in helping the association to carry out faithfully the aims for which it was established. We are living in days when people are more inclined to grumble about ringing, and, in fact, noises of any kind, and although we may have proved to our own mind our case, yet the grumbler may still be unconvinced. It is an acknowledged fact that the general public know little or nothing about bells or change ringing, therefore the best weapon to meet the grumbler is education. The precise form must be left to varying circumstances, but handbell ringing is a never-failing attraction, at parochial functions of all kinds. Lectures on church bells and ringing might also be arranged. In the St. Albans District much interest has been created, and knowledge is disseminated by these methods, and Mr. Ayre on two occasions has been requested to arrange for the handbells to be rung at a Ploughboys' Supper, with gratifying results. We have reached a period when we have got to let our light shine and to let the public know that change ringing is a highly skilled job, undertaken for a definite Church purpose, and that peal ringing requires far more skill and patience than a speed race. Finally, on the occasion of the Jubilee of our beloved King, may the bells from every steeple in our land send forth their sweet music and receive from the general public deserving appreciation.'

A BELL RESTORATION FUND.

After his election as president, Mr. Walter Ayre expressed the hope that to celebrate the King's Silver Jubilee on May 6th the bells of every tower in the county and the country would be rung, and in the event of towers not having a band, that the nearest companies would make arrangements to ensure those bells being rung.

Another suggestion put forward by the president, which found the favour of the meeting, was the establishment in the association of a fund to assist towards the augmentation or restoration of bells in the county on the basis of a voluntary levy of 3d. per bell per year in each of the towers. For example, a tower with six bells would make a voluntary contribution of 1s. 6d. a year.

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NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

FENDALTON.

The pretty little modern church at Fendalton, dedicated to St. Barnabas, serves a new area carved out of the older parish of Riccarton in 1883, and only four clergymen have held the living since then until the present Vicar (the Rev. O. Fitzgerald, M.A.) was appointed. It was erected to meet the needs of a rapidly-growing, well-to-do suburb of the city, and is built with local grey stone with dressed stone jambs to doors and windows. It is placed well back from the street in park-like surroundings, and presents a pleasing invitation.

The tower entrance forms the north porch, and has a carved figure of the patron saint over the arch, and inside is a stone tablet recording:—

In memory of
Arthur Hughes Turnbull,
1860-1917.
This tower is erected by his family.

The handsome gift of £800 for a peal of bells was a red-letter day for Fendalton, and pros and cons were raised as to what sort of bells were to be bought. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were eventually given an order for a peal of eight bells, which were cast in 1926, with a tenor of 4 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D sharp. These are hung without fittings in an iron frame, and are played with the clavier. A local ringing society was formed in 1930 to arrange turns of duty and a list of ringing days for the members. One has to climb a vertical iron ladder to reach the ringing room from the porch, which is none too convenient for the lady performers.

Mr. G. Claydon, of Christchurch, has rendered good service here as instructor and performer, and amongst his pupils is Miss Harman, a daughter of the churchwarden, residing opposite the church, and who took the English ringers over her gardens on their visit to Fendalton on December 13th.

The jubilee of the church in 1933 was a joyful occasion when Lord Bledisloe, Governor-General of New Zealand, was present. We were unable to meet the Vicar as he was away on S.P.G. duty in England. Writing in the Parish Magaine, he told the parishioners of his visit to Holbeton Church, Devon, 'which contains some of the finest oak carving to be seen in any church in England. . . . It contains a fine peal of bells, with a very enthusiastic band of ringers. In many villages I am impressed with the keenness of the bellringers.'

I thought this was a very kind appreciation of our brotherhood to forward to New Zealand. I hope he reaches Fendalton safely. At the time he wrote home he had completed a 2,000 miles' motor tour in Great Britain without a mishap. What will the Rev. Everard Powell say to this Dominion news?

ADDINGTON.

On Friday, December 14th, 1934, I completed the 'hat trick' by completing a tour of three parish churches in three days within the diocese of Christchurch, each possessing a peal of bells. Beautiful summer weather, with a gentle breexe, made these trips by tram, a few miles out of the city, a very enjoyable experience.

The Church at Addington, dedicated to St. Mary, stands on the centre of an island site, resembling St. Saviour's, Ealing, and there are some fine trees of old standing still preserved. A pretty entrance feature is the modern lych gate, with a large tree on each side, erected as the Addington war memorial. The building is constructed of timber, like most of the earliest Dominion churches, but whether from want of funds or the fear of unexpected upheavals I cannot say. The interior is very dark, as the low cradle roof of the nave, supported by vertical stout beams, affords no lighting except from the windows of the north and south aisles. It has a stone-built detached tower, some distance from the west end of the church, with stumpy spire. The whole of the bell loft on each of the four sides has continuous rows of louvres for sound to pass outward like a huge radiator. At the base is a large foundation stone, which reads:—

This belfry is erected by Friends, Parishioners,
and the Lancashire Besses o' th' Barn Band,
To the memory of New Zealand's Greatest Statesman and Humanist,
Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D.,
Thirteen years (1893-1906) Prime Minister of this Country.
Born July 22nd, 1845, at Eccleston Hall, Lancashire.
Died at sea on ss. 'Oswestry Grange,' Sunday, June 10th, 1906.
Buried on Observation Hill, Wellington,
June 21st, 1906. Aged 61.

The bells are a ring of eight cast at Birmingham by James Barwell and Sons in 1907. They are far from musical, as the hammers do not strike on the soundbows, and the 5th has been oversharpened. I tried them in rounds with the usual chime hammers, and this brought the verger round in double quick time. He thought it was the schoolboys who had got into the tower. After a few explanations I was able to tell him that I found out his hiding place for the key in the church.

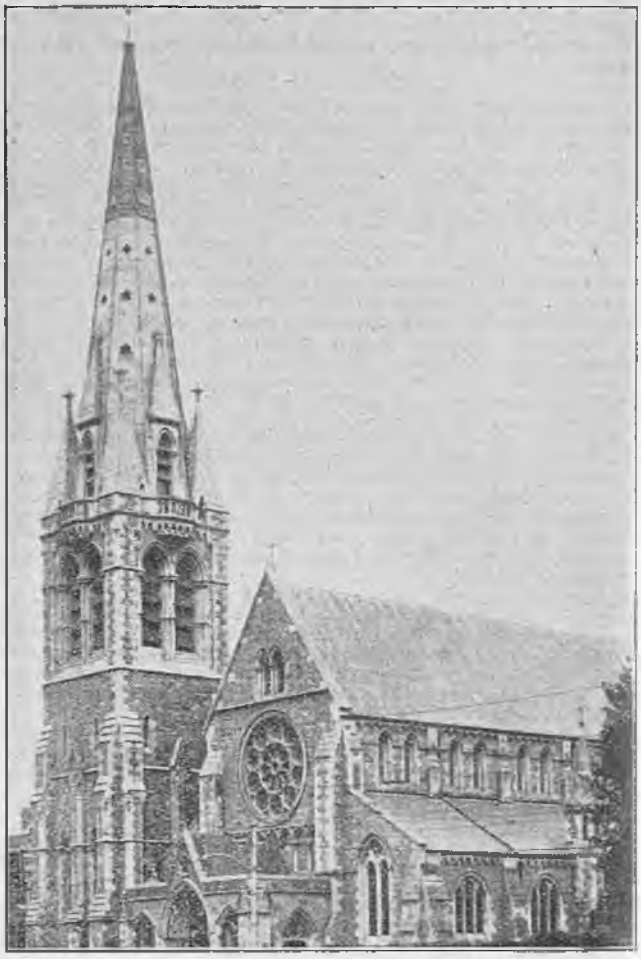
The bells are hung in an oak frame without fittings on headstocks, the tenor inscribed, 'In memory of J. R. Seddon.' Each bell bears the founders' usual trade mark, a wreath of oak leaves with Latin cross in centre, and the initials 'J. B.' at the four quarters. The verger is Mr. J. Buckley-Beman, of Leeds. He came out 13 years ago.

PART IV.
THE ONE DISAPPOINTMENT.

Through all the roads of life the best
We'll strive to be your guide,
And let our notes do your behest
By tolling far and wide.

We've crossed the seas to this fair land
To do God all the honour;
From clime to clime we'll ring our chime,
And tell of Rhodes the donor.
(Christchurch tenor bell.)

Everyone rallied round to the Cathedral for service ringing on Sunday, December 16th, both from 10 to 11 in the morning and 6 to 7 in the evening, and we were again favoured by the presence of Dean Julius, who said office and readily granted permission for another 'try' for a peal during the afternoon.



CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL.

We enjoyed an impressive morning in the nave, attending the usual service, and afterward got an early lunch in order to be back in the belfry again at 2 o'clock. Plain Bob Major went well, considering the warm weather and the heavy going, for three hours and over, when the bells got out of course and the conductor had to call 'Stand.'

This was a great disappointment to everyone, listeners and ringers alike, as it was doubtful if another opportunity could be fitted in during the visitors' stay. The ringers were: W. D. Sloan 1, H. S. Barnett 2, Wm. Linter 3, J. S. Wilde 4, C. Charge 5, W. H. Fussell 6, B. Shaw 7, George Martin (conductor) 8. The two treble men did well—it was their longest length—and they were congratulated by their fellow-members of the Christchurch Society.

Broadcasting House had previously erected a microphone near the tower, and the evening ringing was transmitted across New Zealand. For this we put on touches of Grandsire Triples, on the back eight bells (tenor 32 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. in D, by John Taylor and Co.), with a very good effect. A similar broadcast was made during the week,

when Caters were rung in some excellent Grandsire courses that roused the appreciative interest of many of the citizens, who seldom hear the ten bells rung in method.

Tea was taken at 8 p.m. at the Dixieland Cafe in the Cathedral Square, with an extra large cup and a double bite, and more than one member would like to have 'drowned' the failure—but not on Sunday, if you please! So we went home to bed at Avonlea with clear consciences, aching limbs, and humming heads, having done our best.

On Monday we 'paraded' at 10 a.m. in Cathedral Square with smiling faces and not downhearted. Even the Clerk of the Weather thought we were making another attempt, for the air was cool and the sun dulled, quite a contrast to the previous day. To the city Art Gallery and Museum in the morning, where the cases exhibited a number of ancient small bells of various sizes collected from Burma, Japan, China and South Africa. The skeleton of the largest whale known is one of the famous exhibits. Judging by the span of its wide ribs there is room for a double-handed team of Jonahs to sit inside in comfort.

Amongst various MSS. and pictures to be seen here is a framed list of the names of the 'Canterbury Pilgrims,' who landed on the coast on Sunday, December 16th, 1850. Four ships from England came out, bringing 717 people, ten of whom are living to-day. A large stone, with suitable inscription, to mark the spot, was unveiled at Lyttleton on Saturday, the anniversary, when the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop. Our visiting bellringers helped to acknowledge the pioneer work of these early settlers, which Sir Heaton Rhodes referred to in his address. His family name appears on the tenor bell of Christchurch.

Playing bowls at St. Albans, a seaside suburb, enticed several hands, others roamed the City Park with its peaceful river Avon, its handsome English trees and statuary.

By kind invitation of Mr. Ben Shaw's family, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, we all went out to Shirley for the evening, where time flew so fast—the last bus or walk home roused the visitors to leave. Wellington and all friends round Wrekin were recalled, Mr. Shaw's daughter being a proud Salopian. After supper the handbells, as usual, and the piano by the granddaughter, echoed round the house for an hour. It is comfortable travelling on the plains of Canterbury by motor bus, but when you get off at the wrong corner and have a mile and a half of straight road to walk, it creates a 'tired feeling,' after paying to ride. Rain—much needed for months past—was now threatening, but none came. Bed at midnight.

CHRISTCHURCH FESTIVITY.

The Cathedral steeple gazed down with dignified sympathy upon the members of our party as they gathered as usual in the Square on Tuesday preparatory to more city explorations. In the afternoon we spent a joyous time at Bishopscourt as guests of the Lord Bishop and Mrs. West Watson (formerly of Kendal). The beautiful little chapel and the grounds were admired, photographs taken and handbells used until 5 o'clock, when 14 sat down to high tea in the dining-room.

Our hosts' kind words of welcome were answered by grateful expressions of thanks, with the hope that good would follow the pilgrimage of the English bellringers. We left the Court in the Bishop's car, driven by his son, for the return to the city.

In the Cathedral belfry in the evening 22 ringers joined in method ringing and rounds. The visitors' book was signed by the tourists, as a regretful 'good-bye' to the tower. Even the tower bells seemed to be on their best behaviour, for everything went well—Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and a course of Stedman Triples.

At the neighbouring Dixieland Cafe the Cathedral Society generously provided a complimentary dinner for us, to which about 50 people sat down in the large dining-room of the hotel, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop, supported by the Dean, Mr. G. Claydon (Master), Mr. S. H. Barnett (hon. secretary), the members of the society and numerous friends of the Church.

A full programme began with the toast of 'The King,' submitted by the chairman, followed by that of 'The English Bellingers,' proposed by the Bishop, to which Mr. Fussell responded.

His Lordship referred to our visit as a unique event, in that no team of bellringers had previously left England on such a missionary expedition. He hoped Mr. Fussell would publish an account of the tour, and that the visit would rouse up interest in New Zealand in the art of bellringing, especially in the young.

Mr. Claydon gave the toast of 'The English Ringers in New Zealand.' Messrs. Wilde and Roberts replying. That of 'The Christchurch Society' was proposed by the Dean and replied to by Mr. Barnett.

Numerous vocal and instrumental items were interspersed: duets by Messrs. Samson and Wall, a course of Caters on handbells, the gathering winding up with 'Auld Lang Syne' with joined hands shortly before 11 p.m., Mr. G. B. Claydon accompanying on the piano.

During the concert the Bishop distributed happy mementos of the evening, presenting all the tourists with a neatly printed card of membership of the Christchurch Cathedral Society. A very busy two hours' social programme was carried through only by strict adherence to the time allowance for each item.

'Hark the bonnie Christchurch bells
Ring one, two, three, four, five, six.'

I heard them on two occasions during our stay in Bob Minor by the home band, and their efforts gave me hope for the future. The parcel of ringing books and Central Council literature was presented to the tower and placed upon the belfry table, only to disappear like hot cakes amongst the beginners eager for instruction and advice.

For the eighth day in succession we paraded the Square on Wednesday, December 19th, and gave old Christchurch a farewell nod, whilst making for the 'den,' after the New Zealand bank had generously given us full value for our strange notes. Lunch and packing—our bags, not the meal—followed, and a couple of cabs drove our party to the railway station to catch the 6.30 boat train to Littleton Harbour. Our 'send off' was immense, so great, indeed, that we felt inclined to miss the boat, but lightness of pocket advised us to carry on.

Mr. Sladen, Mr. and Mrs. Minter and their two sons, Mr. Shaw, and Mrs. Rowlands and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilde, Messrs. Barnett, Claydon, Sloan, Roberts, other fellow-ringers and a pressman gave us a hearty 'bon voyage,' which on our passage to Wellington was not so good. Summer and the Christmas holidays in New Zealand lead to congestion of traffic, and we found the only accommodation available was in the stern of the boat, with 44 bunks, a rattling propeller and restless companions.

GOOD-BYE, NEW ZEALAND!

No one needed calling on Thursday morning. As early as 5 a.m. there was competition for the washing and shaving accommodation, all the passengers being eager to leave the boat early, as we arrived at Wellington at 7 a.m. This was our last day in the Dominion, and we had to make the most of our opportunity. Breakfast and lunch at The Elms, the morning spent at the City Museum, where the bell of H.M. 'Australia' is preserved, together with a good collection of New Zealand antiques. By kind invitation of Mr. Pillar, formerly of Balham, we visited the National Park, and Wadestown, a few miles out, the residence of our hostess, who had set a high tea for our enjoyment. From this elevated region we had splendid views of the harbour, covering an area of 20,000 acres. Wellington is now the capital of New Zealand, in succession to Auckland, and is the first borough in the country. Girdling the city is the Town Belt, a public park of nearly 1,000 acres, permanently reserved for air, space and recreation.

Returning to the harbour at 8 o'clock, we went aboard our vessel, the 'Rangitane,' a motor vessel of 16,000 gross tonnage, that was to be our happy home for the next month. Whilst away at Christchurch half our luggage was stored on the wharf, and now we had both hands full in negotiating our accommodation. 'Below baggage' and 'By your leave,' bunk, gradually died down as the hour of midnight approached. The ship was timed to leave the Glasgow wharf at daybreak on Friday, December 21st, therefore our faithful five arose early and took a long farewell look at the rugged coastline, burnished with the morning sunshine, with that doubtful Empire feeling—shall we ever see New Zealand and our friends again?

W. H. F.

THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR

DEMAND FOR THE STORY IN BOOK FORM.

Subscribers Invited.

The great interest which was aroused by the recent ringing tour in Australia and New Zealand has resulted in numerous requests that the story of this great 'adventure' should be reprinted in book form.

The articles which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' would form the basis of this reproduction, and, if undertaken, would be supplemented by further material and pictures. It would be printed in demy 8vo. size, with stiff covers, and would consist of about 100 pages.

The book, however, cannot be produced without the guarantee of a sale large enough to cover the cost. If a sufficient number of copies are taken up by subscribers the book will be put on sale at 2s. post free.

In order that a decision may be come to, ringers who are prepared to subscribe for the issue are requested to send a postcard to:—

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

Tower secretaries can send the number for their tower.

DEVON AND ITS BELLS.

STEADY CONTINUANCE OF RESTORATIONS.

Bovey Tracey Event.

Devon does not loom largely in the campanological world. It is content with rounds and call changes in a large number of parishes, and with the four standard methods in places where scientific ringing has a footing. But Devon is not excelled by any county for enthusiasm in the work of bell restoration. Some cynics might say there has been tremendous leeway to make up, but they must admit that Devonians, having realised obligations, have set about discharging them with astonishing zeal. It may be possible in a few weeks to publish details of what has been accomplished. At the present time schemes are in hand or approved for Highweek (Newton Abbot), Tamerton, Folliot, Down St. Mary, Otterton, Throwleigh and South Molton. A few others are reasonably certain to mature in the immediate future.

Among recent openings was one at Bovey Tracey, where Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, supplied new gudgeons, ball bearings, ropes, etc., for the ring of eight with tenor of 14 cwt., painted the frame and fittings with two coats of anti-corrosive paint, and refixed the hour hammer and reconnected with the clock.

The opening day was marked by a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Howell), and the attendance of numerous bands of round and call change ringers—several being well-known competitive champions—who, with few exceptions, gave fine demonstrations of the art of raising and falling bells in peal and of the charming effects of accurately struck 'Queens' and other popular combinations. It has been agreed that the ease with which money for bell restorations can be usually raised in Devon is due to the fact that round and call change ringing predominates, and that it makes a more understandable appeal to the average listener than the intricacies of half-pull methods. That is a point that need not be discussed here, but it is common ground that Devon folk keenly appreciate good striking and have become attached to repetitions of set changes.

The round ringers at Bovey Tracey united in proving the great improvement effected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. One man with the words, 'The bells go like tops now,' summed up the opinions of all. And they were no less pleased with the free tea provided for them. The Vicar, who presided, offered a hearty welcome to all. Mr. Cyril Johnston, who specially attended, acknowledged the encomiums passed upon his firm's work by the ringers, and expressed great pleasure at meeting the visiting bands and their handling of the bells, while a spokesman for the ringers tendered thanks for the lavish hospitality.

Bovey Tracey formerly had a ring of six, all cast by Pennington, of Cornwall. A new peal of eight was installed in 1902. The whole of the money needed for the recent work was raised in a few weeks.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Westmeon on Saturday, April 13th. Members were present from Alton, Bramshott, Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, Eastmeon, Fareham, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth, Portsea, Privett, Soberton, Swanmore, Steep, Titchfield, Westmeon, and visitors from Reading. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. H. Thomas), who welcomed the Guild to the parish. Tea was served in the New Inn, and was partaken of by a party of about 50.

In the absence of the district chairman, Canon Thomas was voted to the chair for the business meeting. The Hon. Secretary announced the death of the Rev. P. J. Miller, of Langrish, an hon. member, and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

New ringing members were elected from Steep, Privett and Westmeon.

A discussion on the necessity of holding by-meetings for members who could not attend the usual meetings on Saturdays took place, and at the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary) it was decided to arrange one such meeting as a trial.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for July 20th at Newton Valence.

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Mr. Gilbert Debenham was elected hon. treasurer in succession to his father, the late Mr. E. P. Debenham, and the other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; hon. librarian, Mr. George Debenham; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer; district secretaries for Northern, Eastern, St. Albans, Watford and Western Districts respectively, Messrs. D. C. Mears, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash, C. H. Horton and W. Ayre.

The augmented peal of twelve bells at St. Albans Abbey will be consecrated on May 6th, after 8 o'clock Communion, and the full peal will be rung for the first time at the King's Silver Jubilee commemoration service at 10.30.

Prior to the annual meeting the company attended evensong at St. Albans Abbey, at which an address for the ringers was given by the Rev. W. C. Stainsby, Rector of Great Berkhamsted.

Touches were rung during the day on the bells of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's Churches, and also at Sandridge

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Odiham and Upton Grey on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Odiham Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at St. Peter's (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available all day. Service at St. Gregory's at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Meeting follows. Names to Mr. H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 27th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—Annual meeting will be held at Ashton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. — T. E. Loxton, Hon. Sec., 64, Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the School adjoining. Names please to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Limington, near Ilchester, on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (5) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 24th? A good attendance at this meeting is requested. Everybody welcome.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, April 27th, a meeting will be held at Royston. The bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Vicar invites all members, who notify him, to tea in the Church House. Postcards for tea to Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business, to elect a new divisional secretary. No rail fares.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, April 27th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Reading Room at 4.30. Recently restored peal of 6 bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. Noice and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Archdeacon) 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. —The annual meeting will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. St. Leonard's, Malton (8) may be available during evening. Tea at 5.15 at Schofields, Yorkersgate, Malton. Service at Norton 4.30. Business meeting at Norton Church Hall after tea. A hearty welcome to all.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Meugan Church, Llanveigan. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church. Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 27th. Service in church at 4. Tea at 4.30 (by kind invitation of the St. Cuthbert's Society), to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Ringing at Adderbury (8), commence 6.30 p.m., Saturday, April 27th. Presentation to chairman the same evening. Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5) on Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Oxon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road. Business meeting to follow. Printed reports for the years 1933-34 will be distributed at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LADIES GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at St. George's, Southwark, on Wednesday, May 1st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All are welcome.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 2nd, 16th and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday, the 26th (5.30 p.m.) and on the *28th 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 King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes. Notify me of attendance by April 30th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Worplesdon on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Numbers for tea to me, please, by April 30th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Corscombe on Saturday, May 4th. Being two days previous to the King's Jubilee, the secretary appeals to all ringers, hon. members, etc., to help make this a record meeting. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Notify me by April 30th for tea.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30. Further details later. — A. Waddington, Hon. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, May 4th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.0, to be followed by tea and business meeting. — L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Saturday, May 4th. Divine service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of London. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 9, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Number for tea not later than April 30th, to either secretary. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 4.40, and after the meeting; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 3 to 4.30; St. Magnus', Thames Street; St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, all from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pelsall on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3. Service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar (Rev. W. Armstrong). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 30th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Broughton on May 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5. Numbers by May 1st, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follow.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Cold Higham on Saturday, May 4th. Service 4 o'clock. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. E. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than May 1st?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Greasley on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Will those wishing for tea, price 6d., kindly notify early? All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. At the present time it has not been possible to arrange tea. Will members please make their own arrangements or bring sandwiches?—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, May 4th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly advise me by May 1st those requiring tea.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday afternoon, May 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Teas can be had by all who send their names to Mr. G. Haigh, 40, Stoodley View, Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge, at 1s. 6d., not later than Wednesday, May 1st. The business of this meeting is a revision of branch boundaries and the formation of an Oldham Branch.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Noll Street, Rochdale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting has been arranged at Old Windsor (bells 8) on Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 29th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the School. The bells of Emmanuel Church will be open to visitors from 7 p.m. onwards. All names to be sent to Mr. Joseph Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, not later than Wednesday, May 1st. Special illuminations will be on view on this date. Come and enjoy a day in England's Garden Town.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. For tea please notify (important) Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All will be welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—S. G. Shipp, Branch Sec., Bellgables, Wilburton, Cambs.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, Near DERBY. — On Monday, May 6th, at 11.30 a.m., the Bishop of Derby will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BARNBY, NOTTS.—On Thursday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new treble which has been installed to complete the peal to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Redenhall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea, followed by meeting, at the Yew Tree, opposite church, at 4.30. Please notify me if you require tea. **Note change of address:**—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Sat., May 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) to members attending. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Bacup, St. Saviour's Church, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready for 3.30. All ringers cordially invited.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Poole on Saturday, May 18th. Service in St. James' Church at 12.30. Luncheon, followed by annual meeting, in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Wimborne Minster (10, from 3 p.m.), St. Giles', Poole, Wareham (8), Canford, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Witchampton (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring luncheon please notify the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

ALDENHAM, MAY 18th.—Bells available from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest station Bushey and Radlett. Buses to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, May 18th, when the new peal of 10 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 3.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m., and all who require tea should notify Mr. G. Bennett, 9, Town End, Ossett, by the first post on Thursday, May 16th. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea. There is a ten minutes' bus service to Ossett from Wakefield Kirkgate Station, and the Dewsbury bus from Wakefield bus stand passes the church. There is also a ten minutes' bus service from Dewsbury market place. All visitors to Ossett can be assured of a hearty welcome, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935). — Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6, before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The address of Mr. E. Pearson, Hon. District Secretary of the Banbury District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is now Adderbury West, Oxon.

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AN ASSOCIATION OF BELL LOVERS?

A suggestion, put forward in another column by a non-ringer, that there should be an association formed for bell lovers as well as bell ringers, is an interesting as well as a novel one. Throughout the country, as the writer of the letter points out, there are a large number of people who are interested in bells, interested in them from the part they play in connection with Church and national life; for their historical association with past ages, as well as for the pleasure which the bells themselves give when well rung. No kind of organisation exists at present which can bring these people together. They are not bellringers, therefore they have no means of keeping in touch, and yet they might be a very valuable adjunct to the organised bodies of bellringers. Many of these bell lovers may be, and probably are, honorary members of the various ringing associations, although all honorary members are not bell 'lovers' in the sense that our correspondent means. They support the associations in the same way that they support other Church organisations—because they are branches of Church work. But there is nothing, at present, which unites in any national sense those who are purely bell lovers and who, while not ringers themselves, are interested in bells for their own sake and for the special purposes for which they are used.

In the idea put forward by our correspondent there appears to be the germ of a very useful scheme. The old notion among ringers that they can retain their position and pursue their practice uninterrupted, by clothing their art with an air of mystery, no longer holds good. These are days when ringers have got to be prepared to justify what they do, and if church bellringing is to be maintained on its present scale, leave alone expanded, the public must be educated. They should be given the opportunity of learning more about the art and encouraged to become interested in it, even if they have no opportunity of participating in it themselves. And the first people that we should seek to enlighten are the 'bell lovers.' If they could be drawn into some kind of national organisation, the educational part of the scheme would be comparatively easy. Then, with their help, much more might be done for the enlightenment of the public by pushing out further and further in an ever-widening circle.

And how valuable, too, would such a body of opinion be if ever there were a serious attempt to silence church bells! Clamorous minorities have often 'got things done' against the desires of great majorities, and who can say that there may not come a time when those who

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love bells will need all their forces to resist an attempt to put an end to church bellringing by some body that is anxious to suppress all forms of 'noise'? Incidentally it is refreshing to read that at Chalfont, where certain members of the Parish Council were anxious to control the bellringing, one member dissented from the sound of the church bells being described as 'noise.' They brought brightness into village life, he said. There are many ways in which a national organisation of bell lovers could exert a useful influence and in which, by co-operation, they could find further interest in the bells. We hope some further effort may be made to develop our correspondent's suggestion.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER...	... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	... 2	JOHN A. WAUGH	 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL	 3	*HARRY PARKES ...	 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	... 4	RICHARD A. POST	 10
HARRY HOVERD ...	 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	11
*STANLEY J. T. SHELLACK...	6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE P. ELPHICK ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE WIGGINS	 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT...	... 7
†HAROLD S. HOBDEN ...	... 3	HENRY STALHAM	 8
‡ALFRED C. LEVETT ...	... 4	ALFRED J. TURNER	 9
FRANK BENNETT	 5	†WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Marjorie Dawe (youngest daughter of Mr. R. J. Dawe, a member of Southover band) and Mr. Edmund E. Garbett, of Seaford.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

BEN THORP...	... ...*Treble*	JAMES LEES...	 6
VERNON SYKES ...	 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT	... 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER ...	... 3	*RICHARD BENSON	 8
*ARTHUR TAYLOR	 4	FRED PAGE ...	 9
SAMUEL HOLT	 5	HERBERT BARLOW	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BEN THORP.

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On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	...*Treble*	†H. ERNEST COX...	5
JOHN J. WEBB	2	EDWIN H. FOSTER	6
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	ALFRED T. POULTON...	7
CHARLES L. SADLER	4	WILLIAM POSTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob away from treble. Arranged and rung in honour of the Easter festival.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	...*Treble*	SHELFORD SPARROW	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSBY...	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
*KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
‖PERCY L. JOHNSON	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FRANK BRADLEY	...*Treble*	HORACE BYFIELD...	5
WILLIAM STIRLAND	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	6
LAWRENCE CHADBURN	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4	FREDERICK SALTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK SALTER.

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MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S, Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR H. DEBENHAM	5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	2	†ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
CHARLES W. BIRD	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
*W. ARTHUR SKINNER...	4	‡FRANK MASON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman on more than five bells. ‡ First peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	...*Treble*	‡GEORGE JOHNSON	5
*JAMES W. GODDARD	2	WALTER M. GODDARD	6
†DEREK M. SHARP	3	§JOSEPH ATKINSON	7
GEORGE DOWLING	4	ARTHUR E. WEST	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. ‖Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. § First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal as conductor on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. MILNER...	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	2	ALFRED BARRATT...	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	7
FRANK BRADLEY	4	EDWARD F. GOBBY	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBBY.

First peal of Forward by all except the conductor and the 3rd ringer. Rung in commemoration of St. George's Day.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	*JAMES AVERY	5
CHARLES TRIBE	2	†HERBERT POPE	6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	3	JAMES G. POWELL	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	GEORGE SIMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.' Rung for St. George's Day and also as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. V. B. Yearsley. Ringers of 1, 3, 5, 6 and tenor are local men.

LINDLEY, YORKS.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*J. FISHER	...*Treble*	W. AINLEY	5
F. RICHARDS	2	J. NEWTON	6
H. H. SMITH	3	J. C. MELLOR	7
*F. BOOTH ROYD	4	B. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. HAIGH. Conducted by J. C. MELLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The calling is that of the first peal rung on these bells, in 1874, the time then taken being 3 hours 10 minutes.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FRANK BARRETT	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
WILLIAM FLATT	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES LOOME	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 9 cwt.

*RICHARD BARNES	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
†EDWIN C. BIRKETT	2	HARRY GRACE	6
THOMAS HESKETH	3	THOMAS R. STORER	7
JOHN H. MOORE...	4	HUGH ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Specially arranged and rung on the 79th birthday of Mr. J. H. Moore.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS K. M. BRADFORD	...*Treble*	WALTER F. HOLLOWAY	... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY	 2	JAMES H. RIDING...	 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	... 3	HARRY KILBY	 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM...	 4	THOMAS J. LOCK	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Smith), on the tenth anniversary of his induction to the living of Willesden. First peal of Major as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HARRY SMERDON	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. WOODISS	... 5
ALBERT G. CHEESMAN	... 2	†EDWARD TALBOT	 6
*FRANK H. RANDALL ...	... 3	RICHARD V. FULLER ...	... 7
†EDWARD ENTICKNAP	... 4	W. CYRIL SMITH...	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. CYRIL SMITH.

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

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT...	... ...*Treble*	C. HOWARD STANLEY ...	... 5
*VICTOR G. H. HEMUS	... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	 6
JOHN BASS ...	 3	THOMAS HEMMING	 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

DARESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCY GRINDEY ...	... ...*Treble*	THOMAS HESKETH	 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	... 2	JOSEPH LITTLER ...	 6
CECIL RADDON ...	 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS	... 7
STANLEY HARRISON	 4	HENRY GRACE	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.

A birthday compliment to C. I. Davies.

PENHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT ...	 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ...	... 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	... 4	FREDERICK WHITE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER WOOD	... ...*Treble*	PETER CHARMAN ...	 5
ALBERT FEIST	 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	... 6
†CECIL H. WOOD	 3	RAYMOND WOOD ...	 7
‡THOMAS ADAMS ...	 4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN....	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal, age 15. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL	... ...*Treble*	GEORGE POPNELL	 5
*ALBERT J. PITMAN	 2	*ERNEST STITCH ...	 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS	 3	TOM PAGE ...	 7
†GWYN I. LEWIS ...	 4	WILLIAM PAGE	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* 100th peal together. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN G. NASH	... ...*Treble*	*CHARLES W. WARD ...	... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ...	 2	*HERBERT S. ARBIN	 6
CHARLES T. COLES	 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER	 7
GEORGE B. COLLINS	 4	JAMES BENNETT ...	... ...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*LEONARD KINCHIN	... ...*Treble*	†J. FRANK TUFFREY	 5
JAMES HEMMING	 2	GEORGE A. KING	 6
J. WILLIAM HEATH	 3	‡FREDERICK KINCHIN ...	... 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	... 4	*GEORGE HARRIS...	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal on eight bells.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER COPPERWHEAT	...*Treble*	ALBERT BODDINGTON ...	.. 5
HORACE PLOWMAN	 2	HARRY PETTIT	 6
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	... 3	WALTER PERKINS	 7
ALBERT PLOWMAN	 4	CHARLES RICHARDSON...	...*Tenor*

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SIX BELL PEALS.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ...*Treble*	*JAMES AVERY 4
WILLIAM GORRINGE 2	†GEORGE SIMS 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

GEORGE H. BISHOP ... ...*Treble*	LEWIS NEWMAN 4
CHARLES H. SONE 2	*TOM SAUNDERS 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 3	*LUTHER J. HONESS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LUTHER J HONESS.
* 50th peal together. This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the conductor.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

*HERBERT WARREN ... ...*Treble*	ALFRED BIRD 4
GEORGE PANNELL 2	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 5
ERNEST TURNER 3	THOMAS BIRD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. C. RIPPINGALE.
* First peal on six bells.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Single Court, one of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MISS LOWES NEAL ... ...*Treble*	*GEORGE W. BURRELL ... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	FRANK P. HARWOOD 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.
* First peal in three methods.

SANDAL MAGNA, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD...*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
MOSES PERRY 3	ERNEST CUTT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.

CROFTON, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Viz.: 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, Tulip, 1,080 Primrose, 720 each of Kingston, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD *Treble*	FRANK ATKINSON 4
*ARTHUR PANTHER 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
MOSES PERRY 3	DANIEL SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. CHANT.
* 100th peal.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Sunday, April 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*ARTHUR MASON ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 4
ALFRED BACON 2	CLAUDE COUSINS... 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First peal on less than eight bells. First peal in seven methods on the bells and by the ringer of the fourth.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 360 each of St. Vedast Bob, New Bob, Union, Original, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, and 480 each of St. Simon's, Place Bob, New Year's Eve, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

E. K. GEARY ... ...*Treble*	H. PAYNE 4
H. FAULKNER 2	A. N. GEARY... 5
J. G. GEARY 3	J. NORTON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.
Specially rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William H. Voss to Miss Hilda M. Dalby, which took place at this church previous to the peal. First peal in twelve methods by all the band.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
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.

TOM WORRALL ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST MATTHEWS 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
PERCY NEWLAND 3	CHARLES HODGES... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Childwall Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT APPLEBY ... ...*Treble*	HARVEY E. BURRELL 4
VERNON TAYLOR 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HAROLD BARSLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First peal of Minor. First extent of Childwall Bob by all the band.

HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 22, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,520 of Plain Bob in four different callings, and 2,520 of Grandsire in 10 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

*L. J. HAWKINS ... ...*Treble*	F. MARSH 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2	G. W. RENDELL 5
D. W. RANSOM 3	W. G. DELAMONT ... ..*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.
* First peal. First peal in two methods by the whole band. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor on the occasion of his silver wedding.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COMPOSITIONS TO BE OMITTED FROM REPORT IN FUTURE.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held this year, as is the custom by rotation, at Burton-on-Trent, on Easter Monday. From an early hour the fine ring of ten bells in the grand Church of St. Paul was available, and made good use of during the day by many members and visiting friends. At stated times the bells of Rollestone-on-Dove (8), Barton-under-Needwood (8) and Winshill (6) were open, and visitors had some good practice on them.

The committee met in the afternoon in St. Paul's Institute and carried out a big routine programme. An appeal from Barnby, Notts, where five old bells are being restored, rehung and augmented to six, was heard, and £2 2s. granted from the Bell Repair Fund.

A short service was held in St. Paul's Church at 4.15 p.m. and greatly appreciated by all who attended and listened to an inspiring address by the Vicar, the Rev. Winterbotham, M.A. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 14s. 10d.

Tea was served in the St. Paul's Institute, and although it was clearly stated that only those who notified could be catered for, the usual 'overplus' of defaulters turned up, making things very difficult for the local committee. Nevertheless, they managed to get all accommodated, and some 60 or 70 members sat down to an excellent repast.

At the general meeting which followed, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Winterbotham, M.A. (Vicar of St. Paul's), Mr. J. Griffin (late vice-president), Dr. F. Stedman Poole (Wigston), Mr. William E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). Among the company, in addition to members of the association from all districts, friends from afar, viz., J. Austin (Gloucester), L. W. G. Morris (Leeds), J. Fernley (Cheshire) and many others, were welcomed. An apology was received from the vice-president, Mr. William Willson, who was unable to be present owing to illness.

PRESIDENT'S SURVEY.

The President, in his usual vigorous way, reviewed the association's activities of the past quarter, and referred to the peals rung, which, he said, were up to the average. He congratulated the Wigston Magna band on scoring the first peal in a new Surprise Major method —Wicken—and looked forward to seeing more such performances from the same quarter. Although not of the M.C.A., he spoke in high praise of the fine performance at Disley, Cheshire, where a peal of Minor in no less than 42 methods had been rung, and welcomed one of that band who was present that day. The association had, he continued, lost three valued members by death, viz.: Mr. E. A. Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, a most enthusiastic and energetic member of the Leicester District; also Mr. William T. Miller, one of Leicester's oldest ringers, who passed away the previous week at the age of 86, and who joined the M.C.A. in 1883. Then, too, they had lost that great ringer, Mr. William Pye, whose life story all had read with gratitude in 'The Ringing World.' He was an example to all ringers, old and young, one of the finest ever. Mr. Pye had visited their area on many occasions, and had rung 42 peals for the M.C.A., including that masterpiece, when he rang the tenor bell (30½ cwt.) at All Saints' Church, Loughborough, and conducted the great peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters, occupying over 12 hours. He (the president) asked all present to stand for a moment to the respected memory of these departed members.

The President welcomed two of the remaining four original members, who had joined the M.C.A. in 1882, viz., Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. J. Jaggar. He then asked the Vicar of St. Paul's to say a few words before leaving, which the latter did. He welcomed the association to Burton, and expressed his appreciation of their reciprocation. He was proud to belong to such a brilliant centre of the M.C.A., and had already heard of the former and present activities of St. Paul's ringers. It was a special pleasure to arrange and carry through the short service, and he trusted he should meet them all again in the near future.

The general officers for the ensuing year were re-elected en bloc, on the proposition of Mr. A. J. Harris, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, viz.: President, Mr. E. Denison Taylor; vice-president, Mr. William Willson; hon. treasurer, Mr. William E. White; general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris.

The president, treasurer and secretary each acknowledged the confidence of the members in re-electing them, assured all present of their appreciation of the honour, and said they would continue to serve the association to the best of their ability.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The report showed that 111 peals (including six on handbells) had been rung during the year 1934, which, by a coincidence, was exactly the same as in 1933. Thirty-five members scored their first peal; five their first as conductor, 103 their first in new methods. Leicester was the only company to score handbell peals, but good progress might be made if other companies took up this fascinating side of ringing. The report extended congratulations and good wishes to the president and the hon. treasurer, each of whom, during the year, reached 'the allotted span.' The number of members in the association was 823 ringing members, 158 hon. members and patrons. Not-

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

APPEAL FOR MORE SUPPORT FROM CLERGY.

A Generous Gift.

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints' were, by the kind permission of the incumbents, placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock in the morning until the evening. Divine service was held at 12.30 at St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh McMullan), and the Rev. James E. H. Williams (Rector of Acle) gave a practical address on bells and bellringers, which was listened to by a congregation of over 70 ringers and friends. Subsequently the ringers assembled at the Bell Hotel for lunch, at which 43 members were present. The president, the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. G. M. MacDermott), was in the chair. Supporting him were the Rev. J. E. H. Williams and the Rev. J. M. La Fontaine McAnally (Rector of Hethersett), Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. W. J. Lee (chairman, East Norfolk Branch), Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk Branch), Mr. P. W. J. Fryer (Wymondham), Mr. E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), Mr. R. T. Woodley (Lowestoft), Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges), Mr. William Birmingham, of Slough, Mr. G. H. Hammond (Great Yarmouth) and Mr. B. S. Thompson (Master of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild), and ringers from Aylsham, Fakenham, Acle, Hethersett, Loddon, Lowestoft, Pulham St. Mary, Great Yarmouth, Redenhall, Suettisham, Saxlingham, Glandford, Wymondham, Wroxham, Wickham Skeith, North Lopham, Rockland All Saints, Thornham Magna and Norwich.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' and afterwards announced that the general secretary had received letters of apology for absence from the Archdeacon of Norwich, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. C. Duffield, F. Nolan Golden and J. G. Harwood.

The secretary and treasurer presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, which was adopted. The report stated that the total membership of the association was 868, against 844 last year, and there was a balance of £9 3s. 10d., against £9 16s. 4d. the previous year.

PLEA FOR CLERGY'S CO-OPERATION.

The report continued: It is with increasing anxiety that we again draw attention to the serious decrease in the number of the clergy who support our work by their membership. There are about 200 rings of bells in the Diocese of Norwich, and we are able to boast of only 25 clerical members on our register—surely far too small a number when we remember the chief objects for which we work, viz., the recognition of our ringers as office-holders in the church and the promotion of belfry reform. The regular ringing of our bells for service and practice is peculiarly one for co-operation between clergy and ringers; of our experience we know of the appreciation of the ringers for any encouragement and help the spiritual head of the parish bestows upon them, and so we plead for a stronger and closer union between incumbents and ringers, and would ask all masters of companies to bring the work and objects of the association to the notice of their clergy and to urge them to support us by becoming honorary members or performing members. Parochial church councils can also lend a hand and show their appreciation for the work of their ringers by making themselves responsible for the small annual subscription to the association for each of the ringers in their parish; a graceful thing, and one that would be immensely valued by the men. Another important point brought about by the co-operation we have urged is the material condition of the bells and belfries. They are costly items of church furniture and need careful attention. This business is invariably better done where regular service ringing is the rule, and so we would ask the clergy to give the ringers all the encouragement and help they can and also—by their membership of the Diocesan Association—to assist in this good work throughout the diocese.

The President, commenting on the report and accounts, pointed out that, unlike other church organisations, which always left off in debt, because then they were sure to get subscriptions for the next year, the association had a balance in hand of £9 3s. 10d. They ought to make it known as much as possible what a very excellent thing it would be if the clergy not only took an interest in the bells, but if they were to do so, to join in ringing them.

PRESENTATION OF 51 HANDBELLS.

The general secretary and treasurer asked the president to accept from him for the Norwich Diocesan Association a set of 51 handbells, ringing ffom F sharp size 26 to G flat size 04. Mr. Coleman said he bought these handbells 18 years ago. From them could be obtained a variety of 12 rings of eight bells, eight rings of ten bells, and four rings of 12 bells. He always had a desire eventually to hand them on to that association, and had great pleasure in doing so out of his great interest in and love of the Norwich Diocesan Association (applause).

The President said it was most kind of their general secretary, and they accepted the gift with the utmost gratitude.

Mr. C. E. Borrett kindly arranged for a band to ring a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells (G sharp, size 18), which are re-

markable for their sweet tone. The band was: C. E. Borrett 1-2, B. S. Thompson 3-4, A. D. Barker 5-6, E. F. Poppy 7-8, G. Bailey 9-10. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker then kindly rang some tunes.

At the suggestion of Mr. B. S. Thompson, it was agreed to affix a brass plate to the case indicating the gift and the name of the donor of the handbells.

On a motion moved by Mr. B. S. Thompson, the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich) was unanimously re-elected, as also were the vice-presidents, with the addition of the Rev. J. E. H. Williams and the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally.

Mr. B. S. Thompson also proposed the re-election of the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman). Mr. C. E. Borrett, seconding, said they could not have a better man for the office. Mr. Coleman had almost the longest service as secretary since the association started in 1877. There had been only five secretaries during those 58 years, and Mr. Coleman was just about level with his immediate predecessor (Mr. C. E. Borrett), and if he was re-elected that day he would have a clear majority.—The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr. Coleman, acknowledging his re-election, said he thought he and Mr. Borrett had been secretary for the same number of years.

Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor.

The following nominations from the branches, viz., Messrs. G. Bailey, W. C. Duffield, J. Kenyon, A. J. King, W. E. Bason, E. G. Bennett, R. W. Cooke and J. A. Godfrey, were the eight elected members of the Standing Committee.

The general secretary moved the election of new members as follows: The Archdeacon of Norfolk, hon. member; Mr. William Birmingham, life member (non-resident); Miss Dorothy Ditcham, Messrs. Ernest Benton, William C. Porter, Leonard C. Webb, Frank Broome and Thomas E. Spight, performing members.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the incumbents of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany and All Saints, to the preacher and the organist.

Mr. Charles E. Borrett referred to the death of Mr. William Pye, and proposed that a vote of sympathy should be sent to the Middlesex Association. Mr. Pye had been a member of nearly every association and joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1893. After some years he came regularly every October, and his experience in that part of the world laid the foundations of his skill as a ringer. He was a great and magnificent ringer.

At the invitation of the president, all present stood in silence for a moment out of respect to Mr. Pye's memory.

The meeting then closed and the members adjourned to the belfries for further ringing.

BRISTOL—CITY OF BELLS AND CHURCHES.

A NEW GUILD STARTED.

At the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner reference was made by speakers to Bristol's 'silent bells.' This reference has had a great influence upon the matter, and at St. Peter's Church (City) (eight bells) a Guild of 18 members was formed and rang open for Easter Sunday service. Six of the Guild are ladies and they are making good progress. This is the first time in the history of St. Peter's (900 years old) that a guild of ringers has been formed.

The members of the new Guild have been trained by Mr. S. Phillips and Mr. F. Skidmore, assisted by other association officials. Another happy outcome of the speeches will bear fruit and will be reported later.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

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withstanding a considerable falling off in the amount received from hon. members, the past year had been, on the whole, satisfactory financially, inasmuch as £5 had been placed to the Bell Repair Fund, and the association had still been able to keep expenditure within the limits of income. The receipts from ringing members compared very favourably with the amount collected in previous years, as did also those received from new members, and the secretaries were congratulated on their success.

The general account showed a balance of £6 11s. 7d. on the year's working. There is a sum of £250 in the reserve fund, £5 12s. in the Bell Repair Fund, and £50 19s. 9d. in the appropriation account, a total of £306 11s. 9d.

The balance sheet and report were adopted on the proposition of the two auditors, Messrs. C. Harrison and J. H. Dean. New members proposed since the last quarterly meeting were duly elected, viz.: 27 ringing, six rejoining, and three honorary.

Places selected for the next three quarterly meetings were confirmed as follows: June, North Wingfield; September, Newark; January, 1936, Wigstons, Magna and South.

Then followed a long discussion on the subject as to whether peal compositions should be printed in the annual report. No less than 12 members spoke at length on the subject, some for, some against, others were neutral and preferred to leave it to the committee's discretion. After all had had their say, a vote was taken, and the motion to insert compositions was lost by a remarkably small majority.

This concluded the business, and members then adjourned to the towers for more ringing and 'other places' for a convivial, and so terminated a most successful and enjoyable meeting. E. M.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The annual report presented to the Kent County Association on Easter Monday showed that there are 110 towers in union and 938 practising members. The total funds of the association, including belfry repair (£118 14s. 1d.) and benevolent (£242 8s. 10d.), amount to £960 0s. 2d. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

The Archdeacon of Rochester will dedicate the tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett in Crayford belfry on Saturday afternoon, May 11th.

A silver bell inkstand was presented by the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday to the retiring branch chairman, the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, who is resigning the living of Adderbury and going to reside in South Devon.

Two new treble bells and a new iron frame, in which the old six bells have been rehung, were dedicated on Easter Day at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, by the Bishop of Willesden. The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish has retired from the position of hon. secretary and treasurer of the Warwickshire Guild, and on Saturday Mr. Malcolm Melville was elected to succeed her.

The Devon bells mentioned in last week's issue at Down St. Mary, Otterton and South Molton are in the hands of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The same firm is adding a new treble to make six at Washford Pyne, Devon.

Great credit is due to Mr. H. Plowman for his part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Finedon, Northants, on Saturday. He has only one arm. There must be very nearly a peal band of one-armed ringers in the country. It is wonderful how these men have triumphed over their disability.

The peal of Doubles at Billesdon, Leicestershire, on Easter Monday, was no mean performance. It consisted of twelve different methods.

We regret that we are still compelled to hold over letters on the new 'Triples' book, as well as other contributions.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

TO BIND RINGERS AND BELL LOVERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with very great interest that I read in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' Mr. Euston's suggestion that there should be a 'Campanologists' Association.'

There must be many people, both young and old, who, like myself, love bells as they love few things, but who, for one reason or another, are unable to ring them.

An association, such as that suggested, would be a delightful bond between real ringers and those who care so much for bells and ringing.

It seems to me that something of this kind would also add to the interest that many members of the general public are ready to take in the Exercise, as a whole, if it helped them to learn more about campanology.

For over 2½ years I have eagerly looked forward to reading 'The Ringing World' every week, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you, as Editor, for the very high ideals you always keep before us on ringing in your leading articles.

I often wish more of the public would read 'The Ringing World.' They would then appreciate better what Sunday service ringing, and ringing generally, means to us. INA D. HUMFREY.

4, Southbourne Gardens, Bath.

STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You will be interested to know that the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, are now rung regularly for morning service on alternate Sundays. We shall be pleased to welcome any ringer visiting the town who would like a ring on Stedman's bells, but to avoid disappointment will they please communicate with me, when I will do my best to ensure there is a band to meet them.

Newton, near Cambridge. C. W. COOK.

FREEMASONRY HONOUR FOR CANON COLERIDGE.

It will be of great interest to the ringing fraternity in general, as well as the ringing members of the craft in particular, to know of the further honour bestowed upon the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, M.A., Past Assistant Grand Chaplain, at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, April 24th, when he was promoted to the high office of Past Grand Chaplain. All members of the ringing fraternity will tender to him their heartiest congratulations.

A BLACKMOOR VETERAN.

THREE GENERATIONS CELEBRATE 80TH BIRTHDAY.

On the 80th birthday of Mr. James Norris, of Blackmoor, Hants, which he celebrated on April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church, where he has been a ringer continuously for 51 years. Mr. Norris rang the tenor, his son rang the fourth and his grandson the treble: Harry Dodson 1, V. Shadbolt 2, C. Pay 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (conductor) 5, J. Norris 6. It was the first attempt for a quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 3rd.

THE KING'S JUBILEE.

ROYAL SALUTES SHOULD BE 'FIRED.'

Next Monday, and throughout the week, the church bells of the British Isles will join in the Empire's celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the King and Queen. Of all the methods of proclaiming the loyalty and joy of their Majesty's subjects, none will be more truly and characteristically English than the voices of the bells in city, town and village, and it is up to the ringers everywhere, where there are bells which will swing in a frame, to take their part in the universal rejoicing.

Peals there are likely to be in plenty, but it is not peals alone that count next Monday. It will be the sound of the bells from every tower and steeple, whether in peals or touches or only rounds and call changes. And we hope that, wherever possible, the ringers will also resort to that old-fashioned method of showing the spirit of the occasion by 'firing' the bells (taking the time from the tenor and pulling so that all the bells strike together). Done well, this is a most effective demonstration. It should be done after the ringing of some good, steady rounds and, at the completion of the salute, which should consist of 21 'shots,' the bells should again open out into rounds.

We hope that those who ring peals next Monday will forward their reports the same night for publication. There is likely to be great pressure on our space, and those reports which come to hand first will have priority.

A CENTRAL COUNCIL REMINDER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I take this opportunity of reminding all ringers of their great responsibility during the coming Jubilee celebrations to ensure that the bells in all parts of the country are rung.

I appeal to all to do their utmost in this effort as a voluntary duty, and to those who ring peals in honour of the Jubilee, may I beg of them to refrain from mentioning ringers' birthdays, wedding days and suchlike in the footnotes?

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

MESSAGES OF GREETING?

Sir,—On May 6th, a day of national rejoicing, when every ringer will help to commemorate this long reign, may I suggest the president of every ringing society send a message of loyal greeting (letter or telegram) to their Majesties the King and Queen? I am sure all members of the ringing fraternity will share this view. J. H.

Leicester.

At the annual meeting of the Kent County Association, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who presided, suggested that the most suitable times for ringing on Jubilee Day would be at 8 a.m. and again from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

AFTER LONG SILENCE.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX, BELLS RING AGAIN.

On Wednesday, April 17th, the inhabitants of the village of Little Waltham, near Chelmsford, were surprised to hear during the afternoon their bells ringing again after many years of silence, and some came to find the cause. It proved to be the bellfounder and his staff trying out the newly-hung peal with its newly-added treble bell. The work of casting the new bell and hanging the peal in a reconstructed old oak frame has been carried out personally by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and his staff. After the local learners had rung some rounds, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by Fredk. Bowell (conductor) 1, H. G. Welham 2, V. E. Waters 3, William Prime 4, J. G. Harvey 5, Alfred Bowell 6, all of Ipswich. This was the first 720 on the bells.

The official dedication took place on Easter Monday, when the band from Broomfield were engaged to open the bells during the service. Everyone expressed satisfaction of the new bell and tone of the peal since tuning, and it is hoped a band may now be raised with the help of the adjoining towers to ring them.

The same firm also have just added two new treble bells to make a ring of six at Stowting, near Ashford, Kent. They also have in hand the rehanging of the heavy ring of six at Havering-atte-Bower, Essex.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

Mr. J. R. Newman's 30 Years' Service.

The annual gathering of ringers of Worcestershire and surrounding districts took place at the City of Worcester on Easter Monday in weather which, to say the least of it, was anything but kind, although towards evening it cleared and was fine. There was ringing at all the city churches (except, of course, St. Helen's, where the tenor is cracked and the bells require the attention of the bellfounders) from an early hour, and this was continued throughout the day, on and off, until late evening. The methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Surprise.

The meeting, as usual, was held in the Cathedral Chapter House. This year there was missing an old familiar face, namely, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, the late Dean of Worcester, who has resigned since the last annual meeting after completing some 25 years in the service of the Church in this place. He was prevented by indisposition from attending the meeting. The new Dean, the Very Rev. A. W. Davies, M.A., D.Litt., took the chair for the first part of the proceedings. He welcomed the association to Worcester and said how pleased he was to be initiated into the 'art' of taking the chair at ringers' gatherings. He went on to give an interesting discourse on bells he had come across while in other parts of the world, such as India, Japan and China.

The formal business then proceeded, and among the apologies was one from the late Dean and one from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who were both prevented from coming by ill-health. The secretary was instructed to write to these gentlemen and convey to them the best wishes of those present and the hope for their speedy recovery.

NEW FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT.

The secretary said he had received a motion that 'In future all financial and other business, except the election of officers and new members, be dealt with by the Central Committee, and that such committee present a report to the annual meeting.'—This was carried with one dissentient.

From the librarian's report it appeared that very little use was made of the association's library. Members are urged to use the library; there are no fees payable, except to pay the postage on returning the books, and the library contained some very useful and interesting books.

At this point in the proceedings the Dean intimated his desire to withdraw. It being his first Easter at Worcester, he desired to spend as much time in the Cathedral as possible, and the Rev. J. F. Hastings took his place in the chair.

The election of officers followed. The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., was re-elected president and the vice-presidents were also re-elected. Mr. William Short and the Rev. J. F. Hastings were re-elected Ringing Master and clerical secretary respectively. With regard to the lay secretaryship, Mr. Newman intimated his desire to retire from the position, which he had held since April, 1905. He said that he thought the time had now arrived when he should give place to a younger man, and he proposed Mr. Joseph D. Johnson as a fit person to take his place.—Mr. Johnson having consented to take over the duties, he was unanimously elected general secretary of the association.

There were numerous tributes paid to the work done by Mr. Newman during the last 30 years, and everyone was extremely sorry that he was giving up the office, but it was felt that it was only fair to respect his wishes. In recognition of his past services, Mr. Newman was elected a freeman of the association.

The question of the annual dinner came up for discussion, and it was ultimately decided to re-elect the Dinner Committee and to hold the dinner again this year. The secretary, however, pointed out that if the dinner was to be held each year, better support would have to be given to it by the members of the association, as up to the present the number who attended was very disappointing. It was urged that every member should make a special effort to attend this year. It was one of the few occasions when the whole association were able to meet for the social intercourse which was so important to the Ringing Exercise to-day.

At the end of the meeting the members present stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute to the late Mr. William Pye, who was a member of the association.

After the usual service in the Cathedral, at which the new Dean preached the sermon, tea was partaken of at the Co-operative Tea Rooms, when about 127 sat down to an enjoyable meal.

Afterwards further ringing took place until quite a late hour, and it is thought everyone went home satisfied with the day's outing. It is rumoured that a number of 'youths' did not leave Worcester until the early hours of Tuesday morning!

FAMOUS SOLDIER'S FUNERAL.

On Friday, April 26th, at Hodnet, Shropshire, on the occasion of the funeral of Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Butler, who from 1916 to 1918 was Deputy Chief of the General Staff on the Western Front and was Earl Haig's 'right-hand man,' a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled by T. Gregory 1, W. Lycett 2, E. Gregory 3, G. Berry 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, E. H. Bowen 6. This was the first attempt for a quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and tenor.

A BEGINNERS' PAGE.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

Let us enlarge a little further on what we said last week about 'conducting,' as distinct from 'bob calling.' There are many ringers who go through a touch knowing nothing except their own particular job. That, in its way, is an excellent trait, and the man who knows his job and sticks tight to it is a great asset in a band. The trouble comes when he does not stick tight to it, but through sighting the wrong bell or momentarily forgetting his immediate duty he causes a trip which may, and often does, involve others.

This is where the real conductor comes in. If he knows the proper coursing order of the bells he can usually 'sort them out' in time of trouble, unless he happens to be burdened with one of those unfortunate ringers who, once having got wrong, has no faculty for getting right again, however much prompting he may be given.

In Bob Minor, the coursing order of the bells, which we last week described as 'the order in which the bells follow one another through the work of the course,' is the order in which they come to lead and also turn one another from behind. This does not apply to some of the more complicated methods, but it applies strictly to Plain Bob on all numbers. It is a great help, therefore, to an erring ringer if the conductor can tell him to 'lead' or 'follow such and such a bell to lead,' or 'turn such and such a bell from behind.' These instructions can come anywhere in a lead, whereas if the conductor has to wait until the next dodging place is reached before he can give an order, it may be too late.

Of course, the budding conductor, before he begins bob calling, has generally got to the stage when he knows what bell he is coursing and what bell is coursing immediately behind him. That, indeed, is the first requirement, apart from knowing the method, in anyone who hopes to become a safe ringer, whether he is a conductor or not. But this knowledge is the foundation upon which the young conductor must build. If he knows who he is coursing and who is coursing him that covers three out of the five working bells in Bob Minor. Intelligent 'ropesight' and a little practice will soon enable him to fit the other two into their places, until he has got the correct order in which he will meet the four inside bells working with him, as 5.3.2.4 following the 6th in the plain course.

The next thing it is necessary to know is where the treble intervenes. The treble moves FORWARD one place each lead. This is caused by the bell immediately in front of it in one lead, making 2nd's place when the treble leads and going up after it. Thus in the plain course you get the following coursing orders: 6.5.3.1.2.4; 6.5.1.3.2.4; 6.1.5.3.2.4; 1.6.5.3.2.4 (1); 6.5.3.2.1.4.

Every 'call' that is made alters the coursing order. A bob causes one bell to move to a position behind the next two working bells. Thus, omitting the treble, if a bob 'wrong' is called at the first lead, the 3.2 move up after the 6th and the 5th (which 'made the bob,' i.e., 4th's place) falls in behind the 2nd. If the first call is a bob 'right,' then 2.4 move up after the 5th and the 3rd (which 'made the bob') falls in behind the 4th, or, put another way — and this is worth thinking out for a moment—the 2nd and 4th move up behind the 5th and the 3rd drops in in front of the 6th. Thus, after a bob 'wrong,' the coursing order becomes (6) 3.2.5.4 (6); after the 'right' (6) 5.2.4.3 (6). If the 'right' follows the 'wrong,' then the coursing order of the working bells becomes (6) 3542 (6). It would be a helpful exercise if the beginner studying this subject would write out on paper, in the form given above, the coursing order of the bells after each call in the complete 720 referred to last week.

(More about Conducting next week.)

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

CHANGING THE HUNT BELL.

A letter raising a number of interesting points has reached us from a well-known West Country ringer, whose opportunities are very largely limited to ringing in six-bell towers. He has not written, he tells us, with the intention that his letter should be published, but he thinks a short 'treatise' on the questions he refers to would carry much interest in beginners' circles.

The first point to which our correspondent refers is the result of some recent notes in 'Belfry Gossip,' which mention the ringing of peals of Grandsire Doubles 'with each bell in turn acting as whole hunt.' How is this done? he asks.

This method of ringing Grandsire Doubles brings the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th to take the place of the treble, while the treble takes its place among the working bells. There is no question that this is by far the most interesting way of ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles and should be within the capacity, after a certain amount of practice, of any band that really understands the method.

When some other bell than the treble is the whole hunt bell, the 3rd's place at a plain lead and the bobs and singles are made in the same relative position to the whole hunt as they would have been to the treble, had that bell been fulfilling its usual function.

The change from one whole hunt bell to another takes place from rounds. If the second becomes the whole hunt, the 4th is in the secondary hunt with it (as the 2nd is when the treble is the whole hunt). If the fourth becomes the whole hunt, the 5th is in the hunt with it. If the 5th is the whole hunt, the 3rd is in the hunt with it. If the 3rd is the whole hunt, the treble is in the hunt with it.

There is a difference in the going off of the bells from rounds compared with the ordinary start. The customary beginning requires the 3rd to make 3rd's place and 4 and 5 to dodge. When any bell except the treble is the whole hunt, both the even bells (2 and 4) go down and the odd bells (1, 3 and 5) go up. Actually the 5th completes its whole pull behind. Here is the start, showing 2, 3, 4 and 5 as whole hunt bells, and the method until the secondary hunt bell has led:—

2	4	5	3
12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435	21435
24153	24153	24153	24153
42135	42513	42513	42513
41253	45231	45231	45231
	54213	54321	54321
	52431	53412	53412
		35421	35142
		34512	31524
			13542
			15324

The callings for any of these variations are precisely the same as for the ordinary six-score, always remembering, of course, to call by the new whole hunt bell instead of by the treble. By using the customary callings it is thus possible to have 50 different 120's—ten with each of the five bells as the whole hunt.

This method of ringing Grandsire Doubles is not only a better mental exercise for the conductor, but it introduces variety and interest for the rest of the band. With most companies it will need practice, especially that part where the whole hunt is changed, but there is nothing insuperably difficult about it.

First let every man in the band be able to ring any of the five bells to any of the ten six-scores. Then, next practice night, begin by ringing 120's with the treble and second as the whole hunt, alternately. Another night try it with, say, treble and third, and go on to a 360 made up of treble, second and third as whole hunts. The knack of changing smoothly from one to the other will soon come, if the tip is recollected that odd bells go up and even bells down whenever the treble is not the whole hunt bell. I hope Grandsire Doubles ringers will try it, it is worth while.

The other points raised in our correspondent's letter will be dealt with later.

DO YOU KNOW

1. What is meant by 'plain hunting'?
2. When and where the first recorded peal was rung?
3. Who was William Shipway?
4. Where the heaviest and lightest church bells hung for ringing are to be found?

IF YOU DON'T, THEN——

1. Pursuing a regular path from one position to another; generally from 'lead' to 'behind' and back again to lead. It is the simple and direct work of a bell which strikes one blow in each place in regular succession from front to back, where it strikes two blows, and then one blow in each place to the lead again, where it strikes two blows.
2. On May 2nd, 1715, the Norwich Scholars rang 5,040 Grandsire Bob Triples at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.
3. Born at Bath, September 29th, 1760, Shipway migrated to London as a young man, and in 1816 published 'The Campanalogia, or Universal Instructor in the art of ringing: in three parts.' It is one of the best text books on change ringing that has ever been written, and, as was the way in those early days, covered the art from the first to the last known stage.
4. The heaviest bell hung for ringing is at Exeter Cathedral. The tenor there, known as 'Grandison,' is 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in weight. The lightest ring of eight is at Lye, in Worcestershire, where the tenor is only 3½ cwt.

PROPOSED NATIONAL GUILD OF YOUTH.

'SOLUTION TO ALL OBJECTIONS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Groombridge, junior's, letter interests me. I must admit that in many ways all his objections are well founded, but I think there is a solution to them all. Firstly, the proposed guild would be run on something like the lines of the Ladies' Guild. If that can be run successfully, surely a body whose membership could total twice their number would be an even greater success? I would suggest this difference—that all peals rung for the Guild of Youth should also be credited to some association. Therefore, that association would have the honour of having the peals booked to them, and in most cases a majority of that association's young members would take part. So there should be no objection to captains of towers in the said association giving permission for peals. And the same plan would apply to meetings—older members would be most welcome, but the arrangements would be in the hands of the Guild of Youth.

But why should Mr. Groombridge call an attempt for a peal with a young band a 'stunt purpose'? Surely it is for the good of the whole Exercise that such peals should be more in evidence, showing great enthusiasm on the part of the band. When they are successfully accomplished, they are exceptionally fine performances. All the attempts with young bands at Crayford, as he says, have been under the auspices of the Kent County Association, so why grumble? The peal attempts for Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend were also for the K.C.A., and I consider that we ought to feel very grateful to Mr. F. E. Dawe, the organiser, for his great kindness and trouble in making the attempts possible.

With regard to Mr. Groombridge's last point, re instructors getting peeved if one of their colts rings peals with an association from which he is barred, that is the one difficult question. I quite agree that the beginner's first peal should be rung under the conductorship of his instructor (when he is a capable man), but after that I do not think the instructor should mind his pupil taking part with a band of youth for a special peal. It is not so much the individual young ringer we must think of as the great benefit to the Exercise, as a whole, that such a peal has in showing where there are ENTHUSIASTIC young ringers. Not all instructors are as enthusiastic or as capable as Mr. Groombridge (it is a great pity they are not). Therefore, a keen young ringer would have to strike out for himself.

Before closing, although I do not wish to be personal, I think that the Lewisham District of the K.C.A. should be the last to pass a resolution 'that such an organisation is entirely unnecessary.' With the exception of Crayford, the only other band where youth predominates is at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, where the local band can muster enough for Double Norwich and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. It might interest ringers to know that recently five of their band, with another capable young ringer from West Wickham, rang 720 London Surprise Minor at Elcombe, Kent (tenor 16 cwt.), the first in the method for all. The average age was just over 19 and all were SELF-TAUGHT in these methods. Otherwise, I am sorry to say that young ringers with any ABILITY at all are sadly lacking in the Lewisham District.

Mr. John Euston's letter is on the right lines. 'Enthusiasm' should be the one word that matters most to any ringers (young or old). With regard to the band of twelve for a peal at Southwark Cathedral, there would be no 'four or five irresponsible youngsters.' Eight of them have already rung a twelve-bell peal, and the other four have rung a quarter-peal of Maximus or Cinques. The main object of a Guild of Youth is to encourage young ringers to meet, talk and ring together, and to foster a spirit of leadership and enthusiasm amongst them.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Deal, Kent.

'FUTURE PROGRESS DEPENDS ON YOUTH OF TO-DAY.'

Dear Sir,—As a young ringer, I have been very interested in Mr. Melville's suggestion to inaugurate a Guild of Youth. I have also studied the various letters that have subsequently been published since Mr. Melville's proposals came to our notice.

Your leading article of April 12th and your Beginners' Page of this issue shows that you appreciate the project as one of real value to the Exercise. I am of the opinion that the Guild would be invaluable in maintaining the interest of young ringers of both sexes. Provided it is arranged carefully and sensibly, it can, I think, do nothing but good.

In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' we read that, at a recent meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Guild was, in the opinion of those present, unnecessary. In the past it may not have been necessary, and the worthy members at that meeting may have said in so many words 'that we have never had such a guild and have made good progress in the past, and we look forward to the future with every hope and confidence.' But future progress in our art will depend upon the youth of this day and to-morrow, and if the art is to exist at all, say in 50 years or possibly a little longer, at a time when the majority of our friends who voted against the proposed Guild are departed from us, we must now and henceforth be ever on the alert to capture the interest of the young generation and do our utmost to retain it. If we want silent bells in later years, neglect youth and silence will reign supreme! I am not prepared to say we young folk are generally neglected; we are certainly not in this county under the auspices of the Kent Association, as witness the wonderful progress made by young ringers in North Kent.

Now if Mr. Melville inaugurates his Guild, I think he ought to form his districts within the limits of the present associations and guilds, and then, when peals are arranged, they could be rung for the association in whose territory they are in. The Youth Guild could still claim their share of the honour and record the peals in their own book, but the first credit would be for the county association or guild and would be recognised by the Central Council as such. If this were done, I do not see any reason why any association would object; in fact, I think they would welcome the Youth Guild rather than discourage it.

To conclude, probably the majority of young ringers will regard the proposed new Guild most favourably, and as it is for our benefit and for the future glory of our art, we all ought to do our part towards helping Mr. Melville in his hard task to make the Guild a united success.

A. W. DURHAM.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llantrisant, Glamorganshire, on Easter Monday. There was a good muster of members from both dioceses. The bells were busy in various methods early in the afternoon, and at four o'clock service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Percival Jones) officiating. His address was most instructive and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, and after a most enjoyable meal the business was proceeded with, the Vicar taking the chair. The usual routine affairs were dealt with and reports on restorations and augmentations received with interest. Among the work mentioned was the overhauling, etc., of Abcravon bells and the rehanging of Aberdare bells, the dedication of which is to take place next month. Last but not least it was announced that the order had been placed for the recasting of the old six bells at Penarth (which have not been rung for some time) and the augmentation of the ring to the full octave.

It was decided to hold monthly ringing meetings during the next four months, the first to be held at Bridgend on the third Saturday in May, the next at Tredunnock on the second Saturday in June, to be followed by St. Athan and Newport St. Woolos' the second Saturdays in July and August.

Several new members were elected, and at the close of the meeting a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the ladies and the local ringers for their kindness and hospitality. The bells were rung afterwards until late in the evening. The next quarterly meeting is arranged to be held at Machen.

WEDDING BELLS

COINCIDENCES OF A LEWES WEDDING.

At Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on Easter Monday, the marriage took place of Miss Marjorie Dawe, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, and Mr. Edmund E. Garbett, the son of a Seaford ringer. The service was conducted by the late Vicar (the Rev. F. Farnsworth), and as the bridal party left the church the ten bells were rung by the local band. Afterwards a peal of Bob Royal was rung.

Mr. Dawe has been associated with ringing at Southover Church between forty and fifty years, and for many years was the leader. His son is also a member of the band.

By a coincidence, a peal of Bob Royal was also rung for the weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe's elder daughter and son, who, also, were both married by the Rev. F. Farnsworth.

After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous repast at the King's Head by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, and the band desire to thank them for their hospitality. It was the one hundredth peal rung in the tower by the conductor, Mr. F. Bennett, and Mr. Henry Stalham 'completed the circle.'

On Easter Sunday at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, Suffolk, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Edward Robert Symonds to Miss Phyllis Winifred Newcomb (both of London), which took place at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. A. Turner 1, W. Jarvis 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, D. A. S. Symonds 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. The bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Symonds, of London, and grandson of Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Owing to many members being present at the Football Association Cup final at Wembley (in spirit, with the aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation, if not in person), the afternoon attendance was not as large as is usual at these meetings, but the ringers who were present at 3 p.m. had the pleasure of hearing the hymn, 'He who would valiant be,' played on the bells by the operation of the clock.

Immediately after, the bells were rung up and ringing continued until the service. They were also in use again after the service until the business meeting, which was held in the tower. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Ilkley, Northowram, Headingley St. Chad's, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Ripon, Wortley and the local company. The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) was in the chair.

The following ringers were elected members: Miss E. White, of Shipley, Mr. R. H. Vigor, of Sherburn, and Mr. W. A. Wooler, of Wortley.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. F. Dixon and seconded by Mr. L. Drake.—Mr. F. Renton replied. The balance sheet was read by the treasurer and adopted. The secretary (Mr. H. Lofthouse) read his twelfth annual report, which gave details of the meetings, peals, etc., and stated that the membership was 215.

Mr. F. Renton proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for his report and his work during the past year.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Armitage and cordially adopted.

The nominations at the last meeting were then confirmed on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Baxendale, seconded by Mr. W. E. H. Ash. The following were thus elected for one year: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, H. Marsden and S. Barron; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake. The office of Ringing Master was the only change. The President proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Strangeway, and this was seconded by Mr. F. Renton and carried.

The final vote of thanks, to the retiring officers for their work during the past year, was proposed by Mr. F. Renton and seconded by Mr. G. W. Steele.

The date of the next meeting, to be held at Batley, is May 25th.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): C. Gouldsmith 1, A. Radley 2, Miss N. Radley (first quarter-peal) 3, E. Gouldsmith 4, D. Hammond 5, W. Newnham 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, W. Pedder 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. G. Moore 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, R. Bullen 3, E. G. Cottis 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, S. J. Holgate 6, P. C. Willmington 7, F. Freestone 8. First in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 6 and 7.

WILLESDEN.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: E. B. Hartley (first of Major) 1, J. H. Riding 2, G. M. Kilby 3, C. E. Lankester 4, J. H. Boltham 5, H. Kilby 6, W. F. Holloway (first in the method) 7, T. J. Lock (first in the method as conductor) 8.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Chippenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at the Thorp Arms, price 1s. per head.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The King's Jubilee. Two days before, namely, on Saturday, May 4th, the spring meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells. The district secretary appeals to all ringers and hon. members to help make this a record meeting. Tower open 3.15. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Buses, Opera House to St. Peter's Church, every few minutes.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Worplesdon on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Corscombe on Saturday, May 4th. Being two days previous to the King's Jubilee, the secretary appeals to all ringers, hon. members, etc., to help make this a record meeting. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Saturday, May 4th. Divine service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of London. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 9, Wormwood Street, at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 4.40, and after the meeting; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 3 to 4.30; St. Magnus', Thames Street; St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, all from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Broughton on May 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting has been arranged at Old Windsor (bells 8) on Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follow.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Greasley on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Will those wishing for tea, price 6d., kindly notify early? All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday afternoon, May 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. The business of this meeting is a revision of branch boundaries and the formation of an Oldham Branch.—Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Noll Street, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the School. The bells of Emmanuel Church will be open to visitors from 7 p.m. onwards. Special illuminations will be on view on this date. Come and enjoy a day in England's Garden Town.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. For tea please notify (important) Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All will be welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—S. G. Shipp, Branch Sec., Bellgables, Wilburton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Enmore on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Piddington on Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Good bus service from Cattle Market Road.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business to follow.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harrietsham to-morrow, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Bell Inn 5.15. Important business meeting after tea. Come and try some new Triples methods. Everybody welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, Near DERBY. — On Monday, May 6th, at 11.30 a.m., the Bishop of Derby will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BARNBY, NOTTS.—On Thursday, May 9th, at 6.30 p.m. the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new treble which has been installed to complete the peal to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 16th and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st (5.30 p.m.) and on Sunday the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Redenhall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea, followed by meeting, at the Yew Tree, opposite church, at 4.30. Please notify me if you require tea. **Note change of address:**—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Bacup, St. Saviour's Church, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready for 3.30. All ringers cordially invited.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Sat., May 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) to members attending. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 11th. Towers open: Preshute (6) 3-4.15 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 5.30-6.30 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 6.30-8 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. For tea please notify A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (1s.) and meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday previous. All members and friends welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The meeting provisionally arranged for Saturday, May 11th, at Farnworth, is POSTPONED until further notice.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Guilsborough Branch) AND MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Leicester District).—A joint meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify hon. secretaries by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea, G. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby; E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Green's Norton on Saturday, May 11th. Two other belfries available. Lunch (2s.) at 1.30. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Number for lunch or tea by May 8th to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 11th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, by May 8th. Business meeting 5.40 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tushingham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 9th?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pilton, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 52, BURCOTT ROAD, Wells, Somerset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Lincoln Districts will be held at Alford on Saturday, May 11th. Recently restored and made a fine peal of six. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall at 1s. per head. Business meetings after tea. Your tea will be reserved if you notify by Thursday, May 9th, Rev. A. Berry, Holly House, East End, Alford. All welcome.—H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, and H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Freiston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, May 7th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Maudesley, not later than Wednesday, May 8th?—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, not later than Wednesday, 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

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PRESTBURY.—A peal board, recording eight peals rung by the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on the bells of St. Mary's, Prestbury, will be unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. J. Bag- available from 3 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar for all those who let me know by the 8th. Short service 6 o'clock. Unveiling 6.30.—W. Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 8th. All ringers cordially invited.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Maresfield, commencing 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? A ringer welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Tanfields on Wednesday, May 15th. Meet at the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Tea at the Peacock Inn at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, May 11th. Particulars later.—G. S. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Poole on Saturday, May 18th. Service in St. James' Church at 12.30. Luncheon, followed by annual meeting, in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Wimborne Minster (10, from 3 p.m.), St. Giles', Poole, Wareham (8), Canford, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Witchampton (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring luncheon please notify the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

MAY 18th.—Aldenham (8 bells). Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest stations Bushey and Radlett. Bus to church. Cheap tickets by road or rail.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.—Ringers' Day will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea (4.15) will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, the 15th inst. All welcome.—K. Salter, The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me without fail, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made. Nearest station Stanford le Hope (L.M.S.), or take Southend bus to Corringham Corner from Grays every 15 minutes.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held at Swindon, Wilts, on Saturday, May 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., Christ Church. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head, in the Parish Room. Meeting follows. Christ Church (10), St. Mark's (8) and Rodbourne Cheyney (6) bells will be available from 2 p.m., and again after meeting. All those requiring tea please notify me by May 11th. Business: Election of officers, proposed alteration to rules.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify by Wednesday, the 15th, Mr. W. T. Elliott, Church Street, Kelvedon, or me, F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935). — Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, ton, 6, before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brigh-Hon. Sec.

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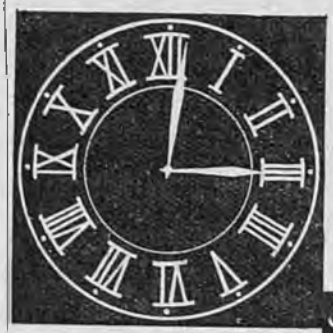

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It is when we celebrate events such as this that we get a true estimate of the place which bells hold in the imagination and hearts of the public. Monday would have lost half its character as a day of national rejoicing had all the bells in the land been silent. Among the commentators on the day's events over the ether was an East Markham farmer, and this Nottinghamshire worthy, chairman of festivities in his parish, put the bells in the forefront among the ways in which the Jubilee was celebrated. It was the bells, the finest in Nottinghamshire, in his opinion, that heralded the day, and struck the note for all that was to follow. And this son of England's soil voiced the feelings of hundreds of thousands of others. When one gets down to rock bottom we find that love of the bells of our English churches is deeply implanted in the breasts of the vast majority of our people. In many, many places on Monday the bells were rung, not only as the ringers' individual contribution to the festivities of the day, but as part of the official proceedings at the request of the authorities responsible for the day's programmes. Unquestionably bells have a place in the minds of Englishmen which demands their use when great events require public expression. Let us, therefore, foster this spirit by using the bells always with consideration, and educate the public to an understanding of the meaning of the bells on other than national occasions, so that they may be always maintained in such condition and with sufficient competent ringers that they may be there ready at the public call to carry out their traditional purpose of voicing the joy and, if needs be, the sorrows, of the people.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5025 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	JAMES BENNETT	9
HARRY HOSKINS	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	JAMES H. RIDING	11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	6	REUBEN SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	MAURICE B. SMITHER	7
*CHARLES W. DENYER	3	*EDWARD J. BRAGG	8
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	9
BARRY D. ELLIOTT	5	†FREDERICK W. WICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*ALFRED G. BASS	*Treble*	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
*ERNEST W. PYE	2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.	7
*STANLEY F. WEBB	3	HENRY RUMENS	8
*HENRY E. STREET	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	5	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by R. MAYNARD, JUN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The ringer of the 5th has rung in three Jubilee peals in this tower, viz., Queen Victoria's, 1887; Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, 1897, and King George V.'s Silver Jubilee, 1935.

RETFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*FRANK KAYE	*Treble*	*F. BRACKENBURY	6
*WALTER COATES	2	ARTHUR TOWLER	7
C. RONALD SMITH	3	JOHN SEGAR, JUN.	8
OSWY STREET	4	*WILLIAM NORTON	9
*FRANCIS HIND	5	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. SEGAR, JUN. Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.
* First peal. First peal of Royal by the remainder.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

FRANCIS E. DAWE	*Treble*	ADAM DEAS	5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	WILLIAM H. BARBER	6
RICHARD A. GOFTON	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.
After the peal the bells were 'fired.'

HERTFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*SIDNEY CADLE	*Treble*	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	5
GEORGE GRAY	2	STANLEY A. CARTER	6
REGINALD DORE	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
MICHAEL PULLMAN	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 69). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM
* First peal of Major. This composition is now rung for the first time.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*DONALD REAY	*Treble*	†KENNETH ARTHUR	5
*NORMAN PAIRMAN	2	JOHN ANDERSON	6
*PETER WISHART	3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	7
†THOMAS W. CROWE	4	MICHAEL ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples and in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Triples on the bells.

WALESBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*KENNETH W. MAYER	*Treble*	*CECIL J. MAYER	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	ERNEST BRITTAIN	6
†JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	JACK BRAY	7
†GEOFFREY M. MAYER	4	HAROLD MARCON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. BRAY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells.

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ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	NORMAN HEAPS	5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	2	JOHN BOOTH...	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
First peal of Oxford on the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

EDGAR HUMPHREY	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*ERNEST ESSEX	2	GEORGE ESSEX	6
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY ...	3	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	7
†WALTER LEWINGTON ...	4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM SIMMONDS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JAMES WILLIAMS...	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
HAROLD W. EMMETT	2	FRED KENDALL	6
GEORGE BROWN	3	HERBERT MILLS	7
JOHN HILL	4	ALBERT MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Sunday, May 5, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WALTER J. LADD	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. HART	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...	6
RICHARD D. DIVALL... ...	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
GEORGE WIGGINS	4	ALFRED J. BATTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*THOMAS E. DENYER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ...	5
*MISS DORIS VIGGERS ...	2	†PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ...	6
*ERNEST J. GOWER	3	EDWARD J. BRAGG	7
*MISS MARJORIE W. SMITH	4	CHARLES W. DENYER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung by an entirely local band.

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WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*ALBERT J. GRAYSTON ...	*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. WOODS	5
*C. VICTOR GRAYSTON ...	2	*W. JAMES WOODRUFFE ...	6
*C. JOHN TROTMAN	3	‡FRANK L. FISHER	7
*A. STANLEY WOODARD ...	4	*JAMES SAWYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method and as conductor. This peal was commenced at 6.30 a.m.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	FREDERICK W. STEMP ...	6
REGINALD A. REED	3	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	7
ROY LINTER	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILLIAM T. TUCKER
* 250th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

RICHARD HAYES...	*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING... ...	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WATFORD SOCIETY.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. DIX	5
WALTER PAUL	2	RICHARD G. BELL	6
HARRY L. LONG	3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

ORAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS RENE REDPATH	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	JOHN A. C. ABSON	7
MISS MOLLIE REDPATH ...	4	EDWIN BARNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by J. A. C. ABSON.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ...	*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
JOHN WHEADON...	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
FRANK E. WALKER	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
JAMES E. BAILEY	4	HARRY SIMMONS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.
* First peal in the method.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ASHCROFT ... ...*Treble*	*JOSEPH LITTLER... 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 2	STANLEY HARRISON 6
*THOMAS HAIGHTON 3	*FRANK TAYLOR 7
†HAROLD WORRALL 4	GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. 25th peal for the ringer of the 6th, and first peal for 25 years for treble ringer.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells; (2) York and Durham; (3) Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (5) Surfleet and Beverley; (6) Berwick and Hexham; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*JAMES H. MUSSON ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
*HARRY GIBBARD... 2	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* First peal in 18 methods. First peal in 18 methods on the bells.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER ...*Treble*	†ERNEST GARDNER 4
*JOHN W. CARTER 2	REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... 5
*HAROLD JEFFREYS 3	CHARLES NEWMAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
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.

MAURICE D. PERRETT ...*Treble*	H. JIM RALPH 4
MISS PAMELA J. PALMER ... 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD 5
CECIL H. SMART 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung before the 10 a.m. service.

UPWEY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*E. GEORGE OSMOND ... ...*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
DENNIS VIRGIN 2	STANLEY FOOT 5
A. FRED VIRGIN... 3	EDWARD G. CARPENTER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal away from tenor. First peal in two methods by all except the conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

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BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Single Court and Double Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

CYRIL E. TOWNER ... ...*Treble*	CECIL WARD... 4
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 2	CHRISTOPHER BARKER ... 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

WONERSH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR ROOKE ... ...*Treble*	DICK SKINNER 4
GEORGE VOLLER 2	WALTER ENTICKNAP 5
LEONARD HAMMOND 3	FREDERICK ROOKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ENTICKNAP.

This is believed to be the first peal ever rung by a local band at this tower. First peal for all except the conductor and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ROBERT BROWN ... ...*Treble*	C. EDWARD STOCK 3
G. JASPER NEWMAN 2	ALFRED ASHTON 4

SAM SCATTERGOOD ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by SAM SCATTERGOOD.

First peal at Old Whittington. First peal for all the band. The peal was preceded by a royal salute of 21 'shots' in honour of the occasion.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*REGINALD WRIGHT ... ...*Treble*	*THOMAS S. ASTBURY ... 4
†ERIC CLARKE 2	JESSE BAYLEY 5
*ALBERT THOMAS 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. All are Sunday service ringers.

MOLD, NORTH WALES.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JACK ROBERTS ... ...*Treble*	FRED HARTMAN... 4
J. H. JONES 2	*WALTER PRICE 5
J. METCALF 3	*FRANK ROBERTS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

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OTHER PEALS.

TEN BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 39¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR LINTOTT	...Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND	2	*ERNEST F. BENNETT	7
*ALBERT GORRINGE	3	*PERCY GRINDEY	8
†THOMAS W. HESKETH	4	LESTER L. GRAY	9
*HENRY GRACE	5	EDWARD CADNCE	...Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. Canon J. C. H. How, who has left Liverpool to be Vicar of St. Peter's, Brighton.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, 8

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	...Treble	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON	5
HORACE FOX	2	FRED NEWTON	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
VICTOR APPLEGATE	4	CHARLES BROWN	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C WALTERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor and A. T. Strangward.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	...Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
JOHN HAYES	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
JOHN GRIFFITHS	3	SAMUEL JONES	7
GEORGE R. JONES	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN	...Treble	THOMAS E. SONE	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	†WILLIAM WENBAN	6
*TOM SAUNDERS	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
LEONARD MANNERING	4	LUTHER J. HONESS	...Tenor

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

* 75th and † 50th peal with the conductor. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. Len Mannering, who is on leave from India. The composition, No. 400, is rung for the first time.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

WILLIAM R. DENNIS	...Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL	5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	2	FREDERICK G. COLE	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung on the anniversary of the 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the 15,840 Treble Bob at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, both of these peals having been conducted by H. W. Haley.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM SPICE, SEN.	...Treble	ARTHUR S. BOAR	5
MISS DORIS DOBBIE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
WALTER DOBBIE	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
GEORGE KENWARD	4	LESLIE DOBBIE	...Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

A birthday peal for L. Dobbie and Mrs. E. H. Spice.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	Treble	†CYRIL CHAMBERS	5
*JOSEPH MARSH	2	†CYRIL JONES	6
†FREDERICK J. HINTON	3	*ERNEST A. DREW	7
†GORDON C. GOODSON	4	†THOMAS DAVIES	...Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Messrs. C. H. Woodberry and C. Chambers are from Kidderminster, the rest belong to the local band.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS	...Treble	HERBERT C. READ	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE BAILEY	6
ALFRED W. BROOME	3	CLIFFORD BIRD	7
HAROLD QUANTRILL	4	RUSSELL W. CURSON	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to George H. Moore, for many years captain of the Hethersett company of ringers, who was interred that day.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

CYRIL BARBER	...Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
GEORGE HOWLETT	2	WALTER BARRETT	6
STANLEY COPLING	3	CHARLES LOOME	7
WILLIAM FLATT	4	ERNEST WHITING	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Bourne Surprise, three 720's each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

F. DAY	...Treble	C. G. PRYKE	4
R. CHAMBERS	2	HARRY HOLLOCKS	5
F. HUNT	3	JOHN HALL	...Tenor

Conducted by F. DAY.

First peal by all.

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' Church on Easter Sunday for matins, 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: R. C. Sharpe 1, R. Heath (conductor) 3, S. Howlett 4, S. Ward 5, A. E. Austin 6, A. Beale 7, F. O. Turner 8.—At St. Mary's Church for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Ward 1, R. Heath 2, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 3, A. E. Austin 4, A. Beale 5, R. O. Sharpe 6.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, April 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being a 720 of London, Canterbury, Beverley, York, Carlisle, Chester and Cambridge.

*F. VARTY	...*Treble*	G. R. NEWTON	4
†J. W. COLLINGWOOD... ...	2	H. ROGERS	5
†J. PREASLEY	3	T. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Roscamp, the Vicar's son.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*ALFRED J. WHITTLE...	...*Treble*	*ERNEST J. TAYLOR	4
*SAMUEL QUINTIN	2	*MARK ROSIER	5
*HENRY LAWRENSON	3	REGINALD W. REX ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Whittle.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)
On Thursday, April 25, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 changes each of Lancaster, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

B. JACK STUBBS	...*Treble*	FRANCES BALL	4
WALTER PERKINS	2	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of seven Surprise methods. Also the first in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

CORSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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 12 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST MATTHEWS	4
JOHN DEENE...	2	WILLIAM NICHOLS	5
TOM WORRALL	3	CHARLES HODGES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

UPLYME, DEVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
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.

H. JIM RALPH	...*Treble*	†H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	4
*JOHN E. PHILBRICK	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
*GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ...	3	FRANK PRICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK PRICE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. S. Long, Hollingbourne, Kent.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	4
HENRY HUTTON	2	WILLIAM T. BERSON	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal in the tower. The bells have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Jack Prescott, of Blackheath, Surrey, and Miss Barbara Rickards, daughter of the Rev. W. Brooke Rickards, assistant priest at Albury, which took place at Guildford Cathedral the same day.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK C. TOWELL	...*Treble*	ALBERT L. WARD	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	2	RONALD RUSSELL	5
*PERCY AMOS	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal in which a Treble Bob method has been included.

WRAGBY, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 changes each of Violet, Duke of York, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED TIBBLE ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER	4
†CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD	2	DANIEL SMITH	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	ERNEST CUIT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS	...*Treble*	JOSEPH BOWELL	4
*HERBERT HUMM	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
STANLEY G. DAVEY	3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal and first attempt.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL NEW BELLS.

The dedication of the four new bells and the recast 5th, by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, took place on Jubilee Day, immediately after the 8 a.m. celebration of the Holy Communion.

This addition to the twelve-bell 'rings' of the country gave great pleasure to all who heard them for the first time.

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AN OCTAVE AT HARROW WEALD.

NEW TREBLES ADDED.

Two treble bells have been added to the ring of six at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, and a new frame installed. These were dedicated on Easter Sunday afternoon by the Bishop of Willesden, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Durham).

During the singing of the hymn, 'Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,' the Bishop, preceded by the ringers, choir and Vicar, proceeded to the belfry, where the churchwarden requested the Bishop to dedicate the new work. After the dedication the Bishop handed the ropes to the Vicar, instructing him as Vicar to see that the bells were rung at all times discreetly and to the honour and glory of God. A few rounds were then rung by the local band, Misses F. Clayton and E. K. Fulton, Messrs. H. G. Hart, H. O. Holmes, W. Horrod, F. Wilcox, R. H. J. Goodship and G. R. Goodship. The procession then returned to the chancel during the singing of the hymn, 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day.'

The Bishop gave a short address, taking as his theme words from the 19th Psalm, 'The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words into the ends of the world.' He spoke of the need of the bells, the invitation of the bells, the message of the bells, the ringers of the bells and the answer to the bells, emphasising that there is no more beautiful music than the sound of the bells calling parishioners to worship and service. They should always be rung with discrimination for people living in the vicinity and with the thought for the purpose for which they were put in the tower uppermost in the minds of the ringers.

At the conclusion of the service two courses of Stedman Triples were rung by G. R. Goodship (conductor) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, E. Leversuch 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, C. Dyke 5, R. Goodship 6, G. Hughes 7, H. G. Hart 8. The ringers of the third, fifth and seventh are from St. John's, Stanmore.

The Bishop, churchwardens and friends were entertained to tea by the members of the belfry. Mr. Goodship, the Ringing Master, in thanking the Bishop for honouring them with his presence, said that they had been looking forward to that dedication for 3½ years. From the ringing point of view, the splicing of the two new bells was perfect, the six original bells having been retuned. The peal was a credit to Messrs. Taylor and Co., and Mr. J. P. Fidler, who was present representing the firm, would be able to carry to them the congratulations of all that the work was quite up to their great reputation. Although the peal was only a light one, the tenor being 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A, it was a very tuneful one.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING BANBURY BRANCH CHAIRMAN.

The Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild are unfortunate enough to be losing their chairman, the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, who is retiring from the living of Adderbury and going to South Devon. Mr. Cholmondeley has served the branch faithfully as chairman for many years, and has rarely missed a meeting. On Saturday evening, April 27th, members of the branch met in Adderbury tower to make a presentation to him as a mark of the esteem and affection in which he is held. Some 30 ringers were present from eight towers, and ringing, which commenced with a very well-struck touch of 308 Grandsire Triples, continued until Mr. Cholmondeley entered the belfry, together with the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Banbury, the vice-chairman of the branch, and Col. H. du C. Norris, of Adderbury, an honorary member. Mr. E. Pearson, secretary of the branch, spoke briefly of the sense of loss that the branch would feel by the retirement of its chairman.

The Rev. A. L. E. Williams added his own testimony to those already expressed, and asked Mr. Cholmondeley to accept the gift. This was in the form of a silver bell inkstand, suitably inscribed, to the cost of which each tower had subscribed.—Mr. Cholmondeley returned thanks, and mentioned that when he came to Adderbury he made up his mind to retire after 20 years should he still be alive. Actually he had gone on for a year and a half over that time, and now at the age of 70 he felt the time had come to hand over the work of the parish to someone else, before people could say that he was too old for the job. He would always remember with affection his association with the branch.

Ringing was then continued until 8 p.m., after which the bells were lowered in peal. The ringers bade an affectionate farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Cholmondeley, expressing the hope that the retirement for which they were leaving would be made up of many happy years, seasoned with the remembrance of their association with the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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The Bishop, in reply, said he was pleased to observe that the ringers were all loyal and active churchfolk. It was pleasing to learn that the ringers themselves had raised over half the amount of the total cost, which was £388.

Ringers will have an opportunity of trying the bells on the occasion of the next meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild meeting (North and East District), which takes place on Saturday, May 25th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to a hitch in the granting of the faculty, the dedication of the tablet which is to be placed in the tower at Crayford Church to the memory of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett has had to be postponed.

Members and friends of St. Martin's Guild are reminded that the bi-quarterly meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at Erdington, Birmingham. The bells of the Parish Church and the Abbey Church (R.C.) will be available.

On Jubilee Day the rededication of the peal of five at Hickling, Notts, took place after having been removed to the Loughborough Foundry for retuning and equipping with entirely new fittings throughout. The second bell has also been recast.

The Loughborough Foundry have received two orders for South Wales, viz., the rehanging of the ring of eight of Cowbridge, Glam., tenor 18 cwt., cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1722; also a new chiming peal of eight, tenor 18 cwt., to be hung in a new light tower which is being built at St. Paul's Church, Porth, Glam. Thus, with the new peal of eight for Penarth St. Augustine's, Messrs. Taylor are engaged upon three peals for Glamorganshire.

The bells at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the tenor has been put on ball bearings. The 'go' is excellent.

At Whalley, Lancashire, it is hoped to attempt a record length of 11,328 Superlative Surprise Major on Whit Monday. Will the ringers who took part in the previous record of 11,232 communicate at once with Mr. T. B. Worsley, 32, Castle Street, Bolton?

There is likely to be a big gathering when 'Ringers' Day' at Kidderminster takes place next week, to enable everyone who desires to do so to ring on this recently augmented peal. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston added four treble bells to make a ring of twelve. The tenor is 24 cwt.

Commencing next Monday, a 'clerical' ringing week is to take place in North Berkshire and South Oxfordshire. Wantage will be headquarters, and four or five towers will be visited each day until Friday. There will only be one peal attempt each day.

In July, 1932, eight 'respectable' and 'eligible' bachelors rang a peal at St. George's, Southwark, with compliments to 'Kate.' The third member of the band is now disqualified from further similar performances. Mr. Ronald H. Dove was married on Easter Monday.

FREEMASONRY HONOUR.

The many Freemasonry and ringing friends of W.Bro. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, will be pleased to hear he was appointed to the office of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of England on April 24th, but, through indisposition, was unable to attend for investiture.

W.Bro. Bishop took part in the first peals recorded by Freemasons, Royal Arch of Freemasons and Mark Master Masons.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. A. W. COLES THE NEW MASTER.

There was a record attendance at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Bishopsgate on Saturday, including a number of visitors to London for the Jubilee.

Mr. Albert W. Coles was elected Master of the association, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. William Pye, and Mr. George W. Fletcher was appointed vice-president in the place of Mr. William Pickworth (retired).

A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

PEALS IN 'SPLICED' METHODS.

THE DIFFICULTY OF DIFFERENTIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hope Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. E. C. S. Turner have given serious thought to the proposition which they have placed on the Central Council agenda re spliced and combined peals. I agree that peals running in long lengths in each method want a different title, and yet it is a 'splice,' and no one can get away from it.

To put the peals of Minor in 35, 38, 39 and 40 methods on a lower plane than any Spliced Surprise Major peal is all wrong.

For example, take the 35 method peal; in each method either a full course or one or two leads more than a course are rung, and every bell rings all the work in each method rung. In Spliced Surprise Major, as, for example, the Rev. H. Law James' peal in four methods, the tenor and seventh only ring two out of seven leads of London and Bristol, and one lead each of Superlative and Cambridge, so there are, at any rate, two bells which never ring a full course in any of the methods. To my mind, this robs Spliced Surprise Major of its value.

I hope some composer will some time be able to get a spliced peal, either with tenors together or otherwise—it should make no difference to a band where the tenors are—in which every bell, at some part of the peal, rings all the seven leads in each method.

As regards Kent and Oxford, if it is not 'spliced,' what is it?

JOHN WORTH.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The 55th annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Rochester on Easter Monday, when about 170 members attended. Ringing commenced on the ten bells at the Cathedral directly after morning service, and at noon the association service was held in the nave, conducted by the Sacrist (the Rev. H. G. Welsh). The Archdeacon (the Ven. W. M. Browne) read the lesson, and the Rev. Canon G. C. E. Ryley, Mus.Doc., organist of the association, accompanied the service on the Cathedral organ.

The Dean (Dr. Francis Underhill) gave an address, in the course of which he said that when we travelled up and down this beautiful England of ours, the most prominent things we noticed were the towers and spires of our parish churches and our great cathedrals; and on Sundays and certain weekdays the whole country was alive with the music of their bells. There was no bellringing in the world to be compared with that in England, and the Church owed a tremendous debt to her ringers, who gave up their time and their strength to the ringing of bells to call God's people to worship.

A collection at the close for the King George Jubilee Trust Fund realised £2 0s. 10d.

Subsequently the ringers assembled in the Corn Exchange for lunch. The Mayor of Rochester (Councillor W. Longley) presided, supported by the Dean, the Archdeacon, the Rev. Canon Ryley, the Rev. H. F. Shepherd, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary) and other officers of the association.

ASSOCIATION'S INDEBTEDNESS TO CLERGY.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, Mr. F. White proposed the toast 'The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops and Clergy of the County,' and said he could assure the clergy of their devotion as ringers. The members of the association were indebted to the clergy for many kindnesses and, above all, for the opportunities allowed them of practising the art of change ringing. He would also like, on that occasion, to thank the Dean and Chapter of Rochester for the facilities placed at their disposal that day, and he would express the hope that it would not be long before the association held another meeting in the city.

The Dean, in responding, said he could never forget his simple pride when, on his becoming Dean of Rochester, the bells were rung in honour of the occasion. Since he had been Dean he had had a great deal to do with ringers at the Cathedral, and had had sometimes to defend them against unreasonable prejudice on the part of some people against bellringing. At the Deanery the bells sounded simply beautiful. Bellringing, he thought, could be described as one of the sounds of old England, and belonged right down to the soil of the country.

The Dean went on to speak of the long association of bellringers with the Church, and said they rightly looked to the clergy for the utmost friendship and kindness, particularly as they worked for the Church year in and year out.

The Archdeacon of Rochester also responded, and declared that bell ringing seemed to run in families. That, he thought, showed what a valuable thing it was, and he hoped it would continue.

The Archdeacon went on to speak of the legal aspects of bellringing, and advocated the use of faculties in the event of alterations to bells or belfries. He also touched on the insurance of voluntary ringers in case of accidents, and suggested that a finding on the matter could probably be obtained from the Legal Committee of the Church Assembly Advisory Committee.

Mr. Lewis proposed the toast of 'The Mayor and Corporation,' and said the first authentic account of bellringers at Rochester Cathedral was in 1154, and was thus 27 years later than the first record of the Mayor of the city. Mr. Lewis thanked the Mayor and Corporation for their hospitality in connection with the meeting, and said that bellringers were pleased to assist both Church and State. He recalled that it was one of the duties of bellringers to ring on occasions of civic rejoicing.

The Mayor, responding, confessed that he loved the sound of bells. Thirty-five years ago, he said, wedding bells rang out for him, and they were the happiest, the best, the finest sounding bells he had ever heard in his life.

FLOURISHING CONDITION.

The Mayor and the Dean having departed, Mr. E. H. Lewis took the chair for the business meeting which followed.

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) presented the annual report and balance sheets, which showed the association to be in a flourishing condition.

The opening of the report read: 'It seems only fitting that we should first of all record with pleasure the progress of youth, both as regards the number of new members and some of their performances for the association. The alteration of rule last year, which enabled young persons under the age of 16 years to join at a fee of 1s. per annum, had proved a wise step, as over 50 had availed themselves of that privilege. The progress made by some of them

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JUBILEE ITEMS.

Mr. Robert Maynard, sen., of Walthamstow, has made a record which few can equal. He has rung a peal in the tower of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for three Jubilees—1887, 1897 and 1935.

'Completing the circle' is an achievement which many ringers aspire to. On Jubilee Day, Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberhurst, did it for the tenth time in his own Parish Church.

Congratulations to Mr. W. J. Ladd, of East Grinstead, who, at the age of 70, rang his first peal in honour of His Majesty's Jubilee. This was at Withyham, Sussex, on Sunday, and the peal was conducted by his son.

At Pulford, Cheshire, members of the North Wales Association accomplished an unusual performance. Last Saturday, in honour of the Jubilee, they rang, in 2 hours 59 minutes, a composition of 5,012 Grandsire Triples, arranged by Stephen Hill, of Kidderminster, from the collection of John Noonan: Alfred Steen 1, Frederick R. Evans 2, George Williams 3, James Alderman 4, Arthur Prince (conductor) 5, John Randles 6, Thomas Griffiths 7, Alfred C. Hodges 8. It is believed this is the first time this composition has been rung.

The Jubilee peal at North Stoneham was rung on the eve of Mr. George Williams' 78th birthday. The peal of Bob Major that was rung was composed by him.

A peal in 18 Surprise Minor methods was rung for the Jubilee at Folkingham, Lincs.

Stanley Harrison rang his 25th peal and John E. Ashcroft his first peal for 25 years for the Silver Jubilee. This was at Grappenhall, in Cheshire.

A Jubilee peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on Sunday at Crawley, Sussex, where on Monday an attempt for a peal of London came to grief after an hour owing to a wheel casting rope.

The peal at Woodbridge was the first to be rung on the bells since they were restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and was the cause of much excitement in the town when the three-hour mark was passed. It is about 25 years since the last peal was rung at Woodbridge. The Rector (the Rev. R. B. Dand) was the first to congratulate the band, and as the ringers emerged from the tower the church, which was filling for the thanksgiving service, was the scene of considerable excitement.

In Bolton there are seven rings of eight bells and one of six, and the ringing on Jubilee Day was so organised that the bells would be ringing at one church or another throughout the day. The first start was made at St. George's Church (where Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, is Vicar) at 7.30 a.m. This was followed by Holy Trinity. Peals will be attempted during the week. At some of the churches a royal salute of 21 rounds was fired after the touches.

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was simply amazing, and great credit was due to those into whose hands the task of teaching them had fallen, and the association were greatly indebted to the various instructors for such excellent results.'

The number of towers in union was 110, and the number of practising members had increased by 39 to 938.

The roll of members who had been 'called to higher service' was read while all stood in silence.

Thirty-five meetings had been held in various parts of the county, said the report, and the members had been entertained at 14 of the meetings by the clergy and others.

Bellhangers had been busy in the county at Beckenham, Stone-in-Oxney, Egerton, Milton Regis, Stowting and Margate.

The number of peals rung during the year was 158 (an increase of five over the previous year) on 12, 10, 8 and 6 bells, and included in the total were seven rung 'in hand.' One interesting feature was that 52 members rang their first peal. Many good performances were recorded, one deserving of special mention being the peal of Bob Major rung by youngsters of the average age of 15 years.

The financial report was also satisfactory. The balance on the general account showed an increase of £10 12s. 1d. to £51 14s. 1d. From the Belfry Repair Fund £20 had been paid out to assist the work of restoration, which had reduced the balance to £113 14s. 1d. The Benevolent Fund, of which the association might justly be proud, showed the income for the year from all sources to be £32 8s. 4d. One grant had been paid out and the balance now amounted to £242 8s. 10d. The total funds of the association had increased by £28 19s. 9d. to £960 0s. 2d.

The report and balance sheets were unanimously adopted.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury was re-elected president and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and F. White were re-elected trustees and Mr. G. H. Cross hon. auditor.

On the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. M. Mitchell was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and, in returning thanks for his election, said he had done his best and paid tribute to the excellent work that had been done by the various district secretaries.

Other items were discussed, and at the close Mr. Lewis was heartily thanked for conducting the business.

In addition to the Cathedral bells, the towers of Frindsbury, Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham and Rochester St. Margaret's were open for the ringers.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS.

The annual meeting of Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, April 27th, when ringers in good numbers gathered together from all parts of the large area covered by this diocese. It will be readily understood that in such an extensive area this is the only occasion in the year that many of the members can meet each other to renew acquaintanceship. The Cathedral bells were available from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 3.15, when a special ringers' service was held in the Morning Chapel, at which a short address was given by the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. R. A. Mitchell), who is president of the Guild. Nearly 150 were present at tea in the Co-operative Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Dean of Lincoln presiding.

All the officers were re-elected, namely, the Dean of Lincoln, president; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary; and Mr. E. Dawber, hon. treasurer.

Mr. G. Chester expressed the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death in October last of Mr. F. F. Linley, who, until last year, had been hon. treasurer of the Guild since its formation in 1899. As a member of the Guild associated with Mr. Linley during the whole of that period, Mr. Chester voiced his appreciation of the work done by him both for the Guild as a whole and also for the Northern Branch, of which he had been president for many years.—The meeting stood in silence to Mr. Linley's memory.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Ladd, seconded by Mr. J. A. Freeman, the report and balance sheet were adopted. With regard to the report, the Master stated that he thought the year's record was one of which any Guild might be proud. The previous record of 94 peals in the year 1932 had been exceeded by two, and he mentioned the following as worthy of special note: Seventeen Surprise Minor methods at West Deeping, twenty-two Surprise Minor methods at Deeping St. James, seven Minor methods 'in hand' at Bigby, Grandsire Cinques on handbells at Lincoln, Bristol Surprise Major at Harmston, Winchester Bob Major at Barton-on-Humber, Bob Royal at Boston, and two peals of Bob Major rung on handbells by the Australian tourists—one on the Eastern Mediterranean and one on the Pacific Ocean. Twenty-two members had rung their first peal, and a remarkable feature was that for the 96 peals there were no fewer than 31 conductors.

The meeting heard with great regret that Mr. J. Phillips, one of the Guild representatives on the Central Council, was prevented from attending the meeting through very serious illness.

Referring to the Australian tour, in which he had the pleasure of taking part, the Master said it was proposed to issue an account of this in book form, if sufficient support was forthcoming, and he invited all interested to send in applications to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' as soon as possible.

Mr. Walter Ayre, an old member of the Guild, received the congratulations of the meeting on his recent election as president of the Hertford County Association.

After the meeting large numbers of ringers visited the Cathedral to renew their acquaintance with this fine peal of twelve, while others took their way to the two six-bell towers in the lower part of the city.

A NORTHANTS RESTORATION.

ANOTHER BELL ADDED AT PIDDINGTON.

The village of Piddington, Northants, was en fete on Easter Tuesday, when the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Claude Blagden, dedicated the new treble bell which had been added to the original five bells at the Church of St. John the Baptist. The new bell was given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sansome, in memory of their eighteen-year-old son, who met with a tragic death in 1924, and the work done included the tuning and rehanging of the old bells with new fittings in new framework, so that Piddington is now in possession of a very tuneful and handy light ring of six, tenor weighing 10 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. The original peal was cast in 1845-6 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the same firm having now added the new bell and carried out the restoration, and their work is pronounced 'perfect.'

At the dedication service Canon Frend, of Collingtree, read the lesson, and then Mr. and Mrs. Sansome handed the rope of the new bell and the churchwardens the ropes of the old peal to the Bishop, who dedicated them. They were finally given into the care of Mr. A. Lyman (steward of the belfry) on behalf of the other bellringers. The Bishop preached a very fine sermon.

The bells were rung during and immediately after the service by the local ringers, after which various touches were rung by the numerous visiting ringers, amongst whom were Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mrs. Powell (Staverton).

After the service a public tea was held in the Church Hall, and a comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the Vicar (the Rev. B. G. D. Clarke), and carried with applause, to the Bishop, the visiting clergy, the visiting ringers, the bellfounders (for their good work), and the ladies, who had so efficiently carried out the arrangements for the tea.

THE PROPOSED GUILD OF YOUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was not my intention to follow up this subject after my letter published last week, but in view of Mr. Cannon's remarks on the 'stunt' statement, it might be better if I amplified my statement slightly. I deliberately called the arranging of peals with an age limit a 'stunt purpose,' and I think the dictionary will bear me out, as I believe the definition of the word 'stunt' is something spectacular or freakish. I also class in this category name peals, veteran peals, father and son, married couples, etc., or any peal which needs some special qualification apart from the ability to ring the method. As to the value of those stunt performances by youth I fully appreciate their value and have never attempted to belittle them. I am well aware that the 'stunt merchant' has been the means of advancing many things outside our art as well as in—motoring and aviation for instance—and the only point I raise is that youth have already the facilities for this pastime without forming a guild for the purpose, as witness the attempts at Crayford and Milton.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

ARE THESE ASSOCIATIONS PRACTICAL?

Sir,—One cannot help sympathising with the desire to form (a) a Guild of Youth; (b) an Association of Bell Lovers—but let us be practical. Who is to form the Guild of Youth and what happens when you are no longer a youth? It has been likened to the Ladies' Guild, but a lady remains always a lady—at least one hopes so—a youth, however, does not remain a youth. If one is going to retain people indefinitely, then it no longer exists as a Guild of Youth. If, on the other hand, one is kicked out, say at 25 at the latest, then one is leaving just as one is becoming useful, and the officers of the Guild would be everlastingly changing. As in guilds of 'age,' anyway it is the officers which make and keep the Guild together; a guild where they must necessarily change at least every two years would probably have but a short life.

As regards (b), it would be an immense work to get such an association together and keep it going with no incentive such as actual ringing has. It would be far more valuable if guilds made an effort to locate such enthusiastic lay people in their areas and rope them in as hon. members. A number of enthusiastic non-ringing members, scattered over a district, can do an immense amount of good which I don't think a bell lovers' association could, even if it ever materialised or lived more than a year or two.

C. F. J.

A CORNISH APPEAL.

HELP NEEDED TO SAVE REDRUTH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Could you allow me a little space in your paper to appeal for subscriptions for the quarter-turning and rehanging of our bells at the Church of St. Euny, Redruth?

The need is urgent to save our bells from cracking. We are in a little Cornish mining town, where the depression is so bad that one-third of the adult population is unemployed, and we find it impossible to raise all the money required (over £100) without outside help as well.

If any of your readers could send a subscription to our treasurer, Mr. P. R. C. Williams, Fore Street, Redruth, Cornwall, we should be very grateful.

E. S. SEYMOUR, Captain of Tower.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting held at Mansfield on Easter Monday was very well attended. At the customary service a splendid address was given by the Rural Dean (the Rev. W. Ferguson). Tea was provided in St. Peter's Institute, and nearly all of the towers were represented at the business meeting, at which the president occupied the chair. The balance sheet and auditor's report were accepted, and, on the motion of Mr. S. James, seconded by Mr. H. Fradgley, the officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: President, Mr. Wilson Dobb; vice-president, Mr. Wilson Allin; treasurer, Mr. T. Stimpson; secretary, Mr. J. W. England; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Clarke.

The report of the secretary showed an increase of seven in the membership.

It was decided that the annual meeting next year be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. Other meetings were also arranged, and, following some keen discussion, it was agreed to hold two Wednesday meetings during the year.

Two old members who have rendered faithful service to the association were unanimously elected life members.

One honorary member (the Rev. P. A. Sharpe, of Selston) and one ringing member (Mr. J. Bartle, Mansfield) were elected.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and to Mr. Carr, who had made splendid arrangements, were moved by the president and carried with applause.

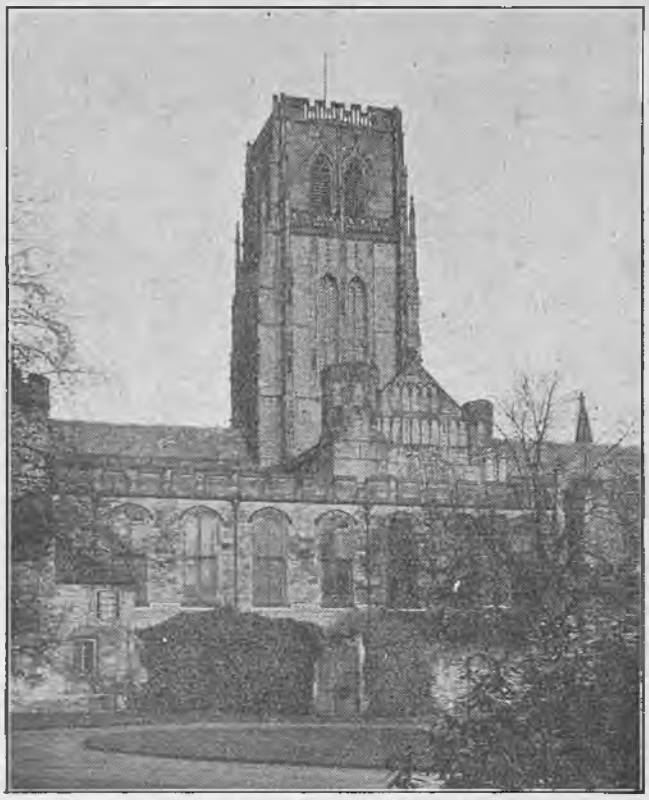
The company then adjourned to the tower for further ringing until 8.30, several members having their first experience of Major methods.

A PEAL AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

SUCCESS AFTER 47 YEARS.

If we remember our history aright, it is said of Robert Bruce that it was watching a spider try seven times before succeeding in stretching its web across space that led him to try and try again until his ambition was achieved. It must have been in the same spirit that Mr. Frank Dawe made the long journey from London to Durham seven times in order to obtain his heart's desire of calling a peal at this celebrated Cathedral.

Mr. Dawe has made a hobby of 'collecting' cathedrals just as some of the rest of us might collect bird's eggs or picture postcards, except, of course, that he cannot bring them away with him. He, however, does the next best thing and brings away, at some time or other, the record of a peal. For over 50 years this has been his hobby, but Durham proved his biggest stumbling-block. He first went there 47



DURHAM CATHEDRAL'S LOFTY BELL TOWER.

years ago, and he has been six times since, and it was left to the King's Jubilee for the crowning of his endeavour and perseverance.

A peal at Durham is not 'just a peal,' in the sense that you have merely to take eight men and with reasonable luck can count on booking it at the end of three hours or so. A peal at Durham is 'earned,' especially when you travel from London. There are nearly as many steps up to the belfry as there are miles from the Metropolis—the exact number of stairs from the floor of the Cathedral is 244. Then, the tall tower takes on a movement when the bells are ringing, which the ringers have the pleasure of counteracting either by pulling or holding back. This, however, becomes a tiresome business in the last hour of a peal. But it is the noise that tells. A peal with a 30 cwt. tenor overhead, with only one boarded floor between, can be pretty deafening, and in some of the past attempts this has been the cause of failures, for it was impossible to right a trip by any verbal instructions.

Last Saturday Mr. Dawe made, as has been indicated, his seventh and successful attempt. The tower still sways, but a set of 'silencers' reduced the volume of sound and played no small part in enabling the peal to be rung.

After the silencers had been removed, the ringers, not having had enough already, 'fired' the bells, to celebrate the King's Jubilee, in honour of which the peal had been rung.

Afterwards Mr. Dawe, who received the congratulations of all the band, entertained them to a substantial meal, and was thanked for his hospitality by Mr. W. H. Barber.

The ringers also expressed indebtedness to the Dean (Dr. Allington) for the facilities given, and thanks were accorded to Mr. H. Oliver (the Bell Major) for his assistance.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

THE JUBILEE RINGING.

The King's Silver Jubilee has naturally been celebrated by a great deal of ringing, and it is gratifying to find the occasion has been responsible for many 'first peals.' Nearly 50 ringers' names appear in this issue of 'The Ringing World' as having rung their first peal, and their ages range from 15 to 70! This is not the least important and interesting outcome of the Jubilee ringing.

With the enormous demands upon our space which the publication of the Jubilee peals has made, we know that our friends will pardon a restricted 'page' this week for beginners. We hope, however, that all these youngsters, of whatever age, will have had the opportunity of sharing in the ringing on this most auspicious occasion. The recollection of a share in these events is lifelong, and one of the most cherished memories of the writer is his small part in some ringing—albeit the peal attempt came to grief—for the marriage of their Majesties the King and Queen nearly 42 years ago. Those youngsters who rang on Monday will feel a pride in their connection with the celebrations long after they have forgotten many of the other events of their ringing career.

One or two of the youngsters' performances are worth special mention—all of them were meritorious. At Old Whittington, Derbyshire, for instance, the whole band of five in a peal of Doubles rang their first peal. At Woodbridge six out of eight in a peal of Grandsire Triples rang their first peal. The other two rang their first in the method, and the conductor also called his first peal.

In a peal of Bob Royal at Retford, Notts, five rang their first peal and the rest their first peal of Royal. At Wonersh, Surrey, five out of six in a peal of Minor rang their first peal, and at Aldershot, Hants, where a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by a local band was rung with a company whose average age was 22, four of them rang their first peal. Incidentally the young conductor, who called his first peal of Major, not only helped four of his companions through their first peal, but earlier in the day had called a peal of Minor, with two first pealers and a 'first inside.'

Here in these few facts is encouragement for beginners everywhere.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

In the previous notes on conducting Bob Minor we have referred only to two calling positions—Wrong and Right (or Home). There are three others, one known as 'In,' which causes the observation bell to miss the dodge, which it would otherwise have made in 3-4 down, and run in to lead after the treble. The place to call the bob is just as the bell comes between the 5th's and 4th's places on the way down. It is easy to know when a bob at 'In' is coming, because the observation bell will have turned the treble from behind.

Another position is known as 'Out.' This is when the bell coursing in front of the treble is called to run straight out, instead of making second's place, the result being that the treble again courses it up, turns it from behind and hunts down after it, to once more take it off at lead. When you call the bob, do it late in the handstroke lead of the observation bell.

The remaining position is when the observation bell actually has to 'make the bob'; that is, make 4th's place and return to lead, instead of dodging in 3-4 up. This calling position is known as '4th's,' and with the other two to which we have just referred form an interesting cycle, about which more will be said when we come to deal with eight bells. For the moment it is sufficient to remember that three bobs called exactly a course apart, whether it be at the first, second, third, fourth or fifth lead of each, causes three bells to follow this cycle, one being called 'In, Out, 4th's'; another, 'Out, 4th's, In,' and another '4th's, In, Out.' Apply this to the two first touches given, in which the observation bell is called three times Wrong or three times Right. Ring the 3rd and call the 6th three times Wrong. You will find that at the bobs the 3rd will be 'Out, 4th's, In.' If you call three times Right, the 3rd will be '4th's, In, Out.' Try it, and watch how the 3rd works with the two other bells in the 'cycle.' A 5.3.2 coursing order in the first touch becomes 3.2.5 and then 2.5.3; and in the second touch a 3.2.4 coursing order becomes 2.4.3 and then 4.3.2, before returning to 3.2.4.

(More about conducting next week.)

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The next day Dr. Allington, in congratulating Mr. Dawe, said the peal had given everyone the greatest possible pleasure.

Mr. Dawe's cathedral list is really an amazing one. He has rung peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Gloucester, Oxford, St. Albans, Southwell, Lincoln, Ripon, Durham, Edinburgh, Chester, Lichfield, Hereford, Worcester, Wells, Winchester, Chichester, Canterbury and Rochester, and has called a peal at each, except St. Paul's, where on one occasion, when he was conducting, the peal was lost in the coming home course, through the tenor dropping in among the other bells, when success seemed assured. This is a great record, of which Mr. Dawe may well be proud, for in a number of instances the peal has been the first on the bells.

This photograph of the bell tower of the Cathedral is by Mr. Dawe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RETIRING HON. SECRETARY MADE LIFE HON. MEMBER.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, April 27th, was fairly well attended by members and friends from Allesley, Birmingham, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Erdington, Exhall, Lillington, Nuneaton and Rugby, together with the local band. Ringing on the light peal of eight at St. Michael's Church was followed by a short service, conducted by the curate (the Rev. E. Lucock) in the absence of the Vicar. The Guild's form was used, and the hymns, 'The strife is o'er' and 'Come, let us join our cheerful songs,' were sung, Mr. Malcolm Melville officiating at the organ. A short address was given by the curate, emphasising the part played by all the churchworkers in the church services.

After tea in St. Andrew's Hall, the Rev. E. Lucock was voted to the chair for the business meeting. He extended a hearty welcome in the name of the Rector. Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies), Messrs. F. W. Perrens and F. E. Pervin.

The balance sheet, showing a balance of £21 3s. 10d., was adopted.

The president (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies) was re-elected, and the vice-presidents re-elected en bloc. In proposing that Mr. J. H. W. White stand again as Master of the Guild, Mr. J. George congratulated him on his regular attendance at meetings and the able manner in which he had conducted himself as Master.—Mr. E. Stone seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously.—In thanking the members for re-electing him, Mr. White urged the better attendance of young members at the meetings, where they would receive all the assistance possible from the older members.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish did not seek re-election as hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Malcolm Melville was elected to fill the vacancy.—Mr. A. H. Beamish was again elected as auditor.

The following meetings were decided upon: Newbold-on-Avon, May; Whitnash, June; Monk's Kirby, July.

One new ringing member was elected, viz., Mr. Ivor Welch, of Bulkington, and the following members of the Solihull band were readmitted to membership: R. Bragg, J. A. Bragg, H. Bragg, H. Shepherd, E. C. Shepherd and V. Rigg.

For her services to the Guild during six years as hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish was elected an honorary life member of the Guild. To mark Mr. T. W. Chapman's ringing jubilee, his name also was added to the list of honorary life members.

Mr. White mentioned the loss sustained by the Guild in the death of Mr. E. A. Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, who, although residing outside the county, very rarely failed to attend the Guild meetings.—The members stood in silence for a few moments as a last mark of respect.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector and curate of St. Michael's and to the ladies who had prepared tea.

An adjournment was made to the tower, where further ringing in a variety of methods continued until about 8 o'clock.

NEW TREBLES ADDED AT STOWTING.

RESULT OF THREE YEARS' EFFORT.

The two treble bells named 'Jubilee' and 'Silver' which have recently been added to make a ring of six at Stowting, near Ashford, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, were dedicated on Easter Eve by the Right Rev. E. J. Bidwell, Assistant Bishop in the Canterbury Diocese.

A number of neighbouring clergy and ringers were present at the short service at 2.30 p.m. The dedicatory rounds were rung by members of the local band, and after the service several touches were rung by the visitors, including 720 Plain Bob by P. Pilcher 1, L. Finn 2, K. Finn 3, W. Cheeseman 4, S. Finn 5, P. H. Pierce (conductor) 6. These were all from the adjoining village of Brabourne.

It is hoped to hold an open meeting for ringers at Stowting in the autumn, when the local ringers will be elected members of the Kent County Association, and it was because of this that no notice of the dedication was given.

The fund for these bells was started about three years ago, primarily to encourage the young people of the village to take an interest in change ringing, and Messrs. Bowell are to be congratulated on their work in making a very serviceable ring of six. The money has been raised chiefly by entertainments, with a grant from the Kent County Association, and it is gratifying to report that the ring was opened free of debt, some £110 having been raised in this small parish.

Two of the former four bells were recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell and the peal rehung a few years ago.

MUFFLED BELLS.

MANCHESTER RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Monday, April 29th, at Brookfield Church, Gorton, Manchester, an attempt was made for a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of sympathy with Mr. Charles Ollier, leader of the local band, in the death of his wife, Mrs. Emily Ollier, at the age of 68 years, who was interred on that date. The peal was unfortunately lost owing to a change course near to the end. The following ringers took part: E. Mawby 1, J. Reed 2, A. Fearnhead 3, W. Brammer 4, J. Fearnhead 5, E. Seddon (conductor) 6, F. Page 7, J. Chamberlain 8.

THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR

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DEVON GUILD.

BROKEN CLAPPER MARS HOLIDAY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday. The special service was conducted by the Rev. L. B. Stallard (Vicar), who gave an excellent address, his text being 'Be not weary of well doing.' Tea in the Church Institute was partaken of by 73 members and friends, after which the meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. F. Prowse (chairman of the branch), supported by the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox), the Rev. L. B. Stallard, the Rev. C. Carew Cox and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Godfrey).

The chairman and secretary and the three representatives for the General Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, C. Turner and S. Clarke, were re-elected.

Certificates were presented by Mrs. S. Palmer to two members of the Feniton band, Messrs. J. Hawker and A. Sanders.

The next annual meeting was fixed for Uplyme, and the autumn meeting at Paghembury.

The President hoped that bands in their respective towers would do their best, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee, to ring peals if possible.

The Chairman made a special reference to the visiting ringers present, giving them a hearty welcome. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Plymouth; Mr. A. G. and Mrs. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cox, of Poole, Dorset; Mr. and Mrs. Biffin, Exeter; Mr. G. Cole, London; Mr. W. A. Osborne, Yeovil; Mr. J. Jackson, Chard, Somerset; Mr. Southwood, Exeter. The following bands were represented: Feniton, Honiton, St. Thomas', Exeter, Brampford Speke, Yeovil, Lyme Regis, Luppitt, Kenn, etc. Unfortunately, in the afternoon, whilst ringing was in progress, the clapper of the 7th bell broke; consequently the proceedings were somewhat marred, and for the latter part of the day only six bells could be rung.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, for his appropriate address and the use of the Church Institute. The organist (Master R. Marks) was also thanked, as were the ladies for the tea arrangements.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 16th and 30th. *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 14th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m., and on Sunday the 26th at 5.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Bacup, St. Saviour's Church, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready for 3.30. All ringers cordially invited.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Sat., May 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) to members attending.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (1s.) and meeting. All members and friends welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Guilsborough Branch) AND MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (Leicester District).—A joint meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—G. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby; E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 11th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford. Business meeting 5.40 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hons. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pilton, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea to follow.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 52, BURCOTT ROAD, Wells, Somerset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Freiston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Maresfield, commencing 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

PRESTBURY.—A peal board, recording eight peals rung by the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on the bells of St. Mary's, Prestbury, will be unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. J. Bagshot de la Bere) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Short service 6 o'clock. Unveiling 6.30.—W. Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Evensohg in St. Andrew's at 4.30. Tea, provided by the Vicar and wardens, in the Schoolroom at 5 o'clock. It is important that the Vicar should know how many to provide for. Please advise me as soon as possible.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A bi-quarterly meeting for the promotion of the art of change ringing will be held at Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of the Abbey Church (R.C.) will be available from 3 to 4 p.m., and of the Parish Church from 4 p.m. onwards. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, 11.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-morrow, May 11th, at Hough-on-the-Hill. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Brownlow Arms. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Tanfields on Wednesday, May 15th. Meet at the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Tea at the Peacock Inn at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

ABERDARE, WALES.—The ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.), rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Archbishop of Wales on Thursday, May 16th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me without fail, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made. Nearest station Stanford le Hope (L.M.S.), or take Southend bus to Corringham Corner from Grays every 15 minutes.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

MAY 18th.—Aldenham (8 bells). Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest stations Bushey and Radlett. Bus to church. Cheap tickets by road or rail.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Poole on Saturday, May 18th. Service in St. James' Church at 12.30. Luncheon, followed by annual meeting, in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Wimborne Minster (10, from 3 p.m.), St. Giles', Poole, Wareham (8), Canford, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Witchampton (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring luncheon please notify the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, May 18th, when the new peal of 10 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 3.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m., and all who require tea should notify Mr. G. Bennett, 9, Town End, Ossett, by the first post on Thursday, May 16th. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea. There is a ten minutes' bus service to Ossett from Wakefield Kirkgate Station, and the Dewsbury bus from Wakefield bus stand passes the church. There is also a ten minutes' bus service from Dewsbury market place. All visitors to Ossett can be assured of a hearty welcome, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.—Ringers' Day will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea (4.15) will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, the 15th inst. All welcome.—K. Salter, The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held at Swindon, Wilts, on Saturday, May 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., Christ Church. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head, in the Parish Room. Meeting follows. Christ Church (10), St. Mark's (8) and Rodbourne Cheyney (6) bells will be available from 2 p.m., and again after meeting. All those requiring tea please notify me by May 11th. Business: Election of officers, proposed alteration to rules.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify by Wednesday, the 15th, Mr. W. T. Elliott, Church Street, Kelvedon, or me, F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The half-yearly meeting of the Lancs Association and the quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held jointly at Flixton on Saturday, May 18th, and **not at Stretford,** as previously advertised. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. per head, in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. J. H. Collier, 17, Balfour Road, Urmston, near Manchester, by Thursday, 16th inst. It is specially requested that all members will make an effort to attend service. Trains 2.45 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. from Central Station. Buses, frequent, from Parker Street (Piccadilly) and Cannon Street, near Cathedral.—W. H. Shuker and D. Brown, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (eight bells) on May 18th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know on or before the 15th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Neston (eight bells) on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at three o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 14th?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meetings will be held as follows. Special, Welton (6), Saturday, May 11th; half-yearly, Daventry (8), Saturday, June 22nd.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged.—New Secretary: Malcolm Melville, The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. All ringers welcome. A card please by 16th will greatly facilitate tea arrangements.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oakham, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea. All ringers welcome.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 18th. Will those requiring tea notify Mr. W. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield, not later than Thursday, May 16th? This is important. Tea 1s. each.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Seavington on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at 5. Ringers requiring tea please advise by May 14th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Swallowfield on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) at the George and Dragon at 5. Service at 6. Please let me know by Wednesday, May 15th, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service at 4.45. Tea in Parish Hall, South Street, at 5.15. Quarterly business meeting afterward. Your non-ringing friends can see the Isleworth Regatta in the afternoon!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935).—Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6, before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, May 25th, at East Dereham. Bells available at 3. Tea followed by business meeting at 4.45. Names for tea will oblige.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Sec., 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following at the Oak Cafe, Church Street. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Wednesday, May 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 25th. Bells, recently augmented to eight, from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. It is essential that an advice is sent me by May 22nd. Stanmore bells after tea. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Clavering. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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The analysis of peals rung in the year 1933 is published to-day, and once again ringers will admire the painstaking labours of that little committee of the Central Council who week in, week out, carefully record and tabulate the peal ringing activities of the Exercise. It is a monumental task, the size of which is only known to those who do the work, and involves infinite care. This tabulated record of the year's peal ringing is welcomed with interest by the majority of ringers, whether they are themselves peal ringers or not, because it gives a valuable indication of the progress of the art in one of the principle directions in which progress can be measured.

And in this connection our readers may be reminded that one of the best ways of measuring advance is by the number of ringers who ring their first peal or their first in a new method and the number who join the ranks of the conductors. These are important marks of progress, but they lose their value if they are not accurate. In the past some of the returns have suffered through the omission of particulars of this kind, and it is to urge those responsible for peal reports to make them complete in essential details that a resolution is to come before the next meeting of the Council. The details which the Analysis Committee are at so much trouble to extract lose force if they, from any cause, lack accuracy, and while the committee can only compile the statistics recorded, it is up to every conductor to see that the things that matter are duly noted. It may not be worth mentioning that a peal was rung on the birthday of somebody's aunt, because the ringing happened to coincide with that event, or even that the band want to thank somebody for opening the belfry door for them—that sort of the thing can be done with much better grace if it is done at the time and personally—but if the object of the analyses is to be achieved and the tables and the accompanying report are to become not only of present interest, but of historical value, then those details which actually indicate progress not only deserve but require to be placed on record.

From the tables which appear this week, it will be found, as 'The Ringing World' recorded some weeks ago, that there was a further falling off in the number of peals rung, compared with the preceding year. The actual number rung in 1934 was 1,784, against a total in 1933 of 1,833. This difference is far less marked than in the comparison of the two previous years, in which 1933 showed a drop of 369 against 1932, and a difference of less than fifty could be accounted for in many ways other than a slackening of interest or endeavour. There are, however, other factors which give food for thought, and with these we must deal in another article.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5025 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	...*Treble*	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	10
THOMAS H. REEVES	5	ALBERT E. NORMAN	11
FRED PRICE	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	...*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	HARRY PRING	7
RICHARD CLARK	3	ALFRED E. REEVES	8
*DAVID MACKAY	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
FREDERICK TARGETT... ...	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.
* First peal on ten bells.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES	...*Treble*	*REGINALD ROWE	6
THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
DENIS R. MORRIS	3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ...	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	9
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	5	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

RAYMOND FORSHAW ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
JAMES E. BURLES	2	JAMES E. BROWN	7
GEORGE WHEAT	3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ...	8
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GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	7
THOMAS J. HULL	3	†ROBERT KERR	8
THOMAS A. BLOW	4	HAROLD V. FROST	9
*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY... ...	5	JOHN DRYDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*GEORGE MAXIM	...*Treble*	*L. GEORGE THURGOOD ...	6
*MISS GRACE CHURCH ...	2	STANLEY A. CARTER	7
FREDERICK C. PERRIN ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	8
CYRIL A. HOUSE	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	9
GEORGE GRAY	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.
ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	...*Treble*	MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	6
HENRY G. MILES	2	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	7
WILLIAM E. JUDD	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	8
EDWARD R. MACKRILL ...	4	JAMES R. MACKMAN	9
FRANK SKEVINGTON	5	CHARLES HUNT	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALFRED G. BASS	...*Treble*	RAYMOND G. COUSINS ...	5
JOHN H. CRAMPION	2	JACK A. WAUGH	6
*FRANCIS W. CORNEY ...	3	CHARLES R. MORSS	7
*STANLEY WEBB	4	WILLIAM MORLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by J. A. WAUGH.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight in 1931, and rung by an entirely local band.

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CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

CECIL NICE ... ...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	WALTER CLAYDON 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	ALFRED J. BULL ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JIM HURRELL ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... 3	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 7
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 4	FREDERICK J. HURRELL ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.
* First peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 7½ cwt.

LEONARD G. PLUMLEY ...*Treble*	ARTHUR HAWES 5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	JOHN P. PELLOE 6
HERBERT BADDER 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
ROBERT GREEN 4	REGINALD S. WYATT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CLIFFORD J. HOSGOOD ...*Treble*	REGINALD E. TRUMAN ... 5
JOHN HOSGOOD 2	ROY RUNDLE 6
WILLIAM A. WILLS 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN 7
FRANK WILLS 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
The royal salute of 21 'shots' was fired both before and after the peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

RUSSEL CURSON... ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE T. PEGNALL 5
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT 2	WALTER R. FARROW 6
JOHN GODFREY 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
HAROLD QUANTRILL... ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER... ... . *Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. CLOVER.
* First peal and first attempt.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE H. SENTANCE ...*Treble*	GEORGE W. HELBY 5
BERT F. CALCOTT 2	†FRANK H. RAMSAY 6
*FRANK WALKER... 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 7
*HAROLD BURROWS 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. This peal was started at 7 a.m. and was the official opening of the day's rejoicing in this royal and ancient borough. All the ringers are members of the local band.

WIGSTON MAGNA.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BUCKINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE *Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE 5
L. ALBERT WARD 2	EDWIN LLOYD 6
A. HARRISON CARTER... ... 3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD 7
KENNETH A. ROE 4	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... ...*Tenor*

Arranged by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. S. CARTER.
The first peal rung in the method. First peal in this tower by an entire Sunday service band.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

*GEORGE F. PIPER ... ...*Treble*	*JOSEPH D. WHITE 5
*ALBERT A. EASTON 2	*GEORGE S. PIPER 6
*WILLIAM J. BRADFIELD ... 3	ALFRED C. LEVETT 7
SYDNEY C. DRIVER 4	*WILLIAM LEVETT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. C. LEVETT.
* First peal. First peal in the tower and rung by the local band.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 27 cwt.

JOSEPH LOVETT ... ...*Treble*	TOM PAGE 5
WILFRED J. PALMER 2	FREDERICK LASBURY 6
WILLIAM PAGE 3	WILLIAM J. CROSS 7
HERBERT DAVIS 4	HARRY CRABB ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROSS.
First peal as conductor. Before the peal the bells were 'fired' 21 times in a royal salute.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

FREDERICK C. WILSON ...*Treble*	ELIJAH PAMMENTER 5
ALFRED G. STOCKS 2	FRANK PICKERING 6
*FREDERICK S. WILSON ... 3	GEORGE TUKE 7
TOM COOPER 4	HARRY MORTEMORE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.
* First attempt for a peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS M. REDPATH ... ...*Treble*	JOHN WHEADON 5
RICHARD SMITH 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY HOVERD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
* First peal in the method.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS KITTY WILLERS... ...*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... ... 2	CHARLES W. COOK 6
ROGER ST. JOHN SMITH ... 3	HARRY MARTIN 7
MANSFIELD GINN 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
At the conclusion of the peal the bells were 'fired' 21 times.

WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWARD S. T. FARR ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	FRANK CORKE	6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
GEORGE GILBERT	4	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.
First peal of Major on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED G. HILL	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	JOHN S. MORTON...	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SHILDON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

EDWARD HIND	...*Treble*	†JOSEPH WEST	5
ALFRED COATES...	2	SAM BRYANT	6
GEO. W. PEVERELL	3	†JOHN PENTLAND...	7
*JOHN TAYLOR	4	ROBERT B. ROBINSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. GEORGE. Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The royal salute was 'fired' after the bells came into rounds.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

G. JENNINGS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	5
MAURICE LING	2	ERNEST E. DURRANT	6
EDWARD E. DAVEY	3	JAMES A. CLARK	7
*WILLIAM A. ROWSE	4	HORACE A. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. DAVEY.
* First peal.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 23¾ cwt.

*KATHLEEN M. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	GEORGE LAMBERT	5
JOSEPH WREN	2	THOMAS TULLETT	6
HERBERT D. WHYTE... ...	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
GEORGE F. TIZZARD	4	SIDNEY W. CHESSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal and first attempt. The above are all Sunday service ringers at East Grinstead.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*RICHARD SMITH	...*Treble*	WILFRED EDWARDS	5
JESSE W. HARRISON	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.
* First peal in the method.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
The above are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*THOMAS WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	5
*JOHN CARDOWNIE	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
*THOMAS RILEY	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
*THOMAS EGAN	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*HERBERT F. COCKELL	...*Treble*	WALTER S. BURRIDGE ...	5
STANLEY R. COCKELL ...	2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	6
†JOSEPH JEFFERSON	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
ARTHUR J. WEST	4	‡FREDERICK G. DODDIMEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

WESTBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

TREVOR B. HOLLOWAY	...*Treble*	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ...	5
JESSE FRANCIS	2	SIDNEY HILLIER	6
*REGINALD H. NEWTON ...	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	7
WILLIAM C. WEST	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	...*Treble*	WALTER ALLEN	5
JOHN E. CLARKE	2	REGINALD JELLY...	6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	3	J. LESLIE WILLARS	7
CHARLES MARSHALL	4	ARTHUR H. DEBENHAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
The bells were 'fired' before going into changes.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*TREVOR M. A. WRAGG	...*Treble*	HENRY HARRISON	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	6
FRANK BRADLEY	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7
EDWARD F. GOBEY	4	†GEORGE CLIFT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Triples.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK MORGAN ... ...*Treble*	JAMES G. NOWELL 5
GEORGE KING 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
THOMAS HOAD 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
WILLIAM GORRING 4	JAMES GOODSELL ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.
The bells were 'fired' as a royal salute immediately after the peal.

ALMONDBURY, YORKS.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JACK FISHER... ... ...*Treble*	WILLIE STEPHENSON 5
ARNOLD ROTHERY 2	FRANK BOOTHROYD 6
HENRY H. SMITH 3	JOE C. MELLOR 7
WALTER DRANSFIELD 4	JACK NEWTON ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ERNEST ELDRIDGE ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES SMITH 5
WILLIAM WALKER 2	*EDWARD PUGH 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JESSE ELDRIDGE 4	†THOMAS HOLMES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS K. DRIVER 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JAMES OGDEN 6
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT... ... 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
JOHN SMITH 4	ABRAHAM OGDEN ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.
* First peal in the method. The treble ringer is in his 80th year.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	RUSSELL RICHES... 6
WILLIAM FLATT 3	WALTER BARRETT 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES LOOME ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... ...*Treble*	*LUTHER J. HONESS 5
MRS. H. BAKER... 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
*THOMAS E. SONE 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal together. The conductor's 225th peal and his 50th of Kent Treble Bob Major as conductor. The composition (No. 225) is now rung for the first time.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On April 25th at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Page (first quarter-peal as conductor) 1, W. Cross 2, G. Palmer 3, W. Palmer 4, F. Lasbury 5, H. Davies 6, W. Page 7, T. Page 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ROOS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE DOWLING ... ...*Treble*	JOSEPH ATKINSON 3
DEREK M. SHARP 2	ARTHUR E. WEST 4

WALTER M. GODDARD ...*Tenor*
Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.
First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by all the band.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

JAMES H. CRIDLAND .. ..*Treble*	SIDNEY WYBURN 4
EDWIN J. WEBBER 2	ALBERT J. CHUBB 5
ARTHUR T. BELLAMY 3	JOHN M. COOK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. WYBURN.
The bells were 'fired' in a royal salute after the peal.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE COMER ... ...*Treble*	*STUART HOLBROOK 4
*FRED SHORT 2	WILLIAM CANVIN 5
*WILLIAM MOON... 3	BERT FLOWER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GILBERT M. HASELL.
* First peal. The conductor was unable to ring owing to a broken leg.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE ... ...*Treble*	WALTER MARSHALL 4
*BASIL J. SANDS 2	JOHN J. BASSETT 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* First peal on a working bell. This peal completes the tenth time round the circle by the conductor.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK WM. HILL ...*Treble*	CHARLES GEARY 4
MISS B. A. VARLEY 2	WILLIAM DAWSON 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.
* First peal and first attempt.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

SYDNEY BAILESS ... ...*Treble*	FRANK BAILESS 4
GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... 2	JOHN H. BAILESS... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	ALFRED E. WARWICK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Violet, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent and Kingston. Tenor 13 cwt.

*H. SPENCER ... ...*Treble*	D. SMITH 4
C. E. NETHERWOOD 2	G. COTT 5
H. CHANT 3	E. COTT... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. COTT.
* First peal. Rung for morning service.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
With ten different callings.

*FREDERICK BAXTER ... ...*Treble*	SIDNEY MONTON 4
CECIL VERRY 2	*WILLIAM ATKINS 5
*RAYMOND TONKS 3	*ARTHUR OVERTON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by S. MONTON.
* First peal and first attempt. With the exception of the conductor, all are Sunday service ringers.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE W. PARK 4
WILLIAM OLIVER... 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
RICHARD BUSBY 3	ROLAND PARK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
A royal salute was 'fired' at the conclusion of the peal.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

JOHN CARYL... ... ...*Treble*	HENRY J. ROWE 4
WILLIAM H. KEY 2	REV. E. V. COX 5
WALTER J. BAKER 3	JAMES W. HUTCHINSON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. E. V. COX.
First peal by all except the conductor, and first peal on the bells by a local band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*J. W. PLAYLE ... ...*Treble*	G. W. PLAYLE 4
*A. E. KEMP 2	A. E. CHAPLIN 5
*P. F. WEST 3	F. J. BERRY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. CHAPLIN.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

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EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores of Stedman, 10 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 20 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... ...*Treble*	†HUBERT SMITH 4
*FREDERICK C. ISAACS ... 2	H. DENNIS BISHOP 5
†HERBERT GROVES 3	WILLIAM RUTTLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. D. BISHOP.
* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

WEST GRINSTEAD.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... ...*Treble*	ROBERT LANGRIDGE 4
VICTOR GOATCHER 2	FREDERICK TURRELL 5
GEORGE WARNETT 3	WILLIAM DENMAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. DENMAN.
First peal of Surprise by all the band except the conductor.

HENLOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford and one of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*LAURIE WILTON.. ... ...*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH 4
STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
FRANCIS BEAUMONT 3	PERCY TOMPKINS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.
* First peal of Minor. All are of the local band.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of London and Westminster and three of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

THOMAS HOADLEY ... ...*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	ALAN BROMLEY 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

BIRKENHEAD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

JOHN COOKE ... ...*Treble*	†GEORGE BATTLE 4
*WALTER BATTLE 2	‡JAMES BLAIR 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. DEAN.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal in five methods. ‡ First peal.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob Doubles and 26 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*RONALD F. ALFORD ... ...*Treble*	*STEPHEN COOTER 4
*ERNEST G. R. FISK 2	ARTHUR F. PUTLAND ... 5
*DENNIS T. BROCK 3	*EDWARD G. BOWMAN... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. PUTLAND.
* First peal. First peal rung by an entirely local band and at the first attempt.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three of Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

F. GARRETT	...*Treble*	A. MUNDY	4
G. F. GRIFFIN	2	T. M. GRIFFIN	5
W. SHERBOURNE	3	F. CARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

EAST MARKHAM.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE J. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BRETT	4
*HAROLD HURST	2	*JOHN C. HURST	5
SAMUEL BRETT	3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal. First in four methods by all except the conductor.

SUTTON HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Kent. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*EDWARD DOVE	...*Treble*	DEREK M. SHARP	4
JOHN W. HOBSON	2	ARTHUR E. WEST	5
HARRY RODMELL	3	LEONARD RODMELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

* First peal.

LYDLINCH, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, 18 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. CHARLES CLUETT ...	...*Treble*	H. JIM RALPH	3
HAROLD C. R. VINE	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES W. DENYER	...*Treble*	*REGINALD J. WHITFORD ...	4
†ERIC J. PEPLER	2	*ALFRED J. CHUTER	5
†WILLIAM H. CHANDLER ...	3	†ERIC A. CASE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal and first attempt. A. J. Chuter's first peal for 21 years, also the first peal at Frensham for 21 years.

(Other Jubilee Peal reports will appear in due course).

A PRACTICE MEETING.

Twenty ringers attended from Wenhaston, Bramfield, Chediston, Wissett, Holton, Huntingfield, Heveningham, Nottingham (a ringing visitor) and Halesworth a practice meeting at Halesworth. Good use was made of the eight bells in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, with rounds, etc., for several learners, who are making good progress, both on the tower and handbells.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just received a copy of the new book on Triples, and am very pleased with it, but I feel it would have been advantageous if the authors had included the manner in which Mr. Davies' five-parts and other peals on that plan can be converted into irregular ten-parts. I enclose a specimen to indicate the manner in which it can be done, as I feel that young conductors may find them useful.

In the first edition of 'Grandsire' Mr. Davies pointed out by means of 'stars' and 'daggers' how the singled-in three-lead tags could be inserted in another place, but he did not mention the result if we inserted the singles in both places.

In the copy of Davies' five-part given in the new book the singles can be inserted at the places that I have marked with a * and omitted where they are placed. But if we insert them in both places the peal can be split up into two five-part blocks, which can be joined into one by dropping a couple of singles. In the peal that I enclose I begin the calling of the first part at the first *. I have also left out the shunting bob, marked with a †, as it is no longer required.

The calling of the second portion, after omitting the S, commences at the second * and ends at the first.

E. BANKES JAMES.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'

5-PART PEAL.		A VARIATION AS A TEN-PART.			
234567		234567		324567	
752634	1	532746	5	S 573624	1
657423	5	675432	1	245367	2
346257	1	476253	5	732645	1
463257	4	534627	2	637524	5
264735	5	635742	5	456237	1
572364	1	276435	1	564237	4
645237	2	762435	4	265743	5
*246753	5	547362	1	372465	1
742365	5	475362	4	653247	2
537642	1	374256	5	S 526734	5
635274	5	563427	2		
746523	2	635427	4		
547362	5	S 536427	4		
235647	1	745236	1		
352647	4	S 267345	1		
763452	1				
637452	4				
436275	5				
754623	2				
†427536	3				
654327	1				
S 456327	4				
734256	1				
*627534	1				
S 546327	1				
275634	2				

Each part four times repeated. B for S at the end of the 5th and 10th parts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NEW MILLS.

A good meeting of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch was held at St. George's Church, New Mills. Early in the afternoon the bells were set going in a variety of methods. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Carpenter), who also officiated at the organ and gave the address.

Thirty members and friends were provided with an excellent tea in the Parish Hall. The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who referred to the peals recently rung by the branch, in four Spliced Surprise Major methods at Norbury and in 42 Minor methods at Disley.

Little business was down for discussion, the only topic of any note being the ringing for the King's Jubilee, and all towers were asked to see that some efforts were made to ensure the ringing of their bells on this occasion.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his services in church and for permission to hold the meeting at New Mills, to the local ringers for having everything ready, to the ladies who prepared the tea, and to the organ blower.

A return was then made to the tower, where ringing was carried on in several methods, including Bob Minor and Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Major, and a touch of Surprise Major in four methods composed on the spot. This is believed to be the first touch of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung at a meeting of this branch.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MASTER.

Memorial to be Provided.

The annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held in the City on Saturday, May 4th, in the midst of all the Jubilee decorations and excitement, and in a real holiday atmosphere. The attendance, well above 150, constituted a record for the association, and a gratifying feature was the presence of a large number of provincial members and friends, who combined 'business with pleasure'; ringing at various London churches and seeing the sights on one trip to town.

The service was held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, and was conducted by the Rev. P. Wilton Vale. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of London, who reminded his hearers of the Jubilee, and said that the first thought in all our minds was the appropriateness of such a meeting on such a day as this. 'On the way here,' proceeded the Archdeacon, 'I saw signs and tokens of love and loyalty to the King and Queen. At St. Paul's Cathedral were throngs of people, such enormous numbers that they could hardly move, people visiting the spot where the King and Queen will worship on Monday. This day and time is full of thanksgiving for the blessings bestowed upon us. So let us pray that this may be a great time in the history of our country. We have to thank God for the last 25 years, during which time our King has been a power for the good of all of us.'

'We realise,' went on the Archdeacon, 'that you who belong to this association have a proud task, that it falls to your lot to give effect to the nation's joy. You have the privilege of representing the nation's thoughts and expressions of love and loyalty. We do thank God for you and your work, a work that other people cannot do. The message I give you to take away with you this afternoon is this: "The ringing of the bells should be an expression of faith and a tribute of love, our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for Him." So when you go back to your bells, keep that in your thoughts.'

After the service tea was served to some 140 members and friends at the Express Dairy Co.'s Depot, Wormwood Street. The Archdeacon stayed during part of this meal, and before leaving expressed his great pleasure at meeting the members, and wished them success in their work.

At the commencement of the business meeting, Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), who was in the chair, extended a hearty welcome to the several visitors from the provinces and wished them a happy time in London. A telegram from the president (the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane) was read, expressing regret at his absence, due to important Jubilee functions in Twickenham.

MR. PYE'S GREAT WORK FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. C. T. Coles (joint hon. secretary) referred to the death of their Master, Mr. William Pye, and moved a resolution of sympathy in the following words: We are met together to-day under the shadow of a great loss, the loss by death of our Ringing Master, William Pye. Much has been said during the past few weeks about this remarkable man, but no praise has been given him that has been too high. Mr. Pye joined this association in 1899; he was elected Ringing Master in October, 1910, and thus held office for nearly 25 years. During that period of time he did an immense amount of work, which has had the effect of greatly improving the standard of ringing throughout the county; indeed, one might say throughout the country. To ring with him was not only a privilege and a pleasure, it was an education in itself, and many good ringers of the present day owe Mr. Pye a great debt for the encouragement he gave to them, and to the stimulating influence he imparted. It was impossible to do anything else but put one's best into ringing when Mr. Pye was in the band, and this has done very many ringers a great deal of good. Mr. Pye's peal performances for the association constitute a record that it will be difficult for any ringer to surpass. He rang 1,114 peals, of which he conducted 859. There were many remarkable efforts amongst these: I will content myself with mentioning the 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major rung at Hornchurch in 1912; the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on a 53 cwt. tenor, in 1925, and the series of Spliced Surprise Major peals in all number of methods from three to twelve which he conducted a few years ago at Willesden and elsewhere. There were also the first peals of London Surprise Major ever rung double-handed, and the only peals of Bristol Surprise Major so rung, besides the very remarkable performance of Stedman Cinques on handbells when he called a short-course peal in this method from a pair of non-observation bells—exactly 21 years ago to-day. At the funeral on March 16th the association was represented by several of its officers and members; the Central Council was represented by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher). Many other ringing societies were represented, and a large number of Mr. Pye's old ringing friends were present. Amongst many floral tributes was a wreath from this association.

Mr. Coles went on to mention that he had received many letters of sympathy with the association from the secretaries of other societies, as well as from many well-known members of the Exercise, and he added: 'Our Master has gone on, he has left the association much stronger than he found it, and it will be our duty to carry on the work to the utmost of our ability. A year ago he was with us at our annual meeting, which was the last meeting he attended. I will ask you all to stand for a few moments as a mark of respect to our late Master, and to show our sympathy with those whom he has left to mourn him.'

The resolution was carried in silence.

POINTS FROM THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The usual business of the meeting was then proceeded with. The annual report, which was taken as read and was adopted, recorded that a strong programme of district meetings was arranged during the year. Whilst attendances at some meetings are quite satisfactory, it is felt that the proportion of members who habitually attend them is much too small. Many members never attend, and the committee assured these members that a welcome will be given them if they will support the next meeting of their district, with every opportunity to ring whatever their abilities may be in this respect.

During the year seven honorary and 57 ringing members were elected, but a considerable number was lost by death, resignations, etc. The total membership stands at 871, a few less than last year.

The peals rung during the year numbered 92, a post-war record. With one exception they were all rung on tower bells, in 30 different towers. There were 25 conductors, an increase of eight on last year; and 168 members took part in the peals. Seven members rang their first peals, and 104 their first peals in a new method, or on a different number of bells.

The retirement of Mr. William Pickworth from active work, the report proceeded, has also caused his retirement from the office of vice-president of the North and East District, in which he has done so much valuable service since 1924. Mr. Pickworth, who has been a member of the association since its formation, leaves us with pleasant memories of his kindly nature, and, in his retirement, we wish him and Mrs. Pickworth good health and happiness.

The appeal made last year to the clergy has resulted in several of them becoming honorary members. Might we invite those who have not yet joined us to do so. It is so often the case that a definite connection between the association and the clergy results in the greater loyalty of the ringers themselves.

Sincere thanks were accorded to the honorary secretaries for their untiring work, and the report, which had mentioned the illness of Mr. William Pye, concluded with a postscript announcing his death and the great regret felt at his passing.

The balance sheet, which showed a small loss on the year's working, was adopted without comment.

NEW OFFICERS.

The Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane was re-elected president, and on his behalf Mr. C. T. Coles nominated Messrs. G. W. Fletcher and J. A. Trollope as vice-presidents for their respective districts.

Mr. Albert W. Coles was elected Ringing Master amid acclamation. He thanked the members for the honour they had done him by placing him in the position held by that great ringer, William Pye, and said he would do his best for the association.

The joint hon. secretaries (Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow) were re-elected, and Mr. E. C. S. Turner was appointed auditor.

A proposal to erect a suitable memorial to the late William Pye was discussed. It was agreed to proceed, and the matter was referred to the Central Committee for consideration and action.

Ealing was chosen for the next annual general meeting.

A vote of congratulation was unanimously passed to the youngsters who had rung the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Crayford recently. It was described as a remarkable performance, and it was also mentioned that the whole of the band were present at that meeting.

Mr. W. H. Hewett proposed that a message be sent to their Majesties the King and Queen conveying loyal greetings and congratulations.—This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Hollier and carried unanimously.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped in making the meeting such an enjoyable one—the Archdeacon of London for his address, the incumbents and towerkeepers at the various churches, and also Mr. L. Warner, the organist, whose services were greatly appreciated.

Much ringing was done during the day; in the afternoon at Bishopsgate and St. Mary-le-Bow, and in the evening at St. Magnus', Thames Street; St. Lawrence Jewry; St. Olave's, Hart Street, and again at Bishopsgate. In the belfry at Bow it was difficult to move, so many were present, albeit some good rounds, Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were rung. It was noticed that many visitors succeeded in making the round of all the towers available. Visitors to St. Lawrence Jewry were interested in the wonderful carvings by Grinling Gibbons; whilst the interesting Church of St. Olave also proved an attraction. The ringing arrangements, in the hands of the new Master, assisted by Messrs. G. M. Kilby and W. H. Coles, Master and Deputy Master of the South and West District, were admirably carried out.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space to thank all those secretaries and masters of various associations who have, on behalf of their members, conveyed sincere expressions of sympathy to the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on the death of the Master, Mr. William Pye? I am sorry that I have been unable to acknowledge all those letters, but can assure those who sent them that we are all very grateful.

C. T. COLES, Joint. Hon. Sec., M.C.A. and L.D.G.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING

Every conductor should aim at being able to call a touch or peal from any bell and not be tied to ringing the observation bell. There are occasions, perhaps, when it is well that he should ring the observation bell, but as a general rule it is an advantage to ring one of the 'working' bells. For instance, in almost any method, if the conductor is ringing one of these bells, he is eliminating one of the 'risks' of the human element. He knows (or is presumed to know) where the fixed bells are (that is, the bells which follow an unbroken course, as the 6th does in the 720 of Bob Minor which we have been using for our purpose), and if he has one of the movable bells on his own hands there is one less risk of someone else going wrong. It has other advantages. If he is among the bob-making bells it is much easier to see what the rest are doing than if he has to look at them 'from afar,' as it were, and it is also easier to watch the continually changing coursing orders.

It is only a matter of practice to know exactly where your bell will be at the next bob, as long as you keep close contact with the positions all the way along. You may not be able to tell with certainty if you 'wake up' in the middle of a course without any recollection of what has gone by or your relationship with the observation bell. You must concentrate sufficiently to keep track of all your calling places.

Suppose you start with the 3rd, in Bob Minor, as suggested last week, for a touch. If you are in 3-4 up in one lead (where the 3rd starts), or, which is the same thing, have run 'out' at a bob, you will run out again if a bob is called the next lead. You also run 'in' at a bob if you have been in 3-4 down or have run in at a bob in the previous lead. If you make a bob at one lead you come into 5-6 down at the next, bob or no bob. A bob at the lead after 5-6 up brings the bell to make 4th's.

The 'Wrong, Right and Wrong' of the 720, which has been previously used as an illustration, if the 6th is the observation bell, means a bob at the first lead, and this will cause the 3rd to run out. Prick out the lead ends on paper, and you will see that this puts the 3rd in coursing order behind the 6th. The next two calling places are thus made easy to know. With the 6th Right, the bell following it will be 'Wrong,' and when in the next lead the 6th is called 'Wrong,' the bell that has followed it must make the bob (or 4th's). There is then one bell coursing between this bell and the 6th. Therefore, when the plain lead course end comes up the 3rd will make second's place.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MISS WILLERS ELECTED SECRETARY.

Miss Kitty Willers, of Trumpington, one of the district secretaries, was, at the annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday, elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Ely Diocesan Association in succession to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who, acting under medical advice, resigned the dual office which he has held for some years.

Through the kindness of the local clergy, the bells of St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's and the Roman Catholic Church were available at intervals in Cambridge and there was also ringing at Trumpington and Chesterton in the near neighbourhood. The ringers who came were, as is usually the case, the keen members who always attend meetings; the half-hearted always stay away.

The annual service was at St. Mary's Church, when the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Essex) conducted a very beautiful service and gave a practical address.

Tea was held in the King's Parade Restaurant and was followed by the annual meeting. The Rev. E. B. James was voted into the chair.

The report and accounts for 1934 were passed. The general secretary and treasurer (the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake) having announced that he must give up under medical orders, Miss K. Willers was elected to that post. The auditor and committee were re-elected.

The retiring secretary was thanked for his services.

It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting in Wisbech.

An alteration of rules was made to allow those elected in the latter half of the year to pay half the usual subscription.

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The bob at the next lead 'Wrong' causes the second's place bell to run 'In,' and an examination of the figures will show that this transposes it to be third's place bell which will make the bob at the 'Right' and bring the 3rd into coursing order in front of the 6th. So that it will be dodging 'Right' when the 6th is called 'Wrong' and at the plain lead course end will be in 4th's place.

Once more, therefore, the bell you are ringing will dodge 'Right' when the 6th is called 'Wrong' and continue to course in front of the 6th, until the 6th is bobbed 'Right,' when the 3rd will run 'In' and do the same at the next lead—the bob 'Wrong' for the 6th. This brings the bells into the plain course.

To turn it into 720, a Single has to be called at the end. This puts the 3rd into 4th's place, and a little investigation will show the young conductor where he picks up the thread which ran through the first half. It will be good practice to trace this out from what has been written above—and then go into the tower and call the whole thing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'The Ringing World' reaches a 'quarter-peal' to-day. The number of this issue is 1,260.

To cope with the large number of reports of peals rung in celebration of the Jubilee, the paper is enlarged to twenty pages—and we are still obliged to hold over dozens.

'Final notice' from the Central Council to seventeen 'defaulters' appears in this issue. Verb sap.

Mr. A. Paddon-Smith, of Birmingham, has returned from his long business trip through Africa, which he commenced in Cape Town. In the course of his journey he flew the 4,269 miles from Bulawayo to Cairo.

Members of the Daventry Branch should note that the special meeting at Welton is to be held to-morrow. There was misprint in the notice in our last issue.

The peal of six bells of Great Barrington Church, Glos., is being removed to the Loughborough Foundry for retuning and rehanging with new fittings in new framework.

Referring to Mr. F. E. Dawe's achievement at Durham Cathedral and the list of cathedrals he has rung peals in, there is one overlooked, namely, Llandaff Cathedral. On September 10th, 1891, just 44 years ago, he conducted a peal of Stedman Triples. It was not only the first peal on the bells, but the first peal of Stedman rung in Wales.

Will correspondents who sent in the reports of the following peals please supply the further information needed: St. John the Evangelist's, Bournemouth, date and time omitted; Colne Engaine, Essex; Hardington-Mandeville, Somerset; Burton-on-Stather, Lincs; and Cradley, Worcestershire, name of conductor omitted.

A RINGERS' EFFORT.

It has been decided to recast the ring of bells at Shalford, Surrey, from six to eight, and install a new frame and fittings. It is hoped that the work will be completed this year.

The ringers have opened a fund with the object of raising the cost of the recasting the third, which is £30. If any ringers are interested in their effort, every donation will be gratefully acknowledged, if sent to Leslie Hunter, Bradstone Brook Cottage, Shalford, Surrey.

ANOTHER PEAL OF SIX FOR LINCOLNSHIRE.

NEW BELL AT ALGAKIRK.

On Sunday evening, May 5th, at the beautiful Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Algakirk, the Archdeacon of Lincoln dedicated the new treble bell which has been added to the peal of five by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. After the dedicatory prayers had been said, rounds were rung by the local band. The Archdeacon preached a most interesting sermon and commented on various inscriptions on bells.

After the service 120 changes of Single Court were rung by members of the local band, assisted by Messrs. W. E. Clarke and V. Taylor. The bells were then rung until 9 p.m. by ringers who had arrived from various towers in the district. Among those present at the service were Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke and Mr. V. Taylor.

It is interesting to note that the ringing at this church is conducted in the middle of the building in full view of the congregation.

All who had a pull on the bells were loud in their praise of the way the work had been done.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT EDINBURGH.

Good weather, good ringing and good singing went to make a very successful annual meeting of the Scottish Association at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, where every tower was represented. The service took place in the War Memorial Chapel at the foot of the tower, and it just held comfortably the 40 or so members and one or two visitors who were present. The joyous atmosphere of the service was capped by an excellent and interesting address by the Rev. W. White Anderson, M.C., M.A., who traced the history of the church from very early times. An ecclesiastical building, he said, had always stood on the self same site, but had changed its religion from early Celtic to the present outlook, which was that of only one God and everyone might worship Him and take Communion in that church.

The company adjourned to the County Restaurant for tea, with the St. Cuthbert's Society as hosts, and afterwards went to the Church Hall for the business meeting, which was soon disposed of with the exception of the tea question. The rule now is that members pay for their own, but this does not preclude individual societies from entertaining association members if they are so minded.

The company then split up between St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's, when ringing was indulged to a late hour. There was a bigger variety of methods rung at this meeting than at any previous Scottish gathering—rounds and call changes and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob.

JOY BELLS FOR THE KING'S JUBILEE.

RINGERS' ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

It is safe to say that never in history have so many peals been rung for any public celebration as were rung for the Silver Jubilee of their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary. The records already published or received at the office of 'The Ringing World' number 163, and there may be others to come. In addition ringing took place in thousands of other church towers and some of the events of interest are recorded below.

Reports of Jubilee peals have revealed many interesting facts, not the least being the considerable number of ringers who have scored their first peal, many at the first attempt, on this auspicious occasion. In many places, too, our suggestion that a royal salute of twenty-one 'shots' should be fired, was acted upon.

A peal was rung on the bells of the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, the first in this historic building for many years. It was the first peal of Major on the bells.

At Timsbury, in Somerset, the conductor of a peal of Doubles, Mr. Gilbert M. Hasell, was unable to take part in the ringing, as he is only just recovering from a broken leg.

The peal at Wigston Magna was the first in the tower by an entire Sunday service band, and the peal was worthy of the occasion—it was the first of Buckingham Surprise Major ever rung.

At Woodford, Essex, the commemorative peal, rung on Sunday, May 5th, was the first on the bells since their augmentation to eight. They were made into an octave in 1931.

Four ringers at Ibstock, Leicestershire, rang their first peal at the first attempt, and put up a splendid performance, too.

Eight out of the ten ringers in the peal of Plain Bob at Dalton-in-Furness rang their first peal of Royal.

A JUBILEE PEAL AT 79.

Mr. John Hollows, of Middleton, Lancs, rang the treble to a peal of Bob Major. He is in his 80th year.

The peal at Shildon, Durham, was rung as part of the official programme of the town's celebration.

By his Jubilee peal at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, Mr. E. E. Davey completed the 'circle' of the tower.

The first peal by all except the conductor was the achievement at Brampford Speke, Devon, where the Vicar is the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild.

There was a similarly meritorious performance at St. Mellons, Monmouthshire, where, also, it was the first peal by a local band. In addition, the conductor had never before called a peal.

At Melksham, Wilts, the peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as part of the 'official' celebrations, and afterwards the ringers were kindly entertained by the Vicar and other clergy.

The ringers of the first peal on the bells at Lydlinch, Dorset, also received hospitality after their peal on Tuesday, being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Cluett, sen.

In his 70th year, Mr. F. Longman rang the tenor to his first peal, at St. John's, Bournemouth. It is 25 years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

At Frensham, Surrey, a peal had not been previously rung for 21 years, and it was also 21 years since Mr. A. J. Chuter, who took part, rang his previous peal.

Five 'first peals' at the first attempt were included in the peal of Doubles in two methods rung at Sunbury-on-Thames, the first at this tower by an entirely local band.

Mr. Pat. Cannon cycled 96 miles to take part in a peal at Linton, Kent, where Kent Treble Bob Major (the 50th in the method conducted by Mr. T. E. Sone) was rung, and the band enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone.

A NORTH YORKSHIREMAN'S RECORD.

Mr. James Barnett, captain of the Northallerton Parish Church band of bellringers for 50 years, and one of England's oldest bellringers still in practice, is to be found ringing for service twice every Sunday. He is extremely proud of the fact that on Monday, May 6th, as he has done on many historic occasions, he led his band of ringers in ringing to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary.

Mr. Barnett will be 86 years of age next month, and for 70½ years has been a church bellringer. The whole of this long time has been spent at Northallerton. He was captain of the Northallerton band when they rang for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897, and he also rang at the Coronations of King Edward and King George and on other royal occasions. He was one of the founders of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Bellringers, and makes a special effort to attend the meetings.

Ringing for the Jubilee at Manchester Cathedral began at 10.45 a.m. with rounds and 'crosses' and a plain course of Grandsire Caters, the Cathedral band being augmented by friends and visitors. At eleven o'clock the ringers gave 'a right royal salute unto His Majesty,' with precision worthy of the occasion. Ringing continued at intervals throughout the day, and at tea time Mr. C. Bridgeford, the leader, had a welcome surprise awaiting at the Victoria Hotel, where a splendid meal had been provided. The toast of 'The King' was honoured with enthusiasm. Thanks were also given to Mr. Bridgeford for his hospitality. Mr. Bridgeford's connection with the Cathedral goes back for over 50 years, and includes the Sunday School as well as the office of towerkeeper.

At St. Mary's Church, Slough, after an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, a quarter-peal in the same method: Miss D. Wolstencroft 1, W. Birmingham 2, Alfred Bateman 3, H. Worsfold 4, W. H. Fussell 5, George Barkus 6, K. C. Grace 7, H. Wingrove (composer and conductor) 8.

Members of Stoke Poges and Slough towers met the local ringers at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, at 11 o'clock and rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob for an hour, conducted by A. Bateman. The veteran composer and towerkeeper, Mr. J. J. Parker, was, unfortunately, too unwell to be present.

At St. Andrew's Church, Uxbridge, Middlesex, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: A. Bray 1, F. Corke (conductor) 2, J. Pratt 3, P. Jones 4, R. Darvill 5, W. H. Coles (first quarter in the method) 6, W. Honer 7, S. Humphreys 8. Rung after unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire. Also at St. Margaret's Church, several 120's of Doubles and courses and Grandsire Triples rung by the local band.

At All Saints' Church, Arksey, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,288 changes): R. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Clark 2, G. Clark 3, H. Arrand 4, E. Clark 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8. At St. Peter's, Bentley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Clark 1, F. Clark 2, H. Arrand 3, G. Clark 4, E. Cooper (conductor) 5. Each of these was preceded and followed by the 'royal salute' of 21 shots.

At Aberavon, Glam, for 11 a.m. Jubilee service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Smith 1, A. J. Pitman 2, G. Chappell 3, F. E. Stone 4, W. Nurton 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, C. Hughes 8.

At Matlock, Derbyshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Bradshaw 1, B. Allsop 2, W. E. Blagshaw 3, R. Greatorex 4, H. E. Taylor 5, G. H. Paulson 6, V. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Gill 8.

ISLAND RINGERS VISIT MANY CHURCHES.

Following the lead given out by the secretary of the Central Council, the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild visited those outlying parishes where it was thought possible there was not sufficient local strength to ring the church bells. After ringing at Newport and Carisbrooke during the civic procession, the party set off by motor-coach to Arreton, Newchurch, Whitwell, Niton, Chale, Shorwell, Brighstone and Freshwater. The 'royal salute' of 21 shots was fired at each tower, followed by a short touch or two. The company was in charge of Dr. J. Bruce Williamson (president), Mr. H. J. Jones (district secretary) and Mr. H. Barton (Ringing Master), and included Messrs. F. Taylor and W. Upton (Newport), H. James and C. Taylor (Carisbrooke), H. Phillips (Godshill), H. Borer (Worthing), H. Flower (Ryde) and C. Saunders (Freshwater).

At Beverley Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. Watts (first quarter) 1, J. Constable 2, C. P. Bradley 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. G. Constable 6, L. Daggitt (first attempt to conduct a quarter) 7, W. Middleton 8, A. Sellers 9, A. C. Hopper (first quarter) 10.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters for the Jubilee at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, broke down after a quarter of an hour's ringing. A quarter-peal was then rung: J. Ewing 1, H. Sargent 2, N. Leiper 3, R. J. G. Thom 4, R. O. Street 5, C. R. Raine (Edinburgh, first quarter-peal on ten bells) 6, S. Leiwis 7, E. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, T. Winderam 10.

The first quarter of Major ever rung by an entirely local band in West Dorset was rung in honour of the King's Silver Jubilee at Lyme Regis, Dorset. On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was brought round: F. Hiscock (first quarter of Major) 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, the Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, C. W. H. Powell 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, F. Price 8.

The 'firing' of 12 bells, breaking off into 'Queens' and 'Whittingtons,' succeeded by a touch of Grandsire Cinques (1,077 changes) at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton: H. Griffiths 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, H. T. Piper 3, T. Roden 4, N. H. Smith 5, G. A. Baker 6, J. Whatmore 7, J. Williams 8, T. Smith 9, F. Brotherton 10, W. H. Lawley 11, G. Langley 12.

A date touch (1,935 changes) was rung at Norton, Staffs, in 1 hour and 10 mins. in the seven following Surprise Minor methods, consisting of 495 of Norwich and 240 each of London, Wells, Cambridge, Ipswich, York and Durham: A. Jack 1, W. Corfield 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, C. S. Ryles 4, W. C. Lawrence 5, J. Walley 6.

Services did not permit a full peal being attempted at Sheffield Cathedral. Therefore, a quarter-peal of Forward Maximus (1,296

changes) was rung: J. Holman 1, J. H. Bower 2, R. S. Long 3, F. Ward 4, M. E. Wilson 5, L. Charlesworth 6, S. F. Palmer 7, H. Naylor 8, H. Thorpe 9, H. Thorpe 10, J. Thorpe (conductor) 11, E. Thorpe 12.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Kay 1, W. Gorton 2, Miss G. Annie Crook 3, A. Sandiford 4, E. Iddon 5, E. Edwards 6, P. Crook, sen. (conductor) 7, O. Olive 8, followed by 21 rounds of 'firing.' At St. Saviour's, Bolton, 896 Grandsire Triples, followed by a royal salute.

At the Parish Church, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, for the thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Lathall 1, J. Mapley 2, G. Boon 3, H. Beard (conductor) 4, R. Abraham 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, D. J. Clare 8.

A BIG PROGRAMME.

Mr. Fred W. Edwards, the 'Castle Gresley Carillonist,' set the 'Jubilee Joy Bells' ringing at his home radio and television station to some purpose. According to a handbill which has reached us, his programme on and (as a saving clause) after May 5th and 6th will consist of: (1) Over 5,000 changes on four to nine bells, by ten ancient and modern methods. (2) Complete peal of 5,040 different changes on seven bells. (3) Half-peal of over 20,000 different changes on eight bells. World's record. (4) World's record on nine bells, over 20,000 changes (Edwards' method). (5) Over 500 popular English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh tunes.

The ringers at St. Barnabas', Great Tey, opened the day at 6 a.m. Before going into changes the bells were fired 21 times in a royal salute. Touches of Kent and Bob Major were rung. There was an hour's ringing from 10.15 to 11.15 for the Jubilee service, and there was further ringing at 12.30 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. The ringers then went to the Village Hall for tea. The day was finished at 10.30, when after coming into rounds the bells were fired 21 more times. The ringers taking part were V. Morley H. Theedom, E. Percival, B. Webb, H. Webb, T. Evans, G. Evans, H. Garrard, S. Piper and J. Dyer, who are all members of the local band. W. King also joined them during the day, being one of the older members in the parish.

At St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes): S. Ward 1, S. Howlett 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, A. Beale 5, S. Brown 6.

At St. Martin's Church, Exning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: S. Bunting 1, R. C. Sharpe 2, W. Webb 3, E. Jaggard 4, S. Brown (conductor) 5.

At All Saints', West Ham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Hayden 1, W. H. Theobald 2, W. Easter 3, E. Furbanks 4, T. Moule 5, C. F. Newman 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Motton 8, A. Baynes 10. Rung with 8.10 covering. At St. John's, Leytonstone, several touches in different methods, W. H. Theobald, G. Dawson, T. Moule, A. Prior, R. Motton, E. Furbanks and E. D. Smith taking part.

At Wenhaston, Suffolk, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor: S. Ellis 1, *Miss N. Hardingham 2, *W. Newham 3, A. Lee 4, E. G. Garrard (conductor) 5, R. Roberts 6. * First quarter-peal.

The bells at Portishead, Somerset, were rung and fired at 8.45 a.m. for the united service in the Parish Church, and ringing was continued at intervals throughout the day. A peal was attempted, but, unfortunately, did not have a successful issue.

At Lower Beeding, Sussex, 720 Bob Minor: H. Wadey 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, E. Wadey (first inside) 3, G. Woodman 4, F. Hinds 5, W. Thorns 6, G. Feist 7, C. Langley 8. 6-8 covering.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Claines, Worcestershire, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wilson 1, D. Sayers 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. Powell 4, R. Sayers 5, G. E. Large (conductor) 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. G. Yates 8.

A HALF-PEAL.

The local ringers of North Cadbury, Somerset, 'fired' the bells 21 times on Jubilee Day and then rang a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles in ten callings in 1 hour 35 minutes: W. Laver 1, J. Laver 2, L. Davies 3, S. Laver 4, W. Osborn 5, W. Parker 6.

To commence the Jubilee festivities at Melton Mowbray, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of the Parish Church: J. Gilson 1, S. Huddleston 2, A. H. Bartram 3, H. Alev 4, C. Brewin 5, E. Bartram 6, F. Shepherd 7, H. Clayton 8, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 9, S. Bailey 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of 4, 5, 8 and tenor.

At Old Shoreham, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Arnold (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Noakes 2, O. Giles 3, J. M. Cripps 4, F. Howe 5, H. Gardner 6, F. W. Cripps (conductor) 7, T. Howe 8.

Appleton bells are part of the village life. On Jubilee Day they joined in the festivities, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung: F. C. White 1, C. G. White 2, G. Holifield, sen. 3, H. C. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holifield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

At St. Mary's Church, Southampton, for the special civic service celebrating the Jubilee, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,331 changes): J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, H. Payne 2, H. V. W. Harris 3, R. Curtis 4, T. Thirkell 5, H. Smith 6, F. Mursell 7, N. Curtis 8, R. Brown 9, J. Elliott 10.

At Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Harris (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, J. Darvill (first 720 'inside') 2, J. Cooper, sen. 3, J. Cooper, jun. 4, W. Mortimore (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

On Sunday evening, May 5th, the eve of Accession Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Frindsbury: F. E. Smith 1, E. A. G. Allen 2, R. Humphries 3, J. L. Harris 4, A. Bloxham 5, L. Crouch 6, G. Philpott (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8. At 8.30 the next morning, another quarter-peal: W. Collishaw 1, T. Beaumont 2, R. Humphries 3, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 4, A. Bloxham 5, L. Crouch 6, G. Philpott 7, J. Aitkin 8.

On Monday afternoon, at St. Mary's, Gillingham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Collishaw 1, S. J. T. Shellock 2, H. Poulter 3, T. Hill 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, E. Friend 6, E. A. G. Allen 7, G. Lawrence 8.

At midday on May 6th, at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Howes, jun. 1, T. W. Taffender 2, W. Nash 3, C. Tricker 4, W. Massey 5, W. Barratt 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. Maxwell 8. This was followed by rounds and 'firing.'

JUBILEE HALF-CROWNS FOR RINGERS.

The first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells at Stagsden, Beds, by an entirely local company of Sunday service ringers was rung for the Jubilee, commencing at 7 a.m. This was a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor: H. Clark 1, H. Welch 2, P. Beard 3, P. C. Bonnett (conductor) 4, P. L. Bazley 5, A. Welch 6. Before ringing for the thanksgiving service at 11.30 a.m., the Vicar (the Rev. Walter A. Limbrick) most generously presented the ringers with Jubilee half-crowns.

At Cobham, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: *A. Holden 1, W. James 2, *J. Mills 3, E. Matthews 4, *W. Faulkner 5, W. Holden (first as conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal.

At St. Leonard's Church, Oakley, Hants, for the thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Marlow 1, C. Chant 2, W. Hunt 3, F. Titcombe 4, F. Marlow (first quarter as conductor) 5, G. Coster 6.

The rehanging of the bells on ball bearings at St. John the Baptist's Church, Margate, was only completed on May 2nd. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service on Sunday, and on Monday another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band: R. G. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden 2, A. Saxby 3, A. Dadds 4, F. Reeves 5, E. L. Burgess (conductor) 6, J. Waghorn 7, R. Whybrow 8.

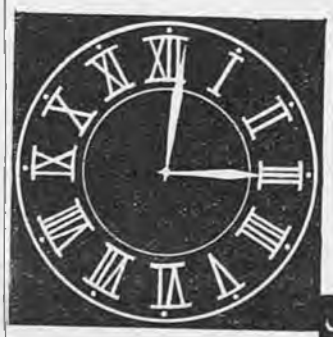
Three quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were rung at Ealing at Christ Church: — Brown 1, E. J. Walsom 2, F. S. Palmer 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. A. Trollope 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, W. G. Wilson 7, H. A. Folkard 8. At St. Stephen's: — Brown 1, E. J. Walsom 2, F. S. Palmer 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. A. Folkard 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. At Christ Church: — Brown 1, E. J. Walsom 2, J. E. Churchill 3, P. Clark 4, J. E. L. Cockey 5, H. A. Folkard 6, W. G. Wilson (conductor) 7, J. A. Trollope 8.

HIS MAJESTY'S EMPLOYES RING.

The only church with bells quite near to Sandringham is Dersingham, a mile away. On Jubilee Day the bells were set going, and among the ringing done was a 'half-peal' of Bob Minor by members of the local band, which, except for the Vicar, comprised employes on the royal estate: S. Wheeler (longest length) 1, A. Nurse (longest length) 2, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver 3, G. Batterbee 4, A. Bugg 5, F. Rix (longest length as conductor) 6.

Bombardier Horace East, son of Mrs. L. L. East, of North Collingham, where he was a regular ringer before joining the Army, was one of the detachment of the Royal Horse Artillery who preceded His Majesty's carriage in the Jubilee procession.

The five bells of Kington Magna Church, Dorset, were rung on the Jubilee Day at intervals from 5.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and daily throughout the week, with a peal of Doubles on Saturday. An extra length of rope attached to the treble enabled the Rector's five-year-old niece, Miss Gillian Edwards, to take part as a 'strapper.'



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ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RING AUGMENTED TO TWELVE.

The dedication of the four new bells and the recast fifth by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans took place, as briefly intimated in our last issue, on Monday, May 6th, immediately after the 8 o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion. Although somewhat early for most people, a goodly number assembled at the dedication service.

At the conclusion of the Celebration, the Bishop, accompanied by his chaplain and the Dean, came down from the high altar and proceeded to the space under the tower, where Dr. S. J. Madge, who with Mrs. Madge is the donor of the treble bell, handed the rope to the Dean and asked him to accept the bell in loving memory of their son, Ernest Vincent Wilmer Madge.

Mr. Walter Ayre, president of the Hertford County Association, presented the rope of the second bell, and, 'in commemoration of the jubilee of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers and in memory of our late president, Edward Percy Debenham,' asked the Dean to accept the bell.

Mr. E. R. Mitchell, representing Mr. W. W. Worthington, donor of the third bell, asked the Dean to accept it as a thankoffering.

The Mayor of St. Albans presented the rope of the fourth bell with the words: 'Mr. Dean, on behalf of the general public who have subscribed towards the cost, I ask you to accept this bell to complete the peal of twelve in the tower of this ancient and illustrious Church of St. Albans.'

Similarly Mr. H. Goodenough, conductor of the Cathedral ringers, presented the rope of the recast bell on behalf of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers and the Abbey congregation, and asked the Dean to accept the bell, 'which has been recast and so made a more worthy instrument for the honour and glory of God.'

The Dean then handed the five ropes to the Bishop, saying: 'As Dean of this Cathedral Church and president of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, I pray you to dedicate these bells to the glory and praise of God, in memory of those departed, as a thankoffering of the living and in commemoration of the jubilee of the Cathedral Society and the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers, and the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George the Fifth.'

Solemnly then, 'in the Faith of Jesus Christ,' the Lord Bishop dedicated the bells 'to the glory of God for use in this Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Albans.' Followed the customary prayers and then the full peal of twelve, rung by the Cathedral ringers, sounded out over the ancient city, whose roots go back into Roman history.

'A LOVELY PEAL.'

The bells were soon put into motion, with rounds, Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Cinques, and the unanimous verdict of both ringers and listeners outside, many of whom were musical experts, was that the bells form a 'lovely peal.' There was no hesitation in saying that the reputation of the Whitechapel Foundry has been further enhanced and that Mr. A. A. Hughes (the head of the firm) and his skilled staff (particularly Mr. Radcliffe) are to be congratulated upon producing a musical ring worthy of their reputation and fitting to occupy a place in such an historic building. An excellent rope circle has been secured under most difficult circumstances. Room has been found for three of the additional bells, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, by the ingenious building of an iron cage in the centre of the old wooden frame, and, by making the thrust of the 4th bell opposite to that of the tenor, the strain on the tower has been reduced to a minimum and is much less than hitherto.

After the service the belfry was soon filled with ringers, their wives and friends, including Mr. A. A. Hughes, the Mayor of St. Albans, Mr. W. Ayre (president of the County Association) and Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master of the Middlesex Association) and Mr. W. Nash (North Mimms), Mr. Gilbert Debenham and Miss C. Debenham, ringers from St. Peter's and St. Stephen's Churches, and a full muster of the Cathedral band. Through the courtesy of the conductor, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham and G. W. Cartmel, who have been members of the Cathedral company for over 50 years, enjoyed the privilege of taking part in the first ringing on the bells.

Monday was an historic day for ringers of Hertfordshire, for not only has the jubilee of the Cathedral Society and the Hertford County Association been worthily commemorated, but also the silver jubilee of His Majesty the King.

THE RINGERS' BELL.

Latin inscriptions have been applied to the four new bells. The inscription on the third bell was translated by Canon Mayhew, and the translations on the others are by Mr. A. L. Ellis, deputy keeper of the British Museum and superintendent of the reading room. The authorities are greatly indebted to these gentlemen for the work they so readily undertook and efficiently carried out. It is also interesting to note that the bell given by Dr. and Mrs. Madge is named 'Alban,' the name of one of the heavy bells in the tower before the Dissolution. As regards the small balance of money needed for the public subscription bell, this has been guaranteed by a friend, but the secretary of the County Association would greatly appreciate a few more gifts from ringers to pay for their bell, many of whom intend to send. Will they please do it now, or the opportunity may pass?

In this brief account we must not omit to mention the untiring labours of Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, who throughout has been the 'live wire' in the organisation. He is now very happy in having in his charge a very fine peal, and the satisfaction of knowing that the efforts of himself and co-workers have culminated so satisfactorily. To all kind contributors, far and near, grateful thanks are offered.

The official opening by the County Association has been fixed, by the kind permission of the Dean, for Saturday, June 1st.

This is not the first time St. Albans has had a ring of twelve bells. In 1868 Mr. John Lewis presented to St. Peter's Church two trebles to make a peal of twelve, but in 1881, the 11th and tenor becoming cracked, the two trebles were taken away to the foundry to help towards payment of the needed repairs. The two pits remain empty waiting until some kind friend is generous enough to fill them. However, we are glad that Hertfordshire rejoices once again in a ring of twelve, and we congratulate the Cathedral Society upon having such a beautiful ring.

G. W. C.

INTERESTING INSCRIPTIONS.

The treble bell, presented by Dr. S. J. Madge, F.S.A., and Mrs. Madge, in memory of their youngest son, is inscribed as follows: Deo vt Reddatis Lavdes et Sanctvm Albanvm Britanniæ Protomartyra Recordemini Vocem Tollo Ernestvm Vincentivm Wilmer Madge Annis XXI. Perfvnctvm Semper Commemorans A. S. MCMXXXIV. Translation: That ye may give praise to God and remember St. Alban, Proto martyr of Britain. I lift my voice, ever commemorating Ernest Vincent Wilmer Madge, who died aged 21 years in the year of Salvation 1934.

The inscription on the second is: Dei Honori me Dedicavit Campanistarvm Societas Hertfordensivm Ante Diem Tertivm Kal. Nov. Anno Salvtis 1884 Condita Lvstrvm Iam Decimvm Celebrans. Necnon Memoriæ Edvardi Percy Debenham Praesidis Qvater Electi Anno Salvtis 1934 Ante Diem Decimvm Septimvm Kal. Jan. Mortivi. Translation: The Hertfordshire Association of Change Ringers, founded on 29th October, 1884, dedicated me to the honour of God in celebration of its jubilee, and also to the memory of Edward Percy Debenham, four times elected president, who died 16th December, 1934.

On the third is inscribed: Gulielmus Worthington me Fecit Fieri Georgii Quinti Anno Vicesimo Quinto Regni Semper Gaudete. Sine Intermissione Orate. In Omnibus Gratias Agite. Translation: William Worthington caused me to be made in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of George V. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. For all things give thanks.

The fourth bell, provided by the generous subscriptions of the 'Friends of the Bells' and termed the 'Public Subscription Bell,' is inscribed thus: Deo et Ecclesiæ Sancti Albani Cives et Amici me Animis Gratissimis Dedervnt vt Annvm Vicesimvm Quintvm Regis Nostri Georgii V. et Imperatoris Concelebrem Anno Salvtis Nostræ 1935 Pridie Non. Mai As. The Very Rev. E. L. Henderson, M.A., Dean; H. E. C. Goodenough, Conductor; C. Jeffs, Secretary; J. G. Blow, Treasurer. Translation: To God and the Church of St. Alban, citizens and friends gave me that I may join in celebrating the twenty-fifth year of our King George V. 6th May, 1935.

The other bells are thus inscribed:—

Fifth: Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. Natu Minor Lavde Prior, Recast A.D. 1901. W. J. Lawrence, M.A., Dean and Rector. T. Kent, C. Woollam, W. Climance, Churchwardens.

Sixth: Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. Gloria in Excelsis. W. J. Lawrance, M.A., Dean and Rector. T. Kent, C. Woollam, W. Climance, Churchwardens.

Seventh: Made by Philip Wightman 1699.

Eighth: Made by Philip Wightman 1699.

Ninth: This is the old fifth bell, which was badly cracked in the crown, but has now been recast and inscribed as follows: Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Recast in 1699, 1731 and 1935 by Philip Wightman, Richard Phelps and Mears and Stainbank successively. The Rev Edward Lowry Henderson, M.A., Dean. Reginald Thomas Kent, Ernest Ralph Mitchell, Arthur George Loraine Gamlen, Churchwardens. Translation: Let all be done to the Glory of God.

Tenth: Thos. Kinder and Wm. Hunt and Chas. Domville Churchwardens 1758—Lester and Pack of London Fecit.

Eleventh: Made by Philip Wightman 1699.

Tenor: Jeremiah Carter, John Cooke, Churchwardens, 1699. Vivos ad Celvm Mortvos ad Solvm Pvlsata Voco. Made by Philip Wightman, London. The weight of the tenor is just under 24 cwt.

KIDDERMINSTER BELLS

A further list of donations to the appeal for £100 in connection with above is appended. 'Ringers Day' will be held on Saturday, May 18th. The fund is still open and the total received is £58 2s.

Donations.—St. Mary's Churchwardens, £7 10s.; collection, Lye meeting (Worcestershire Association), £1 10s.; collection, Barnwood meeting, per J. Austin, 6s. 6d.; M. Smith, J.P., £1 1s.; Anon., £1; F. Price, 10s. 6d.; Wordsley Company, 10s. 6d.; Anon. (Cheshire), 10s.; Cookley Company, 8s. 6d.; Anon., 5s.; J. Bennett (Kidderminster), 5s.; W. B. Cartwright, 5s.; J. Addleton, 5s.; F. Pervin, 3s. 6d.; C. T. Coles, 2s. 6d.; J. Bennett (London), 2s. 6d.; W. J. Carter, 2s. 6d.; S. E. Romans, 2s. 6d.; F. Molineux, 2s. 6d.; H. Martin (Bromsgrove), 2s. 6d.; R. Chance, 2s. 6d.; ex-Sergt. Williams, 2s.; J. Austin, 2s.; E. H. Alcock, 2s.; various, 7s.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1934.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Number Corresponding with Last Column.	ASSOCIATION.	Number of Conductors	MAXIMUS. Cambridge Surprise	MAXIMUS. Rochester "	MAXIMUS. Superlative "	MAXIMUS. Kent Treble Bob	MAXIMUS. Plain Bob	MAXIMUS. Little Bob	MAXIMUS. Stedman	MAXIMUS. Grandsire	CINQUES. Cambridge Surprise	CINQUES. Yorkshire "	CINQUES. Bristol "	CINQUES. Spliced "	CINQUES. Kent Treble Bob	ROYAL. Oxford "	ROYAL. Forward	ROYAL. Plain Bob	ROYAL. Sundry	CATERS. Stedman	CATERS. Grandsire	MAJOR London Surprise	MAJOR Bristol "	MAJOR Cambridge "	MAJOR New Cambridge "	MAJOR Yorkshire "	MAJOR Lincolnshire "	MAJOR Superlative "	MAJOR Spliced "	MAJOR Sundry "	MAJOR New Surprise Meth.	MAJOR Kent Treble Bob	MAJOR Oxford "	MAJOR Spl. Ox. & Kent T.B.	MAJOR Little Albion "	MAJOR Forward	MAJOR Double Norwich	MAJOR Plain Bob	MAJOR Double Oxford Bob	MAJOR Little Bob	MAJOR Real Double Norwich	MAJOR Sundry	MAJOR Spliced Plain Meth.	TRIPLES Stedman	TRIPLES Grandsire	TRIPLES Bob Triples	TRIPLES Oxford Bob Triples	TRIPLES Spliced Triples	MINOR AND DOUBLES.	HANDBELLS.	Grand Total of Peals.	Number Corresponding with First Column.
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9	Durham and Newcastle	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	22	—	36	9
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13	Gloucester & Bristol	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	—	11	—	33	13
14	Guildford Diocesan	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	d2	6	1	—	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	2	1	28	14
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33	Shropshire Association	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	1	7	33
34	Soc. Royal Cumberlands	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	51	13	34
35	Stafford Archdeaconry	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	1	—	15	35
36	Suffolk Guild	25	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	1	—	—	9	—	—	y5	5	3	—	—	—	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	22	1	78	36
37	Surrey Association	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1x	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	j1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	7	—	23	37
38	Sussex Association	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	1°	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	7	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	‡1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	2	—	44	38
39	Swansea and Brecon	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	4	—	7	39
40	Truro Diocesan Guild	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	15	40
41	Warwickshire Guild	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	5	—	15	41
42	Win. & Portsm'th Dio.	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	3	—	37	42
43	Worcester & Districts	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	8	15	—	1	—	18	—	62	43
44	Yorkshire Assn.	36	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	*1	3	2	—	—	—	4	1	1	—	—	—	‖2	‡2	8	5	1	—	—	7	10	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	10	7	75	44
45	Unaffiliated Societies	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	3	1	19	45
46	Non-Association	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	8	—	12	46
	TOTALS		5	2	3	1	2	1	17	6	16	5	2	1	18	3	1	13	2	40	28	52	32	101	9	17	1	69	17	12	22	97	27	5	1	1	107	142	2	2	1	3	4	153	163	2	5	1	485	87	1784	—

a—4 Methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative
b—Plain and Little Bob
c—Manchester
d—Leatherhead and Chiltern
e—St. Albans, Oxhey, Hertfordshire and Elstree
f—5 Methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Lincolnshire
g—Ashtead and Pudsey
h—Pudsey and Ipswich
i—Staffordshire and Erith
j—4 Methods as (a)
k—Winchester Bob
l—St. Illyard and Oxford Bob
m—1 in 5 methods, London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge Superlative; 8 in 4 methods as (a)
n—Plain Bob and Double Norwich
o—Truro and Ealing
p—Canterbury Pleasure
q—Staffordshire
r—Double Norwich and Plain Bob
s—Norfolk
t—Cambridge Court
u—Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich
v—Berkshire, Runnymede and Boveney
w—Norfolk
x—Irchester
y—Yoxford, Orwell, Deben, Silchester and Princess Marina
z—Double Norwich
*—Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge
†—Little Bob
‡—Whitminster and Hinton
‖—Pudsey and Belgrave
§—Pudsey

The tables relating to Minor and Doubles and to handbell peals will be found on the next page.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Association.	MINOR Number of Methods. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	—	Total.	DOUBLES Number of Methods. 1	2	3	4	5	7	Total.	Grand Total of Peals
Bath and Wells ...	6	2	—	1	—	—	3	1a	16	10	—	1	—	—	—	11	27
Bedfordshire	1	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	18	1	1	1	1	—	—	4	22
Chester Diocesan	5	—	3	1	1	—	1	7b	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
Cleveland & N. Y.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Dur. and Newc. ...	6	—	2	2	—	—	9	3c	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
E. Derbys. & N'ts.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan	7	—	2	3	3	—	3	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
Essex Association	7	1	1	4	—	—	5	—	18	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	20
Glos. & Bristol ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	9	—	—	—	—	10	11
Guildford Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Hereford Dio. ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	18	—	—	—	—	—	18	24
Hertford County	1	—	—	—	1	—	9	—	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	13
Kent County ...	7	3	3	2	—	—	2	—	17	3	1	1	—	—	—	5	22
Lancashire ...	5	2	3	2	2	1	1	—	16	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	18
Lincoln Diocesan	7	—	3	5	2	1	13	7d	38	4	1	—	1	—	—	6	44
Llandaff & Mon.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Middlesex County	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Midland Counties	13	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	19	5	2	—	1	—	—	8	27
North Notts. ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	6
North Staffs. ..	—	—	—	1	1	—	6	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Norwich Diocesan	10	1	—	1	2	2	5	1e	22	2	4	—	1	—	—	7	29
Oxford Diocesan	6	1	2	—	—	—	8	1f	18	3	—	1	—	—	—	4	22
Peterborough Dio.	1	1	—	1	2	—	3	2g	10	2	1	—	1	—	1	5	15
Salisbury Dio. ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	5	1	—	—	—	14	16
Shropshire Assoc.	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Stafford Arch. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Suffolk Guild ...	4	—	6	3	1	1	4	—	19	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	22
Surrey Assoc. ...	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Sussex County ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Swansea & Brecon	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Truro Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Warwickshire ...	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	5
Winc'r. & P'm'h ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	3
Worcester & Dis.	—	—	2	—	1	—	7	—	10	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	18
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	2h	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Unaffiliated	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Non-Association	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1i	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	4	8
TOTAL	114	16	33	32	16	5	111	28	355	85	29	6	8	1	1	130	485

(a) One in 8 methods, one in 10, two in 11. (b) One in 39 methods, two in 26, two in 21, one in 18, one in 8. (c) One in 11 methods, one in 9, one in 8. (d) One in 22 methods, one in 17, two in 14, one in 11, one in 10, one in 9. (e) 8 methods. (f) 10 methods. (g) One in 13 methods, one in 11. (h) One in 35 methods, one in 20. (i) 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Association.	CINQUES: Stedman	Grandsire	ROYAL: Oxford Treble Bob	Double Bob	Plain Bob	Erith Little Bob	CATERS: Stedman	Grandsire	London Surprise	Kent Treble Bob	Double Norwich	MAJOR: Shipway's Court	Double Oxford Bob	Plain Bob	Spliced P.B. & D.N.	TRIPLES: Stedman	Grandsire	MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTAL
Anc. Soc. Col. Y. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
Cam. Univ. Gld....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1a	—	5
Chester Dio. ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	8
Ely Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Essex County ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	2b	—	14
Guildford Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hertford Co. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	9
Kent County ...	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	7
Lancashire Ass....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2c	3
Lincoln Dio. ...	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	3c	3f	18
Middlesex Co. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Midland Co's. ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Oxford Dio. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Shropshire Ass. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1g	1
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffolk Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Yorkshire Ass. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	7
Unaffiliated Socs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL		2	1	1	2	1	7	2	1	6	4	1	1	33	1	2	5	7	6	87

(a) One in 7 methods.
(b) One in 5 and one in 3 methods.
(c) One in 7, one in 5 and one in 1 method.
(d) One in 1 method.
(e) Two in 1 method.
(f) Three in 2 methods.
(g) One in 1 method.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE

A further drop has occurred in the number of peals rung in 1934, as compared with 1933. The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1934 Tower	1934 Handbells	1933 Tower	1933 Handbells
Maximus ...	12	—	26	1
Cinques ...	23	6	28	8
Royal ...	61	5	53	3
Caters ...	68	9	68	11
Major ...	724	47	789	49
Triples ...	324	7	345	16
Minor ...	355	7	303	5
Doubles ...	130	6	122	6
	1,697	87	1,734	99

TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus have decreased by 14—five in Surprise methods and nine in other methods. Cinques have decreased by five. Royal have increased by eight—one in Surprise methods and seven in other methods. Caters are the same. In Major there has been a decrease of 65. Surprise methods have decreased by 62—London 24, Bristol 9, Cambridge 36, Superlative 10. Spliced Surprise have increased by six and new Surprise methods by 11. Treble Bob have decreased by 19, Double Norwich by 13, whilst Plain Bob have increased by 34. Stedman Triples have decreased by 18, and Grandsire Triples by four. Minor have increased by 52—in one method 28, in four methods 6, in seven methods 12, and in methods over seven by 11.

HANDBELLS.

There is a drop of 12 in handbell peals, the main decrease being in Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association again head the list with 159 peals, an increase of six over their last year's total. The Midland Counties follow with 111, the same number as last year. No other association rang over 100 peals. Twenty-four associations show an increase, the most noticeable being the Lincoln Guild, with an increase of 31. Seventeen societies show a decrease, the principle being the Lancashire Association with 41 less, the Essex 36, Worcestershire 26, Oxford 23 and Stafford Archdeaconry 21.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

6,720 Little Canterbury Pleasure Major, by the Midland Counties Association at Earlshilton, November 10th.

6,016 Norfolk Surprise Major, by the Norwich Diocesan Association at Hethersett, June 9th.

5,040 Winchester Bob Major for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Barton-on-Humber, November 24th.

NEW METHODS.

5,120 Spliced Cambridge and Rutland Surprise Major, by the Chester Guild, January 6th.

5,088 Leatherhead Surprise Major, by the Guildford Guild, January 20th.

5,184 St. Albans Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, January 20th.

5,056 Chiltern Surprise Major, by the Guildford Guild, January 25th.

5,088 Rochester Surprise Maximus, by the Suffolk Guild, February 3rd.

5,040 Bristol Surprise Royal, by the Surrey Association, February 10th.

5,152 Yoxford Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, February 9th.

5,040 Spliced St. Illtyd and Oxford Bob Triples, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, February 21st.

5,056 Staffordshire Surprise Major, by the North Staffs Association, February 24th.

5,152 Berkshire Surprise Major, by the Oxford Guild, March 14th.

5,184 Orwell Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, April 26th.

5,152 Truro Surprise Major, by the Middlesex Association, May 29th.

5,056 Manchester Surprise Major, by the Chester Guild, June 7th.

5,088 Spliced London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, by the Middlesex Association, June 16th.

5,152 Whitminster Surprise Major, by the Yorkshire Association, July 7th.

5,120 Deben Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, July 20th.

5,088 Oxhey Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, July 21st.

5,024 Hertfordshire Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, August 11th.

5,056 Runnymede Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, August 22nd.

5,088 Silchester Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, October 18th.

5,024 Boveney Surprise Major, by the Oxford Guild, October 25th.

5,024 Elstree Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 17th.

5,088 Princess Marina Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, November 29th.

5,088 Ealing Surprise Major, by the Middlesex Association, December 1st.

5,088 Erith Surprise Major, by the Kent County Association, December 15th.

5,040 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal, by the Sussex County Association, December 26th.

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HANDBELLS.

5,024 Shipway's Court Bob Major, by the Hertford County Association, January 17th.

5,040 Erith Little Bob Royal, by the Kent County Association, April 29th.

The outstanding performances of the year were the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Melbourne, Australia, in which six English and six Australian ringers took part. This was the first peal on twelve bells outside the British Isles and the first peal on twelve bells by seven of the band. In addition, the tourists rang peals at Hobart, Ballarat and Sydney, and handbell peals on the Mediterranean, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Red Sea.

Other notable performances were the peal of London Surprise Major 'in hand' by the Hertford County Association, the peal of Bob Major by a band whose average age was 15, and a peal of Doubles by a band whose average age was 14 years and 7 months. A peal of Minor in 39 methods by the Chester Guild was also a fine performance.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1934 and 1933:—

	1934	1933		1934	1933
January ...	144	119	July	71	115
February ...	153	167	August	136	150
March	120	146	September ..	161	155
April	171	178	October ...	150	146
May	142	156	November ...	199	168
June	122	127	December ...	215	206

FOOTNOTES.

There is a slight decrease in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The total is 503, a decrease of 20. Of this total, 180 accomplished their first peal on the treble, 82 on the tenor and 241 on an inside bell. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method, or method on a different number of bells, is 1,074, a decrease of 88. Ringers of their first peal inside number 81, away from the tenor 13, Maximus 1, Cinques 10, Royal 27, Caters 6, Major 83, Triples 25, Minor 77, Doubles 41. On 12 bells 28, ten 35, on eight 36, on six 9, on five 1, Surprise 23, in hand 25, in method in hand 29. New conductors number 66 and conductors in new methods 122.

Other footnotes show that 29 were the first on the bells since restoration or augmentation; muffled and half-muffled peals numbered 58; birthdays 239; royal birthdays 16; royal wedding 71; weddings (including golden and silver) 95; church festivals and dedications 20; welcome and farewell 29; Empire Day 4; memorial 4. One peal was rung 'for love of the art.'

We give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 65,121:—

1881	156	1919	1,048
1898	1,002	1921	1,632
1905	1,519	1932	2,202
1913	2,358	1933	1,833
1917 (war year)	130	1934	1,784

The records of first peals and progressive lengths are being revised and prepared in detailed form, and will be presented to the Council at the meeting in 1936.

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NOTICES.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Subscriptions became due on January 1st last. Seventeen societies have not yet paid. No further notice will be given.—George W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Yarnton TO-MORROW (Saturday), May 18th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church. Preacher, the Vicar. 4 p.m., tea at the Red Lion, 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: Bladon (6), Woodstock (8), Cassington (6), Kidlington (8), after 7.15.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford TO-MORROW (Saturday), May 18th. Service in St. Deny's Church 4 p.m. Tea in the Church Room 4.30 (free to members on production of receipts for current year, non-members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Grove, Sleaford. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m., except during time of service and meeting. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Mayard Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting and dedication of a new peal board will be held at Beedon TO-MORROW (Saturday), May 18th (7 miles from Newbury). Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service and dedication of peal board at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Tea at 5., 1s. per head, in The Boat Inn.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—There will be a district ringing meeting at Laxfield on Saturday, May 18th. Ringing to commence about 4 p.m.—G. Filby, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me without fail, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made. Nearest station Stanford le Hope (L.M.S.), or take Southend bus to Corringham Corner from Grays every 15 minutes.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Swallowfield on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) at the George and Dragon at 5. Service at 6.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

NATURE at its best, decorations in all colours, visit Aldenham on Saturday, May 18th. Enjoy an afternoon's ringing, from 3.30. Have tea in the Village Club at 5.30 and a social gossip. Bells open till 8.30. Nearest stations Bushey or Radlett. Bus to church. It is hoped the new president will be on view.—C. H. Horton, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Poole on Saturday, May 18th. Service in St. James' Church at 12.30. Luncheon, followed by annual meeting, in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. Price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Wimborne Minster (10, from 3 p.m.), St. Giles', Poole, Wareham (8), Canford, Corfe Mullen, Hampreston, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Witchampton (6). All ringers welcome. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Ossett on Saturday, May 18th, when the new peal of 10 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 3.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea. There is a ten minutes' bus service to Ossett from Wakefield Kirkgate Station, and the Dewsbury bus from Wakefield bus stand passes the church. There is also a ten minutes' bus service from Dewsbury market place. All visitors to Ossett can be assured of a hearty welcome, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The half-yearly meeting of the Lancs Association and the quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held jointly at Flixton on Saturday, May 18th, and **not at Stretford,** as previously advertised. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. per head, in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. It is specially requested that all members will make an effort to attend service. Trains 2.45 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. from Central Station. Buses, frequent, from Parker Street (Piccadilly) and Cannon Street, near Cathedral.—W. H. Shuker and D. Brown, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 18th. Tea 1s. each.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. All ringers welcome. — F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service at 4.45. Tea in Parish Hall, South Street, at 5.15. Quarterly business meeting afterward. Your non-ringing friends can see the Isleworth Regatta in the afternoon!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meetings will be held as follows. Special, Welton (6), Saturday, May 18th; half-yearly, Daventry (8), Saturday, June 22nd.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Seavington on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at 5.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Farnham District. — The meeting at HAWLEY has been postponed until later in the year. Further notices of meetings will appear in due course.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 30th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m., and on Sunday the 26th at 5.30 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 next quarterly meeting will be held at Grimley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) availabel 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 22nd.—F. Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, near Tewkesbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935). — Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30. Tickets for dinner and concert, 5s., from S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton, 6, before first post Monday, May 20th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following at the Oak Cafe, Church Street. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Wednesday, May 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 25th. Bells, recently augmented to eight, from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. It is essential that an advice is sent me by May 22nd. Stanmore bells after tea. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please advise for tea by May 20th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Glemsford, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, May 25th, at East Dereham. Bells available at 3. Tea followed by business meeting at 4.45. Names for tea will oblige.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Sec., 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Clavering. 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.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, May 25th. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea, please, by previous Wednesday.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — The next 6-bell meeting has been arranged on Saturday, May 25th, at Clewer, 3 p.m., and Winkfield 6.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s., for those who notify me not later than May 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 25th. 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, Armley, Leeds 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. E. Meurig Davies). Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than 22nd inst.?—W. Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at Appleton on Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 22nd.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 36th annual meeting will be held at Cotterstock on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please write by May 22nd to Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrook Rectory, Peterborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of Western and Eastern Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—H. Tyson and F. Robson, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The next meeting will be held at Peatling Parva on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested. Numbers for tea to undersigned by Wednesday previous latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 25th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Please send number requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please let me have their names for tea (1s. per head) not later than Wednesday, 22nd? All members and friends heartily welcome. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops-Lydeard on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those wanting tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, May 25th. 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 22nd inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 25th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me if requiring tea by the 22nd inst.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen heartily invited. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 29th?—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Vincent's, Littlebourne, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. As the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Manley) has very generously invited those attending to tea at the Vicarage, it is particularly requested that those intending to be present notify me on or before Thursday, May 30th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meet-
urday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meet-
ing 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 1st. The usual arrangements for ringing, service and tea. Please notify Mr. E. Vine, Newdigate Village Club, near Dorking, for tea by May 29th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The 56th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 10th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 10th. The Central Committee meet in All Saints' Upper Vestry at 10.45. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, R.D. Lunch at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Will those requiring lunch tickets please apply (with remittance, 2s. 3d. each) by June 3rd to Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, or the general secretary? Towers open for ringing: St. Giles' 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 5.45; All Saints' 10 to 12; Holy Sepulchre 10 to 11.30; St. Edmund's and St. Peter's 3 to 7; Kingsthorpe and Old Duston 3 to 6.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual Shield Contest will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, July 13th. Tower closed for practice after June 15th. Entrance 6s. per band, to be forwarded to me, along with any voluntary subscription to prize fund, by Saturday, July 6th. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

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THE STATISTICS OF PEAL RINGING

Perhaps the most disappointing thing about the peals rung in the year 1934, as revealed by the tables published last week, is the continued growth in the number of peals of Minor rung in one method only, and that method Plain Bob. In 1933 the number was 88; in 1934 it was 114; and in something like the same proportion peals in one method of Doubles also rose. Granted that the ringers who take part in these peals have little opportunity to extend their practice to a higher number of bells, we feel that there is a lack of enterprise shown by these figures. All kinds of argument may be put forward, not only to justify the large number of one-method peals rung on five and six bells, but also, maybe, to endeavour to show that these peals are actually as good as any other peals that are rung. We agree that there are conditions under which a peal of Bob Minor may be as meritorious as a peal in seven Surprise methods, and when it may be even more useful in the development of a band, but we cannot believe that, given the will to progress, it is the limit of attainment of any company. There are, we feel sure, instances where the ringers are just content to ring this one thing, and seem to have no ambition to rise to greater heights. To paraphrase a well-known quotation: 'It is better to have tried and lost than never to have tried at all.' It is often better to lose a peal in a higher class than to ring one in a lower category which requires little or no effort. The material at the disposal of a band to-day is so extensive and progress can be made by such easy stages that there is no real excuse for marking time by a company that have once rung a one-method peal.

The number of ringers who rang their first peal was about the same proportion as in the peals of the preceding year, so that, although the actual number was smaller, there was no falling off in the percentage of 'first pealers.' While this may not be entirely satisfactory in the view of some people, it is a check upon what appears to have been a downward tendency in past years, and we hope it may mark a turning of the tide by which the interest and keenness of a greater number of ringers may be stirred, for there are few things which act as an incentive to ringers to a greater degree than the ringing of one's first peal. In addition to the fall in the 'first pealers,' there is also a drop—again, more or less proportionate—in the number who rang their first peal in a new method or in a method on a different number of bells. The figures under this head, interesting though they are, are not a very reliable guide to progress or otherwise. It does not follow that, because a man rings a peal in

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some method in which he has not rung a peal before, he is doing something better than he has previously accomplished. There are not infrequent instances of men who have rung a considerable number of Surprise peals coming back to ring a peal in something much simpler. But while these details provide no exact indication of progress, there is a certain amount of general value in the comparative figures, for there is no doubt, on balance, statistics of this kind average themselves out and, taken over a period of years, show how far peal ringers are maintaining a desire to ring more methods.

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J. WILLIAM CUNDALL	2	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	*GEORGE AMBLER	8
PERCY J. JOHNSON	4	†AMBURN WILSON	9
*FREDERICK SEAGER	5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILTON, TAUNTON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM T. CLARK	*Treble*	†RONALD W. HAYWARD	5
DUDLEY F. SHELDON	2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER	6
SIDNEY A. WYATT	3	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD	7
ALFRED J. WYATT	4	S. GEORGE COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. W. HAYWARD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Superlative by all the band. First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal of Superlative west of Bristol by a resident band all attached to the same tower.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WHITELEGG	*Treble*	GEORGE NEWTON	5
OSWALD J. HUNT	2	SAMUEL HOLT	6
HAROLD JONES	3	THOMAS JONES	7
ALFRED FROST	4	ROBERT DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. DAVIES.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WALLER	*Treble*	GEORGE WHITE	5
HARRY SHORT	2	ALFRED E. B. OXLEY	6
ALBERT V. COATES	3	WM. A. BRECKON	7
SIDNEY ELWICK	4	RICHARD HANSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, excepting the conductor. All the above are members of the local company.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE ARROWSMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE LUFF	5
†RICHARD T. CARPENTER	2	MAURICE B. SMITHER	6
CHARLES W. TRUSSLER	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	7
THOMAS ATTWELL	4	WILFRED BARTLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	†PERCY STONE	5
JAMES DRAYCOTT	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	6
*JOHN GIBBONS	3	†HARRY HARRIS	7
CHARLES E. RAYSON	4	‡WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

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

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE YOUNG	*Treble*	JOHN W. GARDNER	5
JOHN ROBINSON	2	GEORGE HESKETH	6
*THOMAS ROBINSON	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	7
HERBERT LUDKIN	4	JAMES BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE HESKETH.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON	5
WILLIAM GORRINGE	2	HERBERT POPE	6
JAMES G. POWELL	3	GEORGE SIMS	7
LESLIE W. JARVIS	4	JAMES AVERY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

* First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

On the Dixon Eight. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

JOHN FOREMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT T. ANDERSON... ...	5
WILLIAM H. BARBER	2	ADAM DEAS	6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	7
JOHN ANDERSON	4	RICHARD THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

*SAMUEL HOUNSLOW	*Treble*	*GEORGE HORWOOD	5
*JOHN R. HARRIS	2	*WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	FRANCIS E. MAY	7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS...	4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First spliced peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH	*Treble*	PETER NUTTALL	5
EDWARD WEBSTER	2	ARTHUR HEYWOOD	6
*WILLIAM TYSON...	3	JOHN NUTTALL	7
JAMES YATES	4	JAMES LEATHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN NUTTALL.

* First peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

EVEREST FORD	*Treble*	JACK KAY	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	WILLIAM BAXENDALE... ...	6
HAROLD GORTON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
ALBERT E. SANDIFORD ...	4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	RAYMOND J. OVERY	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
JOHN H. B. HESSE	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
CHARLES W. DENYER... ...	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK L. BARNES	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
*MISS MAGGIE J. JOHNSON	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ...	3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
MRS. RALPH HARRIS ...	4	MISS FLORENCE A. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLES	*Treble*	*JOHN BOARDMAN	5
*JONATHAN ALLANSON ...	2	JOHN H. FOSTER	6
ROBERT PARKINSON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JACK KAY	4	BERNARD HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. FOSTER.

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

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FREDERICK HAMMETT ...	*Treble*	†ALLAN HARDIMAN	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER...	2	FRANK KEMP	6
GEORGE UPSHALL	3	RICHARD HASTED	7
CHARLES WELLS	4	THOMAS UPSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 24¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM D. PROCKSON ...	*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
*MISS MABEL A. PROCKSON	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
GEORGE R. PYE...	3	ALBERT W. COLES	7
*GEORGE A. PARSONS... ...	4	*GEORGE A. DONALDSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM BAVIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
BERRY WAYMAN	2	ROBERT SMITH	6
CHARLES ROBINSON	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	7
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ...	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* 100th peal.

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HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHARLES H. COX	*Treble*	CHARLES L. SADLER	5
JOHN J. WEBB	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	4	*FRED E. J. REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal on eight bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD DYSON	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	5
ARTHUR WALKER	2	THOMAS HOLDER	6
JOHN H. LENTON	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
WILLIAM TATE	4	CHARLES BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13⅜ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	*Treble*	JOHN FEARNHEAD	5
WILLIAM BRAMMER	2	ERNEST SEDDON	6
CHARLES OLLIER	3	EDWARD F. MAWBY	7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	4	FREDERICK PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. PAGE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*RICHARD M. YOUNG	*Treble*	†CYRIL ROBERT BROWN	5
†CLIFFORD HORROCKS	2	JOSEPH EDWARD OWEN	6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EVEREST FORD	4	†JOHN EDWIN THORNTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by Miss G. ANNIE CROOK.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD ELLISON	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
*ARTHUR SKELTON	2	ALBERT PICKLES	6
EDGAR WHITELEY	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
HAROLD PEARCE	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PEARCE.

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

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS MERRITT	*Treble*	*A. ERNEST STEVENS	5
SIDNEY HILLIER	2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	6
GEORGE J. WINTER	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
JESSE FRANCIS	4	A. JAMES CULLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First attempt for peal. Arranged and rung to conclude the week's celebrations.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

HARRY D. LISTER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	2	JAMES ROSE	6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	3	KEITH W. WHITTELL	7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	4	HERBERT SHEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. FARMER	5
JOHN J. WEBB	2	ERNEST COX	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	†WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. † 200th peal.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD HAMER	*Treble*	THOMAS WALLWORK	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	WILFRED MOSS	7
WILFRED HALLIWELL	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First Surprise peal.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

O. NEVILLE CURTIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	5
A. F. MARTIN STEWART	2	REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS, MUS. BAC.	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
GEORGE PRESTON	4	*TOM PIKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

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

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES	*Treble*	ALBERT R. WARNER	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	2	FREDERICK W. STEMP	6
ERNEST R. WARNER	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	CECIL L. GUY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*EVAN COLES	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	5
GEORGE LARGE	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the Welsh nation's celebrations of His Majesty's Jubilee, when the Prince of Wales attended as representative of the King.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

MISS JOAN PEARCE	...*Treble*	CHARLES E. BASSETT	5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
JAMES TOPP	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
HENRY JENNINGS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*JAMES M. NICKERSON	...*Treble*	CHARLES M. WHITNEY	5
WALTER PERKINS	2	CYRIL WILSON	6
GEORGE W. JEFFS	3	CHARLES W. BIRD	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* 80th peal. This arrangement, on the five-part plan, is now rung for the first time.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR C. OTWAY	...*Treble*	JOHN HOYLE	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	WILLIAM NEWBERRY	6
WILLIAM WHITING	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALBERT HARMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*PERCY BRANFORD	...*Treble*	*JOHN SHARP	5
HARRY PARKES	2	‡SYDNEY WALTER	6
JABEZ WALTER	3	FREDERICK G. BRETT	7
†PERCY W. SMITH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	...*Treble*	*JOHN H. BLOFF	5
*REGINALD A. ALEY	2	R. HENRY BARTRAM	6
WILLIAM HECTOR	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	ALBERT L. WARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal of Stedman.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD H. THORNE	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. DENNESS	4
SIDNEY M. HOLLIS	2	CLIVE C. CALLAWAY	5
LESTER BAILEY	3	CHARLES H. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. DENNESS.

First peal for all the band and rung at first attempt. All are local men.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON	...*Treble*	HERBERT HOARE	4
STANLEY HOARE	2	HERBERT GOAKES	5
JOHN J. JUTSON	3	WILLIAM ROSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON	...*Treble*	HERBERT GOAKES	4
WILLIAM ROSE	2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON	5
WILLIAM ALDERMAN	3	FRANK ROWLINSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;
Being 2,880 of Grandsire and 1,200 each of Oxford Singles and Plain Bob.

WALTER CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	HARRY HOWARD	4
ROBERT HOWARD	2	FRANK HAYES	5
WALTER MANSFIELD	3	VICTOR G. LEE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Longest peal on the bells.

HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 4,320 of Grandsire, in ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

L. J. HAWKINS	...*Treble*	F. MARSH	4
*MISS V. K. TURNER	2	G. W. RENDELL	5
MRS. G. W. RENDELL	3	D. W. RANSOM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

* First peal in two methods.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JAMES LLOYD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM DOWNES	4
SYDNEY WEAR	2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	5
PHILIP PURSLOW	3	HERBERT EVANS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. H. LLOYD.

* First peal.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120's, with 10 different callings.

GEORGE BRAYINGTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM WILLIAMS	4
LEN HULBERT	2	REGINALD ADDIS	5
EDWARD BARKLEY	3	CHARLES LINTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ADDIS.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells by a local band.

ALGAKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE R. BURRELL	*Treble*	VERNON TAYLOR	4
HARVEY E. BURRELL	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells, which have been rehung and augmented to six by Mears and Stainbank, London.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Woodbine and two each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. BODMAN	*Treble*	A. E. ROWE	4
L. A. TIDY	2	W. ASHDOWN	5
A. E. EVEREST	3	J. O. WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, 6-8 covering. Tenor 21 cwt.

*J. HARDEN	*Treble*	†J. BALCOMBE	5
A. HIBBEN	3	A. BRIDGER	6
H. HARRINGTON	4	J. T. MEDHURST	7
*R. STEVENS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. T. MEDHURST.

* First peal. † First away from treble.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

THOMAS HARPIN	*Treble*	LEONARD WILLIAM	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL	2	*WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	3	HERBERT SHARP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* 60th peal on the bells.

CALNE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

*W KING	*Treble*	L. A. WILSON	5
H. BURY	2	W. HAINES	6
F. HACKER	3	R. BARRY	7
*F. WALKER	4	W. PAINE	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. A. WILSON.

* First peal. Rung with 4.6.8 behind, 4.6 dodging throughout.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LAURIE NORFOLK	*Treble*	ALBERT HAZEL	4
GEORGE MARKWELL	2	HENRY SHARP	5
STANLEY SHIPP	3	FRED THULBORN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY SHARP.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.
Tenor 16 cwt.

H. CHARLES CLUETT	*Treble*	H. JIM RALPH	4
*J. JOHN PAUL	2	†E. T. PAUL FIELD	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	3	WALTER J. GOSNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from five in March, 1934, and 13 minutes quicker than the only previous peal.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR C. WILSON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. HAZEL	4
KITTY WILLERS	2	MANSFIELD GINN	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz.: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

KENNETH FORD	*Treble*	DAVID MACKAY	4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
JOHN E. METCALFE	3	JOSEPH T. DYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents each of New Doubles, Stedman Slow Course, St. Bartholomew, Reading, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman, and ten of Grandsire, each extent called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE	*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD	3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	2	H. JIM RALPH	4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal in nine methods by all the band and for the Guild. Quickest peal on the bells. The Rector, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, kindly entertained the band after the peal.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

VICE-PRESIDENT TALKS ON HANDLING A BELL.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, May 4th. About 40 members attended, representing 15 towers. Service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Fenn), and at the conclusion the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

At the business meeting after tea 17 new members were elected.

The district secrtary (Mr. A. Richardson) asked the members to consider holding practice meetings so that they might become acquainted with some of the Triples methods, recently published by the Central Council. The idea seemed to take on, and it was arranged to begin with a practice at Tonbridge in June and to start with Court Triples.

The tower secretaries were warmly thanked by the secretary for their quick response to his appeal for subscriptions for 1935, and were informed that every tower in the district had sent in their subscriptions in full.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and vice-president of the association, made some observations in regard to the booklet, 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' and said that from what he had seen in the belfry during the afternoon the ringers who had the booklet had not taken the trouble to read it. He noticed in a touch of Triples that only one ringer out of the eight was handling the rope in the correct way.

Asked by the secretary whether he could enlighten the members in regard to their faults, Mr. Lewis endeavoured at some length to do so.

Mr. W. Latter, who gave up the district secretaryship last year, remarked how glad he was to be present, and thanked everybody for the kind messages and sympathy which he had received during his recent illness.

Mr. A. Battin proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and votes of thanks were also passed to the churchwardens for kindly providing tea and to the ladies who served it. Thus concluded a very pleasant meeting, and the members returned to the tower for more ringing.

A GUILD OF BELL LOVERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with what C. F. J. says about the proposal to form a Guild of Bell Lovers, but my opinion is that some of the present Guilds do not want honorary members very badly. They wouldn't demand such big subscriptions if they did.

LESLIE LUNN.

Gainsborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MR. FRED WILFORD RESIGNING MASTERSHIP.

By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. T. B. Westlake, the Wellingborough branch held a quarterly meeting at the quiet little village of Easton Maudit on Saturday, May 4th. It is off the beaten track, but about 30 members and friends took advantage of a nice day to visit the beautiful old church, with its peal of five nice-toned bells, which were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Stedman Doubles, etc.

The Vicar being away from home ill, the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Marlow, of Bozeat, and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. Hudson, who had only arrived the night previous to take charge of the parish until the Vicar is well again. It was a new thing to the locum tenens to speak to a meeting of bellringers, but he gave them something worth thinking about. He mentioned the many phases of the nation's life, such as the Jubilee celebrations, in which the bells had a part to play, and went on to say that, although of pagan origin, bells were introduced into our church towers and consecrated to the service of God. They were to be used for the praise and glory of God, also to announce the various activities of our church life, and he very fearlessly but kindly brought home to the ringers the necessity of taking part in some at least of the services for which they rang.

Tea, afterwards served in the Schoolroom, had been prepared by the local ringers, their wives and friends.

After tea Mrs. Allebone (Vicar's warden), who was present to represent the Vicar, kindly welcomed the members to Easton Maudit, and said it was a great disappointment to the Rev. F. T. B. Westlake not to be with them, but he sent his best wishes.

The business proceedings were presided over by the Rev. J. H. Marlow, and Great Doddington was chosen for the July meeting.

It was announced that Mr. F. Wilford was definitely resigning his office of Master of the Guild at Whitsuntide and that the Central Committee were recommending the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Staverton, near Daventry, to fill the vacancy; also that it was necessary to apply early for tickets for the annual luncheon at Northampton.

The vote of thanks to all responsible for the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. T. Hensher, of Finedon, supported by the secretary (Mr. A. Bigley), who hoped that the Vicar would soon be well and strong again.—The Chairman suitably replied on behalf of himself and Mr. Westlake.

A set of ten lovely handbells was then produced and gave great pleasure, a few tunes and a course of Grandsire Caters being rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Central Council who desire to make any peal attempts while visiting Shrewsbury at Whitsun should communicate at once with the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield. We understand there will be no peal attempt on St. Chad's ring of twelve.

In the peal of Minor rung at East Peckham, Kent, on April 20th, Oxford Bob and not Oxford Treble Bob was rung.

Mr. F. E. Dawe thanks the many ringing friends for their congratulations. Incidentally it is interesting to note that among the cathedrals at which he has yet to ring a peal are York Minster, where 52 years ago a peal of Grandsire Cinques was lost half-way owing to the 11th going very badly, and Exeter, where a peal of Grandsire Cinques failed eight years ago after ringing 3½ hours.

We regret that we are compelled to hold over a number of peal reports and reports of meetings.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

TO-MORROW'S CELEBRATION AT BRIGHTON.

This year the Sussex County Association joins the ranks of those territorial ringing organisations which have been established half a century, and to-morrow the jubilee is to be celebrated at Brighton, where the association was first brought into being.

Sussex is a big county with many towers and there has from the outset been a large membership of the association, which figured conspicuously in its early days, when Surprise ringing was a rarity, as a pioneer in exploiting advanced methods.

To-morrow's programme includes the annual meeting, a festival service at St. Peter's Church and a dinner in the evening. The Bishop of Chichester, who is president, is taking a share in the celebration of the auspicious event.

REV. A. T. BEESTON MEMORIAL.

As it is intended to close the fund for this memorial on May 31st, I should be glad if any intending subscribers would let the secretary to the fund, Mr. A. Whiting, 26, Church Street, Marple, Cheshire, have their contributions as early as possible.

Full details regarding the opening of the memorial will be given later.

NORTH LONDON SOCIETY REVIVED.

OLD AND NEW MEMBERS JOIN UP AT HOLLOWAY.

Many older London ringers will be glad to know that a revival has been effected at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway. Before the war this tower was well known as a training ground for many North London ringers and would-be ringers. For some considerable time prior to the beginning of this year, it was often difficult to get sufficient ringers even to get the bells 'up' on a Sunday morning.

On the first day of the New Year, however, 'The St. Mary Magdalene's Society of Change Ringers' came into existence with 17 ringing members and five beginners. These latter have now been elected to membership, having passed the prescribed test.

Mr. Bert Turner, who is well known in the Exercise, is the Ringing Master of the new society. He has been ringing at Holloway for something like 30 odd years. Others of an equally mature vintage include Messrs. George and Reuben Charge.

The main point of this announcement is to let London (and more particularly North London) ringers know that they will be very welcome at St. Mary Magdalene's if they care to come along. Ringing takes place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30.

It is very gratifying to the learners (of whom the writer is one) to see the scheme outlined in the 'Beginners' Page' of 'The Ringing World' of April 26th. It should help to get over a difficulty which is more real than would at first appear. It is this. When a learner puts a question to the 'older hands,' he is answered at some length and with every intention of helpfulness. But—and this is the snag—very few ringers can explain *without using ringing terms.* These, from long use, trip off their tongues (sometimes as a mere jumble of sound), and the poor beginner, from sheer embarrassment, says, 'Ye-e-s,' and hopes for the best. Admittedly it is impossible not to use one or two terms, but it would be a great help if (a) everyday language is used whenever possible, and (b) indispensable technical terms were themselves carefully explained and perhaps illustrated by an example.

Well, there we are. St. Mary Magdalene's Society is once again on the way to being in the news as often as before. The society can still do with some help and looks forward to seeing some of those who, it may be, remember the tower in the years before 1914.

The president of the society is the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas C. Ralph), the treasurer Mr. J. W. C. Johnson (one of the churchwardens), and the secretary Mr. A. E. Williams, who will be pleased to hear from any who would like to come along. A letter addressed to the church will find him.

ASTON TO HAVE TWELVE BELLS.

TREBLES AS JUBILEE THANKOFFERING.

It has now been definitely decided to increase the bells at Aston Parish Church to a ring of twelve.

The work of recasting and rehanging the peal of ten has been in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the addition of the two extra bells will complete a great restoration scheme. The new trebles are being hung as a thanksgiving for King George's Silver Jubilee, and the dedication will take place on St. Peter's Day, Saturday, June 29th.

Aston has many interesting associations for ringers and particularly for Birmingham ringers. It was here that Henry Johnson learned to ring and in the churchyard he lies buried. The stone which marks the grave was erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of a man 'to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is widely indebted.'

Among famous peals which have been rung at Aston have been 15,360 Bob Major in 1793 and 10,047 Stedman Caters in 1859, while in addition there have been such performances as peals of Treble Bob Caters and Grandsire and Stedman Royal rung there.

Aston will make the 53rd ring of twelve bells in England, and in addition there are twelve at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Swindon on Saturday. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. J. Gilbert, assisted by the organist and choir. Tea was arranged in the Parish Hall, which the Bishop of Malmesbury visited. He welcomed the association to Swindon.

At the subsequent business meeting the following were elected vice-presidents: The Rev. E. Saleby, the Rev. N. Hope, Messrs. C. H. Gordon, W. Hale, J. Gould, S. Romans and the Rev. E. J. Phillips.

All the officials were re-elected, and Mr. A. E. Reeves was elected hon. peal secretary.

Interesting reports from Central Council representatives were given, and Mr. Austin thought that the motion concerning first peal ringers was very applicable to the association.

Mr. E. Guise spoke of the motions down for Whitsuntide meeting, and expressed a hope that if the hon. members' list was augmented to 20, care should be taken to see that the Standing Committee did not contain too many hon. members. He considered that the committee should be composed pro rata.

It was agreed that the association should alter its rules concerning fees from clergy, inasmuch as in future they would pay as much as they felt they could afford.

Branch rules were altered so that all accounts could be closed on December 31st of each year. It was also decided that expenses of the branches should not exceed 33 per cent. of total income.

Newnham-on-Severn was chosen for the next annual meeting, but, if the bells were not in good going order, the meeting would be held at Bristol on Easter Monday, 1936.

Votes of thanks to clergy, choir and organist were accorded, and mention must be made of the excellent arrangements of Mr. W. B. Kynaston and the ladies who arranged tea. Ringers attended from Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol, Cirencester, Wotton, Wootton Bassett and Swindon.

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE?

RINGERS DEBATE GUILD MEMBERSHIP.

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Thames Ditton on Saturday. It was characteristic of the district that there were only half a dozen resident members of the district present, and three of these were officials. Usually the meetings in this part of the diocese are made successful by visitors, but on this occasion they were few. One encouraging feature was the presence of three members of the local band, and most of the business meeting was spent in discussing the pros and cons of membership of the Guild. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Blackbourn) was keen about the company joining, and himself became an honorary member, but the local ringers adjourned a decision until the rest of the band could be consulted. The officials are hoping for a happy outcome of the discussion.

The hon. secretary was authorised to go forward with arrangements for a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association and Oxford Guild at Staines and Egham on September 28th, and with the Surrey Association at East Molesey on September 7th.

Prior to the meeting, service had been held in the interesting church, famous for some early Norman work (including the tower) and some ancient brasses. It was conducted by the Vicar, who formerly as a Chaplain to the Forces had seen active service in South Africa and the Great War, and who accompanied the singing on a harmonium which has been under shot and shell.

The ringing practice was of a very useful character. Plenty of Grandsire Doubles, with Bob Minor, Treble Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's thrown in.

FEWER RINGERS IN NORTH NOTTS.

BUT ASSOCIATION PROGRESSES.

The opinion was expressed in the annual report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale) to the North Notts Association that ringers in North Notts are rather on the decline in numbers than on the increase. Nevertheless, the association's year was a successful one from many points of view.

There was an excellent attendance at the annual meeting held at East Retford on Saturday week, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. Parkinson), and the preacher was the Rev. C. G. Walmsley (Vicar of Barlborough), who, referring to the Jubilee celebrations, remarked that our rejoicings, which had reached the pitch of national enthusiasm and unity, would have been shorn of their great value if bellringers in the towns and villages in the land had not taken their part. The ringing of bells was an essential part of any sort of corporate rejoicing.

Tea was served in the Ebsworth Memorial Hall, after which the Vicar, in extending a welcome, said that this was the best attendance at an annual meeting held at Retford, and it was very gratifying to all concerned. Bellringers had shown an extraordinary spirit of loyalty and devotion in the ringing of bells, and it was a source of great joy and pleasure that in East Retford tower on the day of the Jubilee a team had succeeded in ringing a peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Royal. It had given the townspeople a great deal of satisfaction by their accomplishment. A peal on these bells by a local band had not been rung since 1911.

The report showed that eight peals had been rung during the year. The first peal of Doubles for the association was rung at North Muskham. Mr. J. Flint again introduced a new method at Sutton-on-Trent by ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

Tuxford were again welcomed into the association, and the secretary wished them success in the progress they were making. A grant of £2 2s. was made to Harworth, who had had their six bells rehung. They had rejoined the association.

YOUNG RINGERS WANTED.

'Ringers in North Notts are,' stated the secretary, 'rather on the decline in numbers than on the increase. There are several towers with a less or just the same number of ringers as there are bells in the tower. May I appeal to members to make up your band and to try to encourage young ringers? We must ask each tower to introduce change ringing into their belfry, if they have not already done so, as it is the best way to keep the young ringers interested.'

The membership up to the end of 1934 consists of four honorary life members, 22 vice-presidents, 87 non-resident life members, 111 performing members, and three unattached members, a total of 227.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, commenting on the report, congratulated Mr. R. W. Stockdale, the capable and energetic hon. secretary, upon recording the information he had gleaned respecting the bells in the towers of the different churches and the weights. They were fortunate in having such an ideal secretary. He was doing a splendid work, and he did not know what the association would do without him. He offered congratulations to the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, who had taken part in all but five of the 26 peals which had been accomplished during the last three years.

The officers, including the Bishop of Southwell as president; the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, representative on the Central Council; Mr. R. W. Stockdale, East Markham, hon. treasurer and secretary; and Mr. C. R. Smith, Retford, hon. assistant secretary, were re-elected. Mr. Stockdale was congratulated upon having rung in two peals on Jubilee Day, viz., at East Retford and at East Markham, being the first member of the association to accomplish this feat.

GREAT HELP TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Stockdale acknowledged the assistance he received from the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson in the carrying out of his duties. 'As a ringing clergyman, Mr. Wilkinson is a great help to our association. He is keen on bell restoration, and travels miles in the good cause.'

Mr. G. R. Winter, Retford, was elected a vice-president of the association.

Mr. G. G. Lindoff, Brigg, and P.C. T. Anderson, Stapleford, and formerly of Retford, were made non-resident members.

Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. H. Nicholson, Barlborough, Mr. E. W. Vessey and his son, Mr. C. A. Vessey, of Barnby-in-the-Willows, Newark, were elected members.

The list of meetings for the year were fixed as under: June 8th, Norton Cuckney; July 13th, Everton; August 10th, Edwinstowe; September 14th, Misson; September 28th, Anston (Crawford Cup competition); October 12th, Sutton-on-Trent; November 9th, Worksop; December 14th, West Retford; January 10th, 1936, Ordsall; February 8th, Shireoaks; March 14th, Winthorpe; April, annual meeting at Retford.

There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon and evening on the bells of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall Churches, some 'good striking' being prominent in the towers. The ringing at East Retford included Cambridge Royal.

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THE KING'S JUBILEE JOY BELLS.

RINGING HAPPENINGS IN MANY PLACES.

We give below further paragraphs of interesting events in connection with the ringing for His Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

At Godshill, Isle of Wight, six of the local band rang their first peal on Jubilee Day. They rang Grandsire Doubles with ten callings, and it was the first peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The ringers are anxious to know if this is the first peal of Doubles in the Isle of Wight.

Stanley Hoare will remember his Jubilee Day peal at Woodston, Hunts. It was his fourteenth birthday and his first peal. He did well to ring the 2nd and seven 720's of Bob Minor, for he had never before attempted a peal.

A NICE JUBILEE.

The youthful hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild had a very nice Jubilee. He participated in seven peals in celebration of the event, and they included Doubles (2), Minor, Triples, Major and Caters (2). In these peals, of which he called three, eleven ringers rang their first peal.

One ringer, at least, overstept on Jubilee morning. Perhaps it was excusable, as the meeting time was 5 a.m. for a peal of Doubles. This was at Tonbridge, Kent, and as the band were one short, instead of ringing the peal with 7.4.8 behind, they left out the 2nd and rang it with 6.8 behind.

The Jubilee peal at Farnham, Surrey, on May 8th was also a wedding peal for Mr. Sidney Meadows and Miss Dora Alice White, who were married in the church earlier in the day. Mr. Meadows is the towerkeeper and a member of the local band.

Wingham, Kent, has a peal of eight bells all cast in 1720 by Richard Phelps. They have never been recast and are, therefore, probably the second oldest ring of eight in the country, all coming from the same founder. A peal of Bob Major was rung on them for the Jubilee—the first in the method in the tower for 120 years.

Mr. James George rang a Jubilee peal at Oakham. It was his 13th peal since his 81st birthday last November, and brings his total to 1,237. It is interesting to note that his Jubilee peal was rung at the county town of the smallest county in England.

At the Parish Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. W. Price 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. L. Cooke 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, F. J. Lewis, jun. 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. Blowing 10. At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. 1, H. S. Parsons 2, H. L. Cooke 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. C. Eden 5, F. J. Lewis, jun. 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Blowing 8. At both churches a royal salute of 21 'shots' was fired.

FAILURES AND SUCCESSES.

Among the large number of peals attempted and lost during Jubilee week was one at Hereford Cathedral, where Grandsire Caters was lost after ringing 3 hours and 20 minutes, when only three courses from the end, on Wednesday, May 8th.

On Jubilee Day a peal of Stedman Caters was lost at Cardiff after ringing 1½ hours.

On Friday, May 10th, Grandsire Triples went the same way at Usk, Monmouthshire, after 1½ hours' ringing.

Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, shared in all three of these disappointments, but he had the satisfaction of taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Cardiff on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' Jubilee visit on Saturday.

Prior to a thanksgiving service at 9.30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, Herts, 240 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering, after which the bells were 'fired' several times, breaking out alternately into rounds and 'Queens' change. This was followed by 168 Grandsire Triples: E. Nobbs, C. Lord, J. Foster, F. W. Elliott, W. A. Howlett, A. E. Millett, E. Hookham (conductor), T. Gander. At the conclusion of the town procession and the ceremony of 'breaking the flag' on the playing fields, the same band rang several short touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. E. Millett.

At Christ Church, North Shields (Tynemouth Parish Church), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. L. Gray 1, G. W. Dix 2, M. Lievesley 3, J. Scott 4, R. M. Gray 5, A. Cook 6, J. E. Scott (conductor) 7, R. A. Skeoch 8. Also 1,080 Stedman Caters: J. Scott 1, S. Hewitt 2, T. Burns 3, G. W. Dix 4, A. Cook 5, J. E. Scott (conductor) 6, R. M. Gray 7, M. Lievesley 8, J. L. Gray 9, R. A. Skeoch 10.

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Over, Cambs, came to grief on the afternoon of Jubilee Day after 3 hours 7 minutes' ringing at the fourth treble lead from end of peal. The band were: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, B. Wayman 2, M. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, R. Smith 6, A. J. Ginn 7, C. Robinson 8.

YOUTHFUL CRAYFORD RINGERS' BUSY DAY.

On Jubilee Day, five young members of Crayford band contributed their full share towards celebrating the event. Miss M. Redpath rang a peal of Bob Major in the morning at Crayford, a peal of Cambridge at Northfleet in the afternoon, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Woolwich in the evening. Her sister, Miss R. Redpath, took part in the peal at Crayford and the quarter-peal at Woolwich.

J. A. C. Abson scored his 'first as conductor' with the Crayford peal and formed one of the band at Woolwich. G. V. Murphy rang in the Crayford peal in the morning, and was successful in ringing his first peal of Double Norwich in the evening at Erith, while E. A. Barnett rang three peals, Bob Major at Crayford, Cambridge at Northfleet, and Double Norwich at Erith, thus probably creating another record for youthful performances.

At Burbage, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. L. Campton 1, G. Dudley 2, W. Clough 3, E. Clough 4, E. Rivitt 5, C. Payne 6, F. Measures (conductor) 7, P. A. Aldham 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Westerham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cosgrove 1, J. Igglesden 2, G. Selby 3, W. Cosgrove, jun. 4, W. Matthews 5, F. Nicholas 6, J. Weller (conductor) 7, W. Cosgrove, sen. 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: J. Agglesden 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Selby 3, W. Cosgrove, jun. 4, F. Nicholas 5, J. Weller 6, H. Selby (conductor) 7, G. Steer 8.

A peal attempt at Mannecan, Cornwall, having to be cancelled owing to a member having to go to work, a royal salute was 'fired' on the bells during ringing for service, whilst the British Legion was parading.

Five ringers rang their first quarter-peal of Doubles at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. The 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung with ten callings: Miss V. Marsh 1, L. H. Pink 2, H. E. White 3, W. G. Young 4, W. M. Light (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, M. A. Martin 6.

At St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Stephenson 1, G. S. Taylor 2, M. F. Harrison 3, H. B. Ditchburn 4, F. Ainsley 5, J. W. Parker 6, R. L. Patterson (conductor) 7, G. Harvey 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Petersmarland, Devon, by the local band: Rev. W. H. Smale 1, W. H. R. Smale 2, F. Jennings 3, F. C. Smale 4, S. Britton 5, A. Ward and W. Jennings 6.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt was made at Norbury, Cheshire, for a peal of 10,080 Bristol Surprise Major, but it was lost after more than three hours' ringing: K. Lewis 1, W. Fernley 2, W. Stevenson 3, J. Fernley 4, J. A. Milner 5, L. Clough 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, J. Worth (conductor) 8.

This Silver Jubilee year is also the golden jubilee of Mr. J. Norbury as a ringer at Macclesfield Parish Church. On May 7th he took part in a Jubilee quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,349 changes): H. Lomas 1, J. Worth (conductor) 2, J. Tipper 3, T. Potts 4, W. Stevenson 5, A. Burgess 6, H. Dean 7, V. Norbury 8, J. Norbury 9, W. Gayes 10. Other Jubilee ringing at this church included 1,132 Bob Major on Sunday evening, May 12th, when the Bishop of Chester was the preacher, and on May 12th, when a thanksgiving service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, 1,242 Grandsire Caters: G. Bottomly 1, W. Matthews 2, J. Tippen 3, T. Potts 4, W. Stevenson 5, A. Burgess 6, H. Lomas 7, V. Norbury 8, J. Worth (conductor) 9, W. Gayes 10.

Before the Jubilee service, held in a nearby field, by the massed churches of West Wickham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church: P. S. Davis (first quarter-peal) 1, Hugh Mackinder 2, H. K. Mackinder 3, A. S. Richards (conductor) 4, J. Page-Wood 5.

At St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, A. Holden (first quarter-peal) 6, F. J. Ewens 7, Edwin Hunt 8. Also 720 of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: H. J. Hunt 1, F. Marchant 2, F. Farr 3, Edwin Hunt 4, J. Martin 5, *V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, *J. E. Atkin 8. * First 720.

Mr. William Ireland, who has been a member of the Diss, Norfolk, company for 63 years, attained his 83rd birthday on Jubilee Day.

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A peal on his Parish Church bells for the Jubilee celebration was rung the next day.

It was intended to ring a Jubilee peal of Caters at Pontefract, but Triples had to be substituted after meeting short.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

The Metropolitan Police, whose strenuous duties kept them fully employed during Jubilee week, have not failed to mark the national celebrations with a peal, but they were unable to do so until Tuesday of last week.

The first clerical peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung, which was accomplished at East Hagbourne, Berks, on Wednesday week, while several of the ringing parsons were having a week's relaxation, was a Silver Jubilee event.

Four ringers for their Majesties' Coronation 25 years ago rang for the Jubilee celebrations at Harwich. They were C. J. Ellis, B. Elmer, J. Alderton and G. Thompson. Others who took part in the Jubilee ringing were F. Chaplin, E. Scarfe, A. Alderton, S. Jennings, G. House, F. Ramplin and B. Good. Attempts for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief, but altogether 3,500 changes were rung, and at noon the bells were 'fired' 25 times.

At Barnwood, Gloucestershire, the day's rejoicings were opened by the 'firing' of a royal salute on the bells of the Parish Church at 9 a.m. Afterwards an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band unfortunately failed after two hours' ringing. After further ringing another royal salute was 'fired,' and the bells were then lowered in peal. A 'Jubilee' peal has since been successful.

There are only three bells at Caversfield, Oxfordshire, but they were rung on Jubilee Day, when three enthusiasts rang 720 of Stedman Singles in 33 minutes: F. Sharpe 1, J. Evans 2, E. Kinch 3.

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, short touches were rung at Bicester, Ambrosden, Piddington, Islip, Kirtlington, Bletchington and Lower Heyford in the Deanery of Bicester. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Stratton: Audley H. Timms 1, R. Stevens 2, C. Stockley 3, F. Timms 4, J. Sausome 5.

For the Jubilee celebration at Barking, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Worboys 1, W. Beard 2, E. G. Moore 3, C. Fenn 4, D. C. Wardell 5, C. E. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottis (conductor) 7, E. H. Lucas 8.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Bradwell, Bucks, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): A. Lathall 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, A. May 4, C. Alderman 5, T. Bird 6.

Before a special thanksgiving service at Launton, Oxfordshire, 720 Union Doubles by F. Sharpe 1, E. Castle 2, T. Marriott 3, H. Gregory 4, J. Marriott, sen. 5, T. Massey 6. The bells were also rung for an hour as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

In connection with the local celebrations of the Jubilee at Colchester, the bells of St. Peter's Church were rung during the morning, commencing with a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: V. Kerridge 1, R. Cadamy (first quarter-peal) 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, G. A. Wightman 5, W. Dent 6, W. Chalk (conductor) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. After which the bells were 'fired' in a royal salute of '21 shots,' with H. T. Pye taking the treble. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a touch of 672 Superlative Surprise, etc., were successfully rung, the bells being 'fired' again on both occasions.

THANKSGIVING TOUCHES.

On Jubilee Day for the thanksgiving service at Pulborough, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: L. D. W. Attfield 1, C. S. Greenfield 2, A. V. Corden 3, W. Tyson (first quarter-peal) 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, A. E. Holden 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

The first quarter-peal for all except the conductor and the first on the bells was rung on Jubilee Day at St. Mary's Church, Highley, Kidderminster: E. Howe 1, J. Davies 2, E. Brown (conductor) 3, W. Turner 4, W. E. Unitt 5, J. Blount 6. The method was Grandsire Doubles.

At Streatham, on Saturday, May 11th, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, for Jubilee united thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. E. Bish 1, H. Mance 2, W. Essery 3, L. Franks (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, D. Barnard 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTER'S BEREAVEMENT.

DEATH OF MRS. E. P. DUFFIELD.

Mr. E. P. Duffield, who holds the two important offices of Master of the College Youths and Master of the Essex Association, has sustained a great bereavement by the death of his wife, Mrs. Martha Ann Duffield, who succumbed in a nursing home last Friday after undergoing two operations for appendicitis and peritonitis. Her illness was only of about twelve days' duration, and in this tragically sad loss of a devoted wife Mr. Duffield will have the sincere sympathy of ringers throughout the country.

Mrs. Duffield, who was only 36 years of age, will be much missed in Lexden, Colchester, where they lived, for she was always willing to assist in any good work.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the officiating minister being the Rev. D. W. Langridge, M.A., of Union Church, Brighton, a personal friend, and until recently minister at Lion Walk Congregational Church, Colchester, which Mr. and Mrs. Duffield attended.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW TO RING STEDMAN.

There are probably many ringers, beginners or otherwise, who can ring Grandsire and Plain Bob, but who have not yet 'got hold' of Stedman. There are a few people (no less an authority than Canon Coleridge among them, if we are not mistaken) who argue that Stedman should be the first method taught to a beginner in change ringing. Be that as it may, Stedman should be learned early. It is one of the oldest and most interesting of the odd-bell methods, and is not so extraordinarily difficult to ring if properly understood.

The method is based upon the production of the changes on three bells. These, as readers well know, are six in number, and Stedman is divided into 'sixes.' When three bells come together on the front they ring all the possible six changes before parting company, and while they are doing this the bells above them are double dodging in pairs. There are two ways in which the six changes can be rung, one the reverse of the other:—

123	123
213	132
231	312
321	321
312	231
132	213

At the end of each 'six,' one bell goes away into the dodging in 4-5 up and another comes from the dodging in 4-5 down to take its place. Thus all the bells in turn share in the work of the 'sixes' in front.

The two ways of ringing the sixes shown above are rung alternately—not, of course, on the same three bells, as one goes away at the end of the first six and another takes its place in the second. This alternate work results in one bell remaining in front only for the six changes, before going off again into the dodging. It hunts straight to lead from the completed dodging in 4-5 down, leads a whole pull 'right,' that is, at hand stroke and back stroke, and then goes straight out to double dodge in 4-5 up. This is called a 'quick-bell.'

The bell that comes next into the work of the 'six' is called a 'slow bell,' for the reason that its work keeps it on the front for five consecutive sixes, and it is this slow work which requires careful memorising.

It is divided into two 'whole turns' (first and last) and two 'half-turns' (first and last), the latter two coming between the two former while between each third's place (a whole pull) is made.

A 'whole turn' consists of two whole pulls at lead with one blow in second's place between; and a 'half-turn' consists of one blow at lead, made while the whole turn bell is doing its one blow in second's place.

The beginner, therefore, must carefully learn the order in which these pieces of work come. The 'slow' work begins and ends with 3rd's place and can be memorised as follows:—

Make 3rd's; FIRST WHOLE TURN, which means: Lead a whole pull wrong (back and hand), strike one blow in 2nd's, and lead a whole pull right (hand and back).

Make 3rd's; FIRST HALF TURN, which means: Lead one blow at hand stroke.

Make 3rd's; LAST HALF TURN, which means: Lead one blow at back stroke.

Make 3rd's; LAST WHOLE TURN, which means: Lead a whole pull right (hand and back), strike one blow in 2nd's, and lead a whole pull wrong (back and hand).

Make 3rd's (and go up into 4-5 dodging).

It does not matter how many bells Stedman is rung on, whether 5, 7, 9 or 11, the quick and slow work is the same. In a plain course each bell does it alternately—if you were a quick bell last time you will be slow next, and vice versa.

The double dodging which comes between hardly needs detailed description. You step back twice in each dodging place before going on to the next, and when you are behind, having dodged in 4-5 up in Doubles or 6-7 up in Triples, you turn round, by lying a whole pull, and begin to dodge down.

NEW RING OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

St. Mark's Church, Worsley, will soon possess a fine ring of ten bells, tenor 24 cwt., the order having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to recast and rehang the existing eight into a heavier peal and add two trebles to make ten.

BLETCHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. Jack Day, one of the ringers at St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks, has passed away, and with the bells half-muffled his colleagues rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in his memory before the morning service on Sunday: L. Stonton (first quarter-peal and aged 13 years) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, F. Stonton 3, H. F. Morris 4, H. V. Sear 5, A. G. Crane 6, W. Scar 7, R. W. Scar 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the visit of the Central Council to Shrewsbury:—

Peal attempts: Names to be sent to me by Monday, May 27th. Please state method and tower preferred.

Towers available: Ten bells, Coalbrookdale (tenor 19 cwt.), up to 6.45 on Saturday, any time on Monday. Eight bells, Condover (tenor 14 cwt.), any time Saturday or Monday; Ellesmere (tenor 14 cwt.), Saturday and Monday; Market Drayton (tenor 18 cwt.), Saturday and Monday; Oswestry (tenor 17 cwt.), 9-5 Saturday, 12-5 Monday; Shifnal (tenor 20 cwt.), both days, ropes bad; Wistanstow (tenor 14 cwt.), both days; Wem (tenor 14 cwt.), both days. Six bells. Clive (tenor 25 cwt.), any time Saturday and Monday; Moreton Corbett (tenor 8 cwt.), Saturday or Monday.

Saturday.—St. Chad's bells will probably be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Sunday.—Service ringing, St. Chad's 10-11 and 5.30-6.30; St. Mary's (10 bells), 5.45-6.30, touches not to exceed 20 minutes.

Monday.—Conducted tour of Shrewsbury, 10.30-12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30. It is hoped to arrange some ringing.

Tuesday.—Meeting at 11 o'clock. Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 10.55?

Official reception of the Australian tourists at 12.45.

Lunch, Lion Hotel, 1.15. Please send names to me. The charge is 2s. 6d.

Afternoon session at 2.30. Members and friends will be the guests of the Shropshire Association to tea. Please send names to me.

Social evening at the Lion Hotel. It is hoped to arrange some ringing.

A demonstration will be given by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse on his change ringing machine. Times later.

At the lunch on Tuesday the Australian tourists will be the guests of the Council.

It is very important that names for peal attempts, lunch and tea be sent to me forthwith, in order that arrangements may be completed.

Members are also asked to forward any change of address, as various papers are being circulated shortly.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

THOMAS HEARNE.

BICENTENARY OF THE DIARIST.

Most of our scanty knowledge of ringing in Oxford in the early eighteenth century we owe to Thomas Hearne, a Berkshire diarist. This year is the bicentenary of his death, and it is to be commemorated by the erection of a tablet to his memory in White Waltham Church, near Maidenhead, by the Berkshire Archæological Society.

Hearne's enthusiasm for ringing makes it appropriate that bells should be associated with this commemoration, and ringers are invited to the proceedings, which begin at 3 p.m. The proceedings will open with a short touch on handbells, Dr. Inge (late Dean of St. Paul's and president of the Archæological Society) will explain the object of the function, and in the dedication service the tablet will be unveiled and an address given by Dr. H. E. Salter, M.A., Hon.D.Litt. Tea will follow and the five bells of the church will be open for ringing.

Contributions to the memorial will be welcomed, and those desiring tea must communicate with Mr. F. M. Underhill, Loxley, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT ST. AGNES.

Glorious weather marked the half-yearly meeting of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, which was held at St. Agnes (properly pronounced with a silent 'g') on Saturday, May 11th. The bells are a light ring of six (tenor 6½ cwt.), recast in 1905 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and hang in a somewhat small tower, crowned with a finely tapering spire. There were exactly fifty present, including Dr. J. Symons (president) and Miss Eileen Symons, Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (diocesan secretary), and ringers from Gulval, St. Gluvias, Redruth, Camborne, Tuckingmill, Illogan, Perranzabuloe and Truro Cathedral.

The usual service was conducted and the address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Roffe-Silvester), after which tea was most generously provided in the Church Hall by the Vicar and Mrs. Roffe-Silvester, who were heartily thanked for their kind hospitality.

At the business meeting a suggestion was brought forward to organise a charabanc party to give all a chance to attend the annual festival, which is to be held at Stratton, near Bude, in the extreme north-east of Cornwall, on Saturday, July 20th. Mr. Southeard undertook to do his best to arrange it.

Lt.-Col. Jerram commended the recent appeal from Redruth to rehang the bells (will the two trebles be added—there is a frame for eight?), and urged all to give to this deserving case.

St. Kea (eight bells) was suggested for the autumn meeting, and arrangements were left for the district secretary for the last Saturday in September if possible.

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on May 30th, St. Andrew's on the 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m., and on Sunday the 26th at 5.30 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (1885-1935). — Jubilee arrangements on Saturday, May 25th, at Brighton are: Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 1.30-3.30; Good Shepherd, 2.30-3.30; annual meeting, St. Peter's Parish Room, 3.45; special service, St. Peter's, 5.15, address by the Bishop of Chichester; dinner and concert, Old Ship Hotel, 6.30.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following at the Oak Cafe, Church Street. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, May 25th. Bells, recently augmented to eight, from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Stanmore bells after tea. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Clavering. 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.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, May 25th. Usual arrangements.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. E. Meurig Davies).—W. Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The next meeting will be held at Peatling Parva on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — The next 6-bell meeting has been arranged on Saturday, May 25th, at Clewer, 3 p.m., and Winkfield 6.30 p.m. Tea 1s.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at Appleton on Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops-Lydeard on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. —P. Merson, Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Downham Market (eight bells) to-morrow, Saturday, May 25th. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting at Benington will be held to-morrow, Saturday, May 25th. Come and see the old-world village in its spring beauty. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel, to-morrow, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen heartily invited. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 29th?—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Vincent's, Littlebourne, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. As the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Manley) has very generously invited those attending to tea at the Vicarage, it is particularly requested that those intending to be present notify me on or before Thursday, May 30th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 1st. The usual arrangements for ringing, service and tea. Please notify Mr. E. Vine, Newdigate Village Club, near Dorking, for tea by May 29th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 28th. Business meeting afterwards. Kindly let us have a large muster.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, by Wednesday, May 29th. Please remember that this date is set apart for your convenience and enjoyment. Business important.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Cockington, Torquay, on Saturday, June 1st, 1935. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; also St. Saviour's, Torre (6), from 6.30 p.m. Service Cockington Church 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Orient Cafe, Union Street, Torquay, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach me not later than first post Tuesday, May 28th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. (pro tem), Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) 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 28th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (8d. each) and meeting. A good meeting hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, June 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Secretary by Tuesday, May 28th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter Street, Northampton.

BEARSTED, KENT.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held on June 1st at 6.30 p.m. Methods for special practice, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Every ringer welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

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BICENTENARY OF THOMAS HEARNE.—A tablet to the memory of Thomas Hearne, the diarist, who died in 1735, will be unveiled in White Waltham Church, Berks, on Saturday, June 1st, at 3 p.m. The five bells will be available, and the Berkshire Archæological Society will welcome any ringers. Those requiring tea must communicate before May 30th with Mr. F. M. Underhill, Loxley, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Allendale, Saturday, June 1st. Particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available any time after 2.30 p.m. Time of service to be arranged later. Tea in the Institute, price 1s. each, proceeds to be given to the Church Hall Fund. Please look up Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—S. G. Shipp, Branch Sec., Wilburton, Cambs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tirley, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday, May 29th.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 6. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, June 1st. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs, before May 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirby-le-Soken on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5.15 p.m. Bus service from station, also from Colchester. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A. Barton's bus leaves Ilkeston quarter past the hour, and also from Sandiacre Square quarter to the hour. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me early, as the Rector has kindly promised to provide tea and would like to know how many are coming. He is also very interested in the ringing. Please come.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The next meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Capenhurst (6 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open at three o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury Parish Church on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than May 30th.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on Saturday, June 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. The splendid peal of six bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover (8 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. For tea notify Mr. J. Saxton, Moorfield Lane, Bolsover. Please send in.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—There will be a practice meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 1st, for the purpose of practising Court Triples. Tower open at 2.30. Diagrams of this simple method will be sent on application to me.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—On Saturday, June 1st, by kind permission of the Dean, a meeting is being held at the Cathedral (St. Albans) to open the newly augmented peal of twelve. Ringing from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when the usual service is held, and then from 6 until 8.30 p.m. Tea at Bugler's Rooms, Market Place, at 5 p.m. To ensure making ample arrangements for tea, it is essential to let either of the undersigned know by Thursday, May 30th. Come and have a ring on this grand peal, the only peal of 12 in the county.—H. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans; W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Highclere on Saturday, June 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The 56th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 10th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 10th. The Central Committee meet in All Saints' Upper Vestry at 10.45. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, R.D. Lunch at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Will those requiring lunch tickets please apply (with remittance, 2s. 3d. each) by June 3rd to Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, or the general secretary? Towers open for ringing: St. Giles' 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 5.45; All Saints' 10 to 12; Holy Sepulchre 10 to 11.30; St. Edmund's and St. Peter's 3 to 7; Kingsthorpe and Old Duston 3 to 6.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

25th ANNIVERSARY of dedication of Truro Cathedral bells, June 21st.—A festival will be held at the Cathedral to commemorate this event. All ringers are invited to attend, especially life members of the Diocesan Guild. Ringing 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names please by June 1st to C. E. Lanxon, Hon. Sec., 11, Ferris Town, Truro.

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Apart from this special event in connection with the proceedings, the meeting at Shrewsbury promises to be not only interesting to the members of the Council, but of importance to ringers generally and, judging by the agenda, the debates are not likely to be without liveliness. There is, at any rate, material for animated discussion, and the subject of separating the categories of spliced peals is not unlikely to show up a sharp division of opinion. There is unquestionably, among those who have had anything to do with the ringing of peals with constant changes of method, a decided opinion that these compositions should be provided with a distinctive term to define them. There certainly can be no two views that these peals are in a totally different class to those in which just two or three methods are joined up in long lengths, and to such extreme and inelegant examples as joining half a peal of Grandsire Caters and half a peal of Bob Royal. The difficulty in this matter is, however, where shall the dividing line be drawn? In any case, it has got to be an arbitrary line, and it will be for the Council to settle where this division of the classes shall come.

There is one other point about the forthcoming Council meeting that is worth noting. It will be the last under the old constitution. The new rules adopted two years ago come into full force and effect after the Shrewsbury meeting, and the various associations and guilds will henceforth stand on a different footing in relation to the Council. The tie between the Council will be made definite by an act of affiliation, and the Council will be-

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come an organisation of which the associations are themselves an integral part. For the first time the actual basis of calculating the representation will be laid down for territorial organisations, and all affiliated societies will be required to subscribe an affiliation fee for the full number of members they are entitled to elect, as well as to undertake loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. After Shrewsbury the Council will no longer represent a body of individual opinion but will be officially the voice of organised ringing throughout the British Isles.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*GEORGE GUNNELL	*Treble*	FRANK LAWRENCE	5
FRED HAWKES	2	WILLIAM HALFORD	6
†EDWARD MAUND	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
JOSEPH LAWRENCE	4	HENRY BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells 'inside.'

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE BALL	*Treble*	HARRY L. SMITH	5
HORACE MOULT	2	†WILLIAM BALL	6
†GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
†J. HAROLD SPENCER	4	FRANK MASON	*Tenor*

Transposed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

CYRIL DAVIES	*Treble*	PERCY JONES	5
NORMAN PORTER	2	HARRY BROUGHTON	6
*CLIFFORD JONES	3	GEORGE COOKE	7
WILLIAM PIKE	4	*EDWARD JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. COOKE.

* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAYS' SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM CROSS	*Treble*	WALTER GORTON	5
*ROBERT EASTHAM	2	WILLIAM BAXENDALE	6
HAROLD GORTON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EDWARD BENTLEY WEBSTER	4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD GORTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*EDWARD MILLINGTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM CATHERALL	5
JOHN USHER	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS	7
†FRED HARTMAN	4	*O. DOWNHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. The towers represented by the ringers were Llangollen, Wrexham, Mold, Chester, Gresford, Hawarden and Buckley.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM GOULD	*Treble*	JOHN J. YATES	5
ERNEST LEATHERBARROW	2	THOMAS GRIMSHAW	6
*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	3	JAMES ORME	7
WILLIAM HAMPSON	4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal in the method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. JONES	5
THOMAS WORRALL	2	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS	6
GEORGE CONDICK	3	HENRY NEWMAN	7
JOHN AUSTIN	4	ALBERT MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung for the Jubilee service attended by the British Legion.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

ROBERT W. COOKE	*Treble*	†EDWARD C. COOKE	5
*MISS JESSIE COOKE	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
†A. MAURICE LOVELL	3	GEORGE A. COOKE	7
†VINCENT R. OWENS	4	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. The ringers of the treble and tenor rang their first peal together 21 years ago.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, May 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
VICTOR G. H. HEMUS	2	*ROGER W. DANIELS	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
C. HOWARD STANLEY	4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWIGHT.
* First peal of Bristol.

LONDON.
THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.
On Tuesday, May 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	"A" Division	*Treble*	
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER	"G"	2	
C.-Insp. WM. BOTTRILL	"T"	3	
P.S. THOS. G. BANNISTER	"N"	4	
P.S. GEORGE SHIPP	"D"	5	
P.S. CYRIL PEASE	"V"	6	
P.C. CHAS. WILMINGTON	"K"	7	
P.C. JAMES G. A. PRIOR	"B"	*Tenor*	

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.
Conducted by Chief-Inspector W. BOTTRILL.
Rung by eight serving members of the Metropolitan Police.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

Rev. E. S. POWELL	*Treble*	Rev. E. G. BENSON	5
Rev. R. P. FARROW	2	Rev. A. G. G. THURLOW	6
Rev. F. LL. EDWARDS	3	Rev. C. ELLIOT WIGG	7
Rev. C. CAREW COX	4	Rev. W. M. K. WARREN	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. C. CAREW COX.
The first clerical peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN S. MORTON	5
HARRY HOVERD	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	6
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK	3	*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal in the method.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM COLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT H. HARRIS	5
*ALBERT GREENHALL	2	JOSEPH H. COX	6
THOMAS GREENHALL	3	WILLIAM H. WEBB	7
WILLIAM BROWN	4	*WILLIAM M. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY
* First peal. All are members of the local band.

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DEVIZES, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, May 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S. Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

LOUIS A. WILSON	*Treble*	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	2	SIDNEY HILLIER	6
JESSE FRANCIS	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	7
WILLIAM C. WEST	4	*FREDERICK T. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* First peal on eight bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING	*Treble*	JAMES G. RUMSEY	5
WILLIAM SMITH	2	ARTHUR E. SMITH	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
GEORGE R. FINCH	4	ALDERMAN LING, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. M. BAILEY.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
FRANK LORD	2	ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in five methods.

GUISEBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. P. KEMBALL	*Treble*	*E. POTTER	4
G. HUSBAND	2	B. PYBUS	5
*J. DRURY	3	J. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. REED.
* First peal and first attempt.

CHART SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six of Lindoff's 840's called differently.

MRS. H. BAKER	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. TAYLOR	4
HARRY BAKER	2	NELSON C. BOURNE	5
FREDERICK B. MORRIS	3	*HERBERT F. GOODEARL	*Tenor*

Conducted by NELSON C. BOURNE.
* First peal and first attempt. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*WILLIAM SHARP	*Treble*	EDWARD FROSSELL	4
WILLIAM DAVIDSON	2	†REGINALD BROCKET	5
CHARLES BRANSON	3	REGINALD WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. WEST.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' This is believed to be the first peal on the bells; all the band are Sunday service ringers at this church.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARCHIE LATEALL... ... ...*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. MAY 4
J. EDWARD WHITLOCK ... 2	WILLIAM F. FRENCH... ... 5
CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... 3	*REGINALD H. HOWSON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. WHITLOCK.
* First peal and first attempt.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Reverse Canterbury, 1,800 of Bob Doubles in four callings and 2,520 of Grandsire in 10 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

L. J. HAWKINS ... ...*Treble*	F. J. MARSH... 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2	G. W. RENDELL 5
D. W. RANSOM 3	W. G. DELAMONT... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.
First peal in three methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

MILTON REGIS-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six six-scores of Stedman and 18 six-scores each of Bob Doubles and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4
WALTER H. DOBBIE 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	LESLIE B. DOBBIE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR S. BOAR.
First peal of Doubles on the bells and by all except the conductor.

BENTLEY, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, May 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob., 14 callings. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ALFRED E. RAGGETT ...*Treble*	REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... 4
†CHARLES W. DENYER ... 2	†EDWARD J. BRAGG 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER... 3	*CHARLES RAGGETT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN... ... ...*Treble*	FRED C. GINN 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ROBERT SMITH 5
STANLEY SHIPP 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON
The bells were 'fired' at the conclusion of the peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 changes each of Old Doubles, April Day and Canterbury Doubles, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...*Treble*	ROBERT J. GARDINER ... 4
*JACK PILGRIM 2	†NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 3	JAMES NUNN 8-... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Doubles. N. R. Bailey has now rung peals from Doubles to Maximus.

FELKIRK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of each of the following: Felkirk Delight, College Exercise, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CYRIL COOK ... ...*Treble*	‡HAROLD CHANT 4
†JOHN COPLEY 2	ERNEST COTT 5
MOSES PERRY 3	DANIEL SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 50th peal. Rung immediately before the national thanksgiving service.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of nine methods, in seven extents, viz.: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; and one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WILLIAM ATKINSON ... ...*Treble*	KENNETH C. LEWIS 4
STANLEY ARDERN... 2	ERNEST BENNETT 5
ADAM T. MARSLAND 3	JAMES A. MILNER... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

BARNBY-IN-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one 720 of Oxford and Kent Spliced, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL... ...*Treble*	C. RONALD SMITH 4
*ARTHUR MULVEY 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL... ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells.

MANACCAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*O. LOVESEY ... ...*Treble*	*J. NINNES 4
*E. COSSENTINE 2	LT. COL. C. F. JERRAM ... 5
*H. NINNES 3	*J. VAGUE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. JERRAM.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung by the local band. This peal was unavoidably postponed from Jubilee Day.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, all different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM HOULTON 4
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY... ... 2	ANTHONY V. DENT 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

SUTTON HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT HOLLY BANK, THE RESIDENCE OF A. E. WEST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores.

*COLIN A. HOPPER	1-2	†DEREK M. SHARP	3-4
*ALAN J. HOPPER	5-6		

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.
Witness—A. E. West.
* First peal. † First peal on 3-4 and first peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	1-2	HENRY HODGETTS	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	JOHN E. ROOTES	7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

OTHER PEALS.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
No. 57 J. CARTER'S BROADSHEET. Tenor 32 cwt.

PHYLLIS E. TILLETT	*Treble*	CHARLES CLARKE	7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT	3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	9
CHARLES MEE	4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	10
HARRY R. ROPER	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
FREDERICK J. SMITH	6	ERNEST FITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Fitch.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	*Treble*	*HERBERT KNIGHT	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
HENRY H. FEARN	3	P.S. HAROLD G. JENNEY	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
ALBERT WALKER	5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Percy Thomas, of Claines, Worcestershire.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. WHITE	6
FRANCES E. TAYLOR	2	GORDON CADDWELL	7
MRS. A. E. LOCK	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	8
*MISS MARIE R. CROSS	4	RICHARD A. POST	9
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	5	RICHARD WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, April 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WATHEN	*Treble*	*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL	2	SHELFORD SPARROW	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
CHARLES SHEMMING	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. GOFTON. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL
* First peal in the method 'inside.' This was the conductor's 200th peal.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED STEIN	*Treble*	JOHN E. RANDLES	5
SIDNEY RANDLES	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
ARTHUR PRINCE	3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	ARTHUR TILSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.
Rung with half-muffled bells as a last token of respect to Mr. A. Bagot, Vicar's warden, who was interred the previous day.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. The 100th peal Roland Biggs has rung with his father. Rung on the 72nd birthday of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM PEARSON	5
HORACE FOX	2	EDWARD ATKINSON	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	FRED NEWTON	7
HARRY C. WALTERS	4	CHARLES BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN.	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
WILLIAM G. GRACE	3	WALTER F. TYLER	6
JACK DAFTERS	2	EDMUND MOUNTER	7
*HARRY WARNETT, JUN.	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by J. BENNETT.
* First peal in the method.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

S. SPARROW... ... ...*Treble*		A. GRIMWOOD 4	
E. CRACKNELL 2		*F. BORLEY 5	
*J. STEED 3		*F. ROPER ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by F. ROPER.

* First peal and first attempt.

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Single Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

VERNON PAGE ... ...*Treble*	ALFRED BAKER 4
*HAROLD BOORMAN 2	EDWARD TUMBER... 5
CHARLES TUMBER 3	WILLIAM NYE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First peal.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Monday, April 22, 1935, 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 and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

GEORGE R. TOWNES ... ...*Treble*	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
GEORGE A. TRENDALL ... 2	ROBERT C. LYON 5
GEORGE W. LARKIN 3	ALEC M. GENERY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

PEBMARSH.

On Sunday, May 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FREDERICK TOWNES ... ...*Treble*	*VICTOR BUTTLE 4
GEORGE TRENDELL 2	ROBERT LYON 5
ALEC GENERY 3	GEORGE TOWNES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE TOWNES.

* First peal.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ...*Treble*	EDWARD J. BRAGG 4
CHARLES W. DENYER... ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in January, 1934.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Single Court, Childwall Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS L. NEAL ... ...*Treble*	VERNON TAYLOR 4
*HARRY JOHNSON... 2	JACK KEMP 5
*ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JACK YOUNG ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STILL WITHOUT A TREASURER.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ossett on Saturday, May 18th, when the fine new peal of ten bells were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Excellent arrangements had been made by the local company, and this, in no small measure, contributed to the success of the meeting.

A meeting of the General Committee was held during the afternoon.

An excellent tea was served in the schools, during which the Bishop of Wakefield very kindly looked in on his way to Leeds to offer a welcome to the association to that part of his diocese.—The Vicar of Ossett, the Rev. G. H. Marshall, D.S.O., the Mayor of Ossett and various other churchworkers were also present, a company of 60 in all sitting down.

The president, Canon C. C. Marshall, presided over the meeting, supported by the Vicar and Mayor of Ossett. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. W. Dale, S. F. Palmer, G. Halksworth, W. Ambler and G. Scarth.

Arising out of the minutes, the President stated that he had approached two members regarding the post of hon. treasurer made vacant by the death of Mr. J. Cotterell, but neither had felt able to accept. Another member had been suggested, but at the moment the association was still without a treasurer.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Canon Marshall, who said that he understood various other members of the church were present. The association, said Canon Marshall, was highly favoured by and appreciated their presence at that meeting. He thanked them for the opportunity of holding a meeting at Ossett, and hoped that as a result of that meeting a more cordial relationship would exist between the association and the local company and that in the future it would be maintained to the fullest measure.—This was seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

ASSOCIATION WELCOMED TO OSSETT.

The Mayor of Ossett replied first. They were, he said, proud of their church in Ossett and proud also of their new peal of ten bells, and they were glad to welcome the association to Ossett. He hoped to be among them many times. He was not a ringer himself, but the local company kept him as a full member. The reason, he explained, was that they occasionally had an outing, and on these occasions they made full use of his membership and his car (laughter and applause).

The Vicar of Ossett said they felt honoured by the visit of the association, the first, he believed, they had paid them. Since they had had their new bells there had been a new spirit among their ringers, and he was anxious for that spirit to spread throughout the country. Although that was the association's first visit, he hoped very much it would not be the last. He gave them a most hearty welcome and hoped they had enjoyed their visit.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their excellent arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and supported by the president, who expressed his thanks for the welcome given to him not only on that occasion, but on other occasions when he has visited them for ten-bell practice. He was particularly grateful to Mr. G. Bennett for all he had done to make their visit such a success.—In reply, Mr. Bennett said it had given him much pleasure to make the arrangements, and he hoped it would not be so long again before they paid another visit.

Subject to the necessary permission being granted, Birstwith was chosen for the September meeting, to be held on the 21st of the month.

The following new members were elected: Mr. J. B. Hutchinson (Stillington), hon. member; Messrs. R. H. Vigor and E. Bradley (Sherburn-in-Elmet), D. Ludley, J. Claughton and J. D. Armitage (Guiseley) and W. Johnson (St. Giles', Pontefract).

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion were given for the September meeting:—

1. In view of the fact that the revenue (yearly) account of the association continues to show a substantial credit balance, the cost of providing the teas at the annual general meeting be met annually out of the aforesaid account, to all those members who give due notice of their intention to be present, provided that the liability thereby involved does not exceed the sum of £7 in any one year, in which case a small charge per head be made to cover the cost over and above the said amount.—To be moved by Mr. G. Robinson and seconded by Mr. C. E. Lawson.
2. That life membership of the association be extended after this year to all who joined the association between 1895 and 1900.—To be moved by the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) and seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The vacancy on the Central Council caused by the death of Mr. J. Cotterell was left open, as no member present felt able to accept it.

Mr. P. J. Johnson very kindly expressed the pleasure of those present to have the general secretary (Mr. J. E. Cawser) with them again after his operation, and Canon Marshall supported his remarks.—The secretary acknowledged this, and assured the members that the letter of good wishes he received from the president on their behalf whilst he was in hospital was much appreciated.

This concluded the business.

JUBILEE MEETING AT MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

KENT RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

A representative gathering of members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, together with visitors outside the district assembled at Milton on Saturday, May 11th, for the quarterly meeting. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, had come from Tunstall, Rainham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Gravesend, Swanscombe, Northfleet, Halstow, Dartford, Erith, Barnehurst, Bromley and Chelmsford, and a most encouraging sign was the presence of a good number of younger members.

The bells were available during the afternoon, and the Rector of Milton conducted the ringers' form of service, at which the organist had very kindly made it his business to be in attendance. During the closing hymn a collection was made in aid of the County Benevolent Fund.

At the conclusion of the service the assembled company, numbering about 80, were entertained to tea, by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, the gathering being also honoured by the presence of the Rector and Mrs. Powell. The tea was served by the wives and daughters of the local band, under the able guidance of Mrs. Mitchell, and the guests manifested their great appreciation of the home-produced delicacies in no uncertain manner.

Previous to the business meeting a course of Double Norwich Major on the handbells was performed by Messrs. Audsley, Beer, Butcher and Cross, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was conducted by the Rector. Several new members were elected, and a comprehensive account of the General Committee meeting, held at Rochester on Easter Monday, was rendered by Mr. E. J. Beer, one of the district representatives.—Borden was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and the secretary was also instructed to arrange a bye-meeting at Meopham.

Mr. Spice, the veteran representative on the District Committee, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell for their great kindness in entertaining the company. He congratulated Mr. Mitchell (who is hon. secretary of the Kent County Association) on celebrating his 25 years of office as leader of the band at Milton, and said he hoped he (Mr. Spice, who has already celebrated his golden wedding) would be present when Mr. Mitchell celebrated his next jubilee as leader of the Milton band.—The district secretary seconded the vote, which was very enthusiastically carried with musical honours.

The Rector of Milton also spoke in highly appreciative terms of Mr. Mitchell's services, and said it was a matter of great satisfaction

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Another happy and successful meeting was held by the 'Leeds' Society at Batley on Saturday last, when ringers from Armley, Birstall, Batley, Brighouse, Burley, Drighlington, Elland, Earlsheaton, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Lindley, Northowram, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley and Sherburn-in-Elmet were able to take their choice in ringing from Grandsire to Surprise methods.

The business meeting was held in the tower, at which the following were elected new members, Miss Mary Stitson and Edwin Hallas, of Drighlington, Edward Bradley, of Sherburn, and Ewart William Holroyd, of Brighouse.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of Batley.

The next meeting is due to be held at Idle on Saturday, June 29th.

'ONE OF THE WORST' IN KENT.

On Saturday, May 18th, after meeting one short for a peal of Minor at Pluckley, Kent, a quarter-peal of Doubles (five of Plain Bob and 5-4 Grandsire, 1,260 changes), tenor 16 cwt. in F: W. Gorringe 1, F. Relf 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, J. G. Powell 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells, and was rung on the back five. They are considered one of the worst-going peals of six in the county, but the band found them quite pealable.

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to him to be associated with and have for a leader of such a loyal body of workers, Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell thanked everyone for their expression of feelings towards him and his wife, and said, so far as his services as leader of the ringers were concerned, this was only possible by the loyalty and goodwill of the rest of the band. He would specially like to thank Messrs. Ambrose and Burles, who had been with him during the whole of this period.

Mrs. Mitchell also thanked the members and incidentally remarked that she was glad to see that resentment of the male to the female ringers was now practically extinct.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for granting permission for the use of the bells and for conducting the service and the meeting, to the organist, and also the ladies who attended to their wants at the tea.

The tower bells were kept in use in touches of Grandsire Triples for the beginners, interspersed with Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major, and one of the best meetings of the district terminated all too soon at 9.15 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The hon. secretary of the Central Council issued his 'final' notice a fortnight ago to societies who have not paid the fees for their representatives.

It would be an unhappy position for any member of the Council to make the journey to Shrewsbury and find he can neither speak nor vote in the Council meeting.

It has happened at other Council meetings and will happen again at Shrewsbury unless certain association and guild treasurers get busy.

They grumble when their own members get behind with their subscriptions. The Central Council subscriptions were due, like the income tax, on January 1st. Those treasurers who have not sent on the fees have, of course, been too busy, or else forgetful, so we are just jogging their memory—unofficially.

But, perhaps, since last we heard of the position of affairs, all defaulters have paid up. If so, well and good, and there is no need for anyone to don the cap, if it doesn't fit. The address of the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council can be found in several of our recent issues.

Who is the youngest lady to call a peal? Miss Rene Redpath has conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at the age of 15.

We understand that a move is being made towards the formation of a London University Guild of Bellringers, and an application has been made to the authorities for permission to use the title.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Macclesfield last week in celebration of the ringing jubilee of Mr. J. Norbury. Mr. Norbury has put in all his 50 years of service at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, and for the greater portion of the time has been leader of the tower.

The Cathedral Chapter of Truro have been pleased to accept a patent balanced clapper for the tenor bell at the Cathedral as a personal gift from Mr. E. Denison Taylor, principal of the well-known Loughborough Foundry, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of ten, which comes round on June 21st. The Sub-Dean, Canon H. W. Sedgwick, made the news public by reporting it to the Friends of Truro Cathedral, who held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on May 13th. Viscount Falmouth is the president of this body.

The proposed attempt for a record peal of Superlative has been postponed. Only four ringers were available for the date chosen, which clashes with the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury.

The ring of ten bells of Leighton Buzzard Church, Beds, are shortly to undergo retuning and rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

'SMASH' ON CLERICAL RINGING TOUR.

FORTUNATE ESCAPE IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Four of the party who were with the clerical ringers during their week in Berkshire had a narrow escape from serious injury. The Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were motoring to Hinton Waldrist, and, on entering the village, were involved in a collision with a butcher's van coming out of a by-road. The clerical car skidded for a distance and then fell over on its off-side. Fortunately none of the passengers were injured beyond a severe shaking and bruising. The near-side passengers climbed out through the upturned doors and the other two through the sliding roof. Although the bodywork of the car was badly battered, the 'works' were unharmed, and, after some delay, the party were able to proceed to the church tower and continue their activities.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad if the conductors who called the first peal in the following methods will forward the figures of a lead either to me or to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, 65, Kingsley Avenue, Ealing: Whitminster, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Belvedere, Wicken and Buckingham.

I should also be glad of particulars of any new method when it is rung so that the new book on Surprise methods may be accurate and up to date.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
For the Methods Committee.

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BELLS FOR THE 'MAY QUEEN.'

At Hayes, Kent, Parish Church on Saturday, May 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by the following: A. Purdom 1. *H. Mackinder 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3. J. Liddiard 4, *M. F. Oakshett 5, A. S. Richards (first in the method as conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival of crowning the 'May Queen of London,' on Hayes Common.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

FIFTY YEARS OF USEFUL WORK.

Celebration at Brighton.

Last Saturday, the Sussex County Association celebrated its jubilee with a gathering at Brighton, where, in January, 1885, it was founded. The auspicious event brought together a large and representative company, and included young and old. There were present at least four out of the dozen or so surviving foundation members. One was Mr. F. B. Tompkins, of Chichester, whose father was the first treasurer of the association and who succeeded him in that office, later to become Master of the association, a position he held for many years. Another was Mr. Charles Tyler, of Henfield, who was also in the first peal rung by the association, and, years after, conducted the only peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung in the county and by the association. This was on handbells, for there is yet no ring of twelve bells in Sussex. Despite his advancing years, Mr. Tyler is training a company of boys at Henfield, and three of them, scarcely in their teens, were present with him on Saturday and took part in some round ringing. The two other foundation members present were Mr. B. Hobbs, who, elected with the Waldron band, has been at Eastbourne now for many years, and Mr. W. E. Mitchell, of Cuckfield, who began as a ringer, but is now an honorary member.

There were many present whose connection with the association had extended over 40 years, and who have served it faithfully and well in a variety of ways. The reunion of these old friends, several of whom came from outside the county, was not the least happy part of the successful proceedings. Ringing took place in the afternoon at three churches, St. Peter's (10), St. Nicholas' (10) and the Good Shepherd (8).

The annual meeting was held in St. Peter's Parish Room, a large attendance of members being presided over by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, who is president of the association, supported by the principal officers, Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master), Mr. H. R. Butcher (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary) and Mr. S. E. Armstrong (Southern Divisional secretary).

After the election of three new members attached to Billingshurst tower, Mr. F. B. Tompkins (a former Master of the association) proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet. The receipts in the general account, including £60 16s. from ringing members and £1 15s. from honorary annual members, amounted to £66 8s. 9d., and the expenditure to £61 15s. 1d., which included £23 9s. 5d., the expenses of the divisional meetings. The balance at the end of the year was £140 8s. 9d., an increase of £4 13s. 8d. The association also has an invested reserve fund of £50, a balance of £79 12s. in the Benevolent Fund and £2 8s. 9d. in the Certificate Fund.

TOWERS AND MEMBERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

The report for the year 1934 was as follows: Founded in 1885 with the threefold object of promoting scientific change ringing, the due care and use of bells and belfries, and the recognition of ringers as church officials, the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers celebrates its Jubilee this year. During this first stage of its history it has amply justified its existence by its activities in each of these departments, taking a leading part in the development of Surprise Major ringing, which was an outstanding feature of the nineties, and later in the case of Surprise Royal, while the record of ringing in the standard methods has been one of continued progress. As regards the care and use of bells and belfries, the towers are there to speak for themselves; and for those who can trace the stages of the transformation that has been effected between 1885 and 1935, no comment is necessary. No less remarkable is the change that has taken place in the recognition of ringers as church officials, of which the interest in and goodwill shown towards them by the clergy are a striking proof. In spite of the numerous counter-attractions of the present day, the number of affiliated towers and members continues to increase, and we welcome those younger members who are coming forward as ringers, conductors and office bearers, and on whom the future of the association will depend.

Mr. Tompkins congratulated the officers on the healthy state of the association's finances, and referred to the satisfactory balance in the Benevolent Fund. He however, asked the meaning of an item of 13s. 'photos for Australian albums.'—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who seconded, explained that the association, in common with the rest of the associations and guilds throughout the country, contributed pictures to the albums which the English tourists to Australia took with them for presentation to Melbourne Cathedral and Hobart Societies. Sussex contributed pictures of Chichester Cathedral, St. Peter's, Brighton, and Southover, Lewes.—The motion was adopted.

Mr. Tompkins, as one of the original members of the association, then proposed the re-election of the Bishop of Chichester as president, and, the motion having been carried, the Bishop said he was very grateful to the association for the honour they had done him. That was the first opportunity he had had of meeting the association face to face, and it was an especial pleasure on the occasion of their Jubilee. He had been connected as Dean with a famous Cathedral—Canterbury—with the bells of which was associated one who was well known by name to many of them, and to some of them in person. He referred to Minor Canon Helmore (applause). The Bishop added that he hoped to become acquainted with the Sussex belfries before long. He congratulated the association upon celebrating its Jubilee.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Canon J. C. H. How, the new Vicar of St. Peter's, Brighton.

THE MASTER'S RESIGNATION.

The Master said those who were present at the annual meeting last year would remember that he foreshadowed a position which he was now compelled to arrive at, in deference to advice he could not ignore. He could not offer himself for re-election as Master. He was more grateful than he could express for the kindness which the association had shown to him during the years he had held office, and he would always cherish that memory in his heart. Mr. H. R. Butcher had been approached by the committee and had kindly consented to fill the office, and he (Mr. Rickman) had pleasure in proposing him as Master.—Mr. A. C. Pankhurst seconded, and the motion was carried.

The President, in the name of the members, expressed gratitude to Mr. Rickman for his devoted services to the association, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins proposed that their appreciation should be recorded on the minutes and that Mr. Rickman be elected a vice-president of the association (applause).—Mr. Butcher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried and briefly acknowledged by Mr. Rickman.

In succession to Mr. Butcher, Mr. F. W. Stokes, of Eastbourne, was elected hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Stone was re-elected hon. secretary, and, at his request, Mr. S. E. Armstrong was elected assistant hon. secretary. Mr. F. I. Hairs was re-elected peals secretary and Messrs. N. Elliott and W. C. Hart hon. auditors. The trustees were also re-elected.

When it was proposed to re-elect Mr. Oliver Sippetts as the Central Council representative, Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that this was unnecessary, as under the rules of the Council a member was elected for the triennial period of the Council, or such portion of the period as remained after his election. The present triennial period did not expire until next year.—The President said that under these circumstances no election was necessary.

Brighton was selected for the next annual general meeting, receiving 38 votes, against 30 given for Chichester.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Rickman, to the Bishop for presiding and for the address which he was later to give, the Bishop briefly replying.

A WORK OF NOBILITY AND MYSTERY.

At the service subsequently held in St. Peter's Church, the singing was led by the choir and organ, and the Bishop gave an interesting address based on the words, 'Thou shalt use them for the calling of the congregation.' He pointed out that from the earliest times musical instruments had been used for summoning the people to worship, and almost from the dawn of Christianity in England bells had been used for the purpose. For hundreds of years in Sussex the bells had rung from the church towers, and the jubilee which they were celebrating that day, while it marked an epoch in the history of their County Association, also formed a landmark in the much longer history of change ringing in the belfries of the Sussex churches in village and in town. It was a very happy thing that they, who represented so many belfries in the county, should assemble at that service on their jubilee day and give thanks to God, not only as individuals, but as a great society of those who rang the church bells throughout the county. He would like to think that there in that service all the belfries of Sussex were invisibly present, and that those not represented by their own ringers were with them in spirit, so that on that day that service was a common act of jubilee of praise and thanksgiving from the innumerable belfries of Sussex.

Having referred to the many public uses of bells, the Bishop went on to say that he knew from his experience at Canterbury how ringers regarded their work as possessing a nobility and a mystery all its own. They looked upon ringing not only as a physical or athletic exercise, but as a mental experience, so to speak, which expressed something which they found in their own hearts. The ringer of to-day had a sense of strong responsibility about him, and the true ringer, who had grown for many years accustomed to the belfry, who valued the mystery of his art, did feel there was something sacred and something really religious about the work he did. No ringer, who remembered what he was doing and where he was, could fail to recollect the main purpose of his calling and that he, too, should play his part in the offering of worship to God. That day they thanked God for preserving the association through its 50 years. They would thank God, many of them, for calling them as individuals to the work of ringing, and they would go back from that service, from their meeting and from their social gathering that night with a new determination to be loyal to the great tradition of the change ringers of Sussex and with a new determination to perform their work as worshipping servants of Almighty God.

During the concluding hymn a collection was taken for the association's benevolent fund.

A dinner in celebration of the jubilee was held in the evening at the Old Ship Hotel, when Mr. J. T. Rickman presided over a company of nearly 120 and an interesting programme was carried out. A report of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

JUBILEE JOY BELLS.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S PROUD RECORD.

We give below further items of interesting ringing news concerning the Jubilee Joy Bells, including a report from distant Vancouver.

Mr. James George is the oldest ringer to ring a full peal for the Royal Jubilee. He took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Oakham, Rutland, in 3 hours 15 minutes, on May 11th, and last Monday he was 81½ years old! Mr. George has shared in many records, but this will be a highly cherished one that he can add to those which are his very own, such as turning in Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to a peal of Treble Bob Maximus the day after he was 72—an unheard of feat for a man of that age. That peal was rung for the funeral of the late Queen Alexandra and occupied 4 hours 7 minutes.

Ater the peal of Cambridge Minor at Willingham, Mr. and Mrs. Gleaves kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

Mr. Norman R. Bailey has now rung peals from Doubles to Maximus, and he completed this performance with the Doubles at Wissett, Suffolk, in celebration of the Jubilee.

The Jubilee celebrations in the village of Disley, Cheshire, included a peal of Minor in nine methods.

On Jubilee Day, Mr. W. Male, his son, Mr. J. Male, and his nine-year-old grandson, Master W. H. Male, assisted in ringing at St. Mary's Church, Warwick.

At Tunstall, Kent, on May 6th, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples previous to the broadcast service from St. Paul's Cathedral: F. Boorman 1, G. Kenward 2, G. H. Spice 3, Mrs. G. H. Spice 4, W. J. Webb 5, G. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

At Holy Trinity, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, the ringers opened the day at 9 a.m., and there was an hour's ringing for the Jubilee service at 11.15. In the afternoon the ringers journeyed some eight miles to the village of Elsham, nestling among trees in the valley, where the new peal of six bells at All Saints' Church by Taylor and Co. were rung, and were greatly appreciated by the villagers. The ringers then returned to Barrow, where at the home church in the evening they 'fired' the bells 25 times. Those taking part were E. Dannatt, J. W. Crowder, sen., A. Crowder, jun., E. Stainton, F. Elliott and E. Fowler.

VANCOUVER BELLS JOIN IN CELEBRATION.

On Monday, May 6th, on the bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, B.C., the King's Jubilee was celebrated with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. C. Limpus 1, R. J. Carrier 2, F. M. Bressey 3, George Roberts (conductor) 4, W. Sampson 5, Mathew Bennett 6, A. B. Lomas 7, T. Greenaway 8. Several touches of Bob Major and Grandsire were rung, in which Mr. Tapper, Mr. Fred Hird and Mr. Bond took part. Messrs. Limpus, Carrier, Bressey and Bennett took part in the first peal rung in Canada on July 1st, 1911, which is recorded on the walls of the tower as a coronation peal by command of His Majesty the King.

At St. Mary's, Putney, on Jubilee Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Bolton 1, C. Collis 2, W. T. Elson 3, J. Herbert 4, A. Williams 5, C. Moody 6, W. Malins (conductor) 7, W. Foster 8. Followed by 21 'shots.' This was rung previous to an open-air thanksgiving service, conducted by the Vicar.

At St. Mary's, Gressenhall, Norfolk, a date touch of Bob Minor (1,935 changes, arranged and conducted by J. A. Godfrey) was rung for Jubilee celebrations: G. Chambers (longest length) 1, S. Marshall 2, R. Bunning 3, G. Bunning 4, F. Rallison 5, J. A. Godfrey 6. The royal salute was 'fired' after the bells came into rounds.

The peal at Woolwich, rung as part of the Jubilee celebrations at Woolwich on the occasion of their Majesties' visit to South London, was also a birthday peal for Mr. Ben S. Thompson, of Norwich.

The Jubilee peal at Halesowen, Worcestershire, was rung on May 18th, the attempt on May 6th having come to grief.

At Weston-by-Welland, Leicestershire, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, the first attempt by H. R. Cory and J. Faulkner, were rung: Miss F. Hart (conductor) 1, H. R. Cory 2, J. Faulkner 3, Miss B. Hart 4, W. R. Hart 5.

At All Saints' Church, Thrumpton, Nottingham, for the Jubilee service on May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Dakin 1, C. Towers (first quarter-peal) 2, L. Shaw (first quarter-peal) 3, S. Adams 4, J. Booth (conductor) 5.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE RINGING PROGRESS IN SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

Despite the inclement weather and the difficulty of access, the meeting of the South-Western Division at Fobbing on Saturday, May 18th, was an unqualified success, upwards of 60 members putting in an appearance. The afternoon, which had been looked forward to for a long time, proved to be one of the worst on record, but wind, rain, hail and snow in turn did not damp the spirits of those present.

The village of Fobbing is situated some three miles from Stanford-le-Hope, just off the main Southend road, and its 10th century church and charming surroundings are well worth a visit. Situated on a hill, a splendid view of the Thames Estuary is obtained, and, despite the weather on this occasion, a good view of the Fleet in the Thames could be obtained, together with that of the surrounding country. Before 3 o'clock the early arrivals had the bells going, and, with numbers increasing, were kept well in use till 4.30 p.m., when a service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Gardiner), was held. Afterwards an adjournment was made to The Lion for tea. The district secretary looked a bit perturbed, and no wonder, with over 60 present and rather limited accommodation, but 'all's well that ends well.' The difficulty was solved and eventually all partook of a splendid tea.

At the business meeting four new members were elected and Bentley chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held on July 27th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for kindly allowing use of the tower and bells, for conducting the service and providing the tea, to the organist, the organ blower; also Mr. Smith and the members of the local band for having everything in readiness.

Before the meeting news had been received of the death of Mrs. Duffield, wife of the respected Master, and also of Col. Landon, of Brentwood, a life member of long standing. Those present extended their sympathy and stood in silence for a minute or two.

After the meeting another move was made to the tower, and touches in various methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Surprise Minor, several members of the local band, assisted by the Surprise experts, ringing their first 120.

Thanks to co-ordination between the towers in this district, change ringing is now the order of the day, and, it is hoped, has come to stay. During the afternoon members were present from Leytonstone, Dagenham, Leigh-on-Sea, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, Barking, Bentley, Springfield, Chelmsford, Romford, Great Bentley, Orsett, Sible Hedingham, Woodford and Walthamstow St. Mary, together with the local men, and all agreed a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent.

JUBILEE JOY BELLS—Continued.

At Heston, Middlesex, on Jubilee Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. C. Chandler 3, F. J. Cattermoul 4, A. Jones 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, W. Lewis 7, E. R. Gladman 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: W. F. Ellingham 1, H. W. Cooper 2, W. H. Stevens 3, F. J. Cattermoul 4, D. F. May (first quarter-peal of Major) 5, W. Lewis 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, H. C. Chandler 8.

For the special Jubilee thanksgiving service on Sunday, May 12th, at Burley, Leeds, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): G. W. Slack 1, W. Whitaker 2, *F. Armitage 3, *J. W. Scholefield 4, *F. Scholefield 5, *A. Armitage 6, L. Drake (conductor) 7, *W. J. Bradley 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

For the thanksgiving service at Rainham, Kent, 840 Grandsire Triples: W. Hollands 1, G. Naylor 2, F. Cheal 3, W. Walker 4, W. A. Cooke (conductor) 5, C. Belsey 6, W. G. Seager 7, F. Stevens 8.

On Sunday, May 12th, for the Jubilee thanksgiving service at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, the last quarter of Holt's Original: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, G. Horwood 2, F. E. Taylor (conductor) 3, F. May 4, W. G. E. Collett 5, J. A. Briggs 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, C. R. Willis (first quarter-peal) 8. The ringers of sixth and tenor are members of the University, the rest are members of St. Ebbe's band.

We are still without the date of the peal at Eccleston and the name of the conductor of the peal at Cradley, rung for the Jubilee. The want of this information is holding up publication.

Here are corrections to published peal reports: The peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-on-Sea was conducted by George Williams and not D. Cecil Williams. The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Cambridge at Erith on May 22nd was Leonard Mannering, not Manning.

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KIDDERMINSTER'S TWELVE BELLS.

AUGMENTATION COMPLETED.

Ringers Take Part in Opening Celebrations.

Kidderminster is now in proud possession of a ring of twelve bells at St. Mary's Church, and on Saturday, May 18th, ringers from five counties took part in celebrations for the completion of the project, which has included the tuning and rehanging of the old eight bells. The work, which has been carried out in a highly successful manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, forms part of a big restoration scheme, costing £3,000, and including renovation of the stonework of the church and improvements to the organ.

The towers represented at the gathering included Stourbridge, Wollaston, Clent, St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Coventry, Derby, Walsall, Claverley, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, King's Norton, Selly Oak, Worcester, Evesham, Upton-on-Severn, Highley and elsewhere.

Among the chief officers of the Worcestershire Association were the Rev. J. F. Hastings (Rector of Martley), clerical secretary; Mr. J. D. Johnson (Evesham), lay secretary; Mr. W. B. Cartwright, secretary of the Northern Branch; Mr. William Short (Clent), Master; Mr. John Woodberry, chairman of St. Mary's Society; with Mr. Charles H. Woodberry, Ringing Master, and Mr. Keith Salter. A number of lady ringers were present.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KIDDERMINSTER.

Canon L. B. Sladen (Rector of Kidderminster and Rural Dean) welcomed the visitors, all of whom had opportunity of ringing during the afternoon and evening. Various touches of Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Maximus were brought round.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, and the address was given by the Rev. J. F. Hastings.

Canon Sladen took the service, and Mr. Alfred Chatfield, Mus.Bac. (Parish Church organist), accompanied on the main organ.

THE REV. J. F. HASTINGS' SERMON.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings spoke from Ps. 150, vv. 3-5, and in the course of his address said churches and their ornaments were a sign of the state of religion in the land. Each generation must bring increased invention and art into God's service. During the last 50 years there had been a great advance; more reverence, better singing, organs improved, and church bells had received greater attention. That revival of church forces was in itself a bulwark, and had been making headway since the Oxford Movement in the '40's of the last century. It was a privilege to come to St. Mary's Parish Church, Kidderminster, to see the improvements recently completed. The peal had been increased from eight to twelve bells, and the work represented an enormous improvement. The tower and bells of a parish church like St. Mary's were a great institution. The old stone tower pointed upward telling them of that higher life for which this was a preparation. The bells were the outward voice of the church, appealing to the ear, as the tower appealed to the eye. Church towers and bells preached a sermon which reached all—of warning, thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and messages of national rejoicings.

Having briefly traced the development and use of church bells, the preacher proceeded: 'Change ringing is an art of great fascination: it requires the accurate use of eye, ear, mind and muscle. It requires arms, muscles and intellect,' said the preacher. 'A ringer must exercise most of the Christian virtues if he is to be a useful member of the belfry. He must have perseverance, self-denial, charity and loving kindness.' He learnt to become a ringer at Areley Kings, Stourport, when nine years old, and, speaking for himself, he knew of nothing that was bound to teach those moral qualities better than belonging to a band of ringers, for they had to practise those things which could only be learnt by practice. It required team work just the same as in the rowing crews of Oxford and Cambridge, which is regarded as the most strenuous form of team work, and be even more mechanical. But the reward was great. There could be no greater pleasure than taking part in good ringing—in exercising all the faculties at the same time, swinging a mass of metal rhythmically and making music with others, music that was perhaps peculiar, but a most satisfying form of musical melody.

HOW THE PEAL HAS GROWN.

Speaking from an experience of nearly 60 years, Mr. Hastings said he strongly recommended any young man who was willing to learn to join a band of ringers, and if he persevered he would not only be helping the church, but would provide himself with an engrossing pastime and art that he could follow to extreme old age.

The preacher paid tribute to the recent work of completing a peal of 12 in St. Mary's Church tower, and said 'it is perfectly splendid.' He remembered what Tom Salter used to tell him about having a peal of 12 at Kidderminster. Tom Salter would have loved to have been present to see what had been done in that tower. Those who came to take part in that ceremony were also honouring the memory of their departed friend, Tom Salter, who loved that work.

Mr. Hastings passed on to speak of the additions made from time to time, from two or three bells until he believed that in 1754 they had a peal of eight bells. Change ringing had now spread to other countries. He rejoiced that at St. Mary's they now had 12 instead of the old octave of eight bells. The work was finished in the tower, and, so far as the bells were concerned, he thought it would last for generations. He trusted the bells would be rung as they had been for a thousand years, calling people to church, reminding them of the Christian virtues of perseverance, self-denial and charity which should be the fruits and test of their Christian calling.

The service closed with the hymn, 'Praise my soul,' and the blessing.

The company afterwards had tea with Canon Sladen in St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Mr. C. H. Woodberry expressed thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, which was seconded by Mr. Keith Salter, son of the late Mr. J. T. Salter. Mr. Salter gave a statement on the response to St. Mary's own ringers' appeal for £100 to complete the work, which included improvements at their own request. So far they had raised £58, and were pressing the matter.

Canon L. B. Sladen, replying, said he was glad to see such a representative gathering, and to hear the reassuring statement by the Rev. J. F. Hastings that everything was now quite satisfactory. Even the new electric clock had taken part in an unrehearsed incident during the night in anticipation, as it were, of such a gathering. The old chimes, which had proved a failure, were now removed and in their place they had four additional bells to make a peal of twelve, and thus give Kidderminster the distinction of being the only Parish Church in Worcestershire with such a peal. Canon Sladen said the striking apparatus went off 'on its own account' and kept on striking for 1½ hours without stopping during the night. It must have felt it would not be outdone by anything which might transpire at their meeting that day. Things were now in proper working order. The firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had done good work and they were well satisfied with it. The Vicar announced for the information of distant associations of change ringers who wished to have the use of St. Mary's bells that they should make application direct to him or to Mr. Keith Salter, and for the first Saturday in any month. Applications would be passed on to the local ringers for recommendation, but, generally speaking, he would be pleased to put the belfry at their disposal.

Mr. S. R. Roper, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., thanked the Vicar and the people of Kidderminster for the way in which he and his firm had been treated. He had handled the job personally from start to finish and kept touch with Messrs. Woodberry and Salter, who had been most helpful. The bells in St. Mary's tower were cast by three different founders. In the course of the present scheme Messrs. Gillett and Johnston used two 'dead' bells in the tower and recast them into three treble bells. On other 'dead' bell, the present No. 4, was retained in the new peal of twelve. All had been retuned and restored before rehanging. Mr. Roper, thanking speakers for their appreciations, said he was glad to see Mrs. J. T. Salter there. It was 15 or 16 years since he last came to Kidderminster and met the late Mr. Tom Salter, who told him how much he would like to see a peal of twelve bells at St. Mary's.

A collection in aid of the fund amounted to £2 15s. 6d.

FOR BEGINNERS.

IN AND OUT OF COURSE.

A recent argument with regard to bringing Stedman Triples into rounds is a reminder of one of the principles of change ringing.

It has to do with certain mathematical laws as applied to the construction of methods, and we will try to put it into simple language for the beginner.

There are, in ringing, two kinds of changes—changes which keep the bells 'in course' and changes which put the bells 'out-of-course.'

The bells are 'in-course' when the given 'change' has been produced by the changing of an even number of pairs of bells—as, in Doubles, changing 1 and 2; and 3 and 4, producing 21435; and changing 1 and 4, and 3 and 5, producing 24153.

The bells are 'out-of-course' when the given change has been produced by changing an odd number of pairs of bells—as, in Triples, changing 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, producing 2143657.

But while in Doubles (or Caters) every row of figures thus set down is 'in-course,' until a Single is made, in Triples the rows of figures are alternately one 'out-of-course' and one 'in-course.'

The reason is that all Doubles changes are even changes, and all Triples changes are odd changes, and two even numbers, as we know, produce an even number, and two odd numbers also produce an even number.

Thus, in pure Triples, ALL handstrokes are out-of-course and ALL backstrokes are in-course.

A 'Single,' which in Triples is generally the change of two pairs of bells only, changes the nature of the rows, and all handstrokes become 'in-course' and all backstrokes 'out-of-course.'

Rounds is an 'in-course' or 'even' row, and can only be produced when the bells are in-course.

Unless a single has been made, therefore, rounds cannot occur at a handstroke, or 'odd' row.

Further, if a single has been made, the bells cannot be got round at backstroke by any combination of bobs.

DO YOU KNOW

(1) The difference between a plain hunt and a Treble Bob hunt?

(2) The oldest existing ringing society?

(3) Who was Benjamin Annable?

IF YOU DON'T, THEN——

(1) The plain hunt (already described in these beginner's queries) is the passage of a bell, one step at a time, straight from front to back and from back to front. A Treble Bob hunt causes the bell to dodge in each pair of places, as 1.2, 3.4, 5.6, etc., both from front to back and back to front, with a whole pull between the dodges behind and a whole pull at lead between the dodges in front. The process is like taking three steps forward and one back, instead of, as in plain hunting, walking steadily in one direction.

(2) The Ancient Society of College Youths, established in 1637.

(3) Benjamin Annable lived in the first half of the 18th century. He was a baker by trade. He joined the College Youths in 1721, was Master in 1746 and died in 1756. Of him it was said, 'Till his time ringing was only called an Art, but from the strength of his great Genius he married it to the Mathematics, and 'tis now a Science. This man of Figures and Ringing was like a Newton in Philosophy, a Ratcliffe in Physic, a Hardwick in Wisdom and Law, a Handel in Music, a Shakespeare in Writing, a Garrick in Acting. O rare Ben.' Needless to say, a man of such reputation was a great leader in ringing thought in those early days. In fact, like other great pioneers in science, he was in advance of his times.

WISBECH BELLS REOPENED.

On Easter Eve the bells of St. Peter's, Wisbech, were heard again after a long silence. The bells have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' is all that can be desired. Ringers attended from long distances. Amongst them were the Rev. E. Bankes James (Fareham), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Messrs. A. A. Hughes (London), C. T. Coles (Walthamstow), F. G. Cleaves (Over), J. Newington (Doddington), B. D. Buttress (Fulbourne), F. and B. Hurry (Sawston), A. Chenny (Cambridge), J. Thomas (Ponder's End), W. J. Eldred (King's Lynn), R. and T. Greenacre (Gaywood), the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Walsoken (general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association) and many others.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the general secretary gave an address to a large congregation.

The bells were dedicated by the Rev. Dovey-Crump, R.D., Rector of Newton.

After tea the Vicar made a presentation to the Deputy Mayor for his good work in getting the bells restored.

The Deputy Mayor suitably responded and thanked all who had come to Wisbech that day.

Afterwards the bells were set going to various methods, including Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Caters, Superlative, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich Major and Grandsire Triples.

NOTICES.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen heartily invited.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Vincent's, Littlebourne, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 1st. The usual arrangements for ringing, service and tea.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Please remember that this date is set apart for your convenience and enjoyment. Business important.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Cockington, Torquay, on Saturday, June 1st, 1935. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; also St. Saviour's, Torre (6), from 6.30 p.m. Service Cockington Church 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at Orient Cafe, Union Street, Torquay, at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. (pro tem), Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (8d. each) and meeting. A good meeting hoped for.—A. E. Rowley Hon. Sec.

BEARSTED, KENT.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held on June 1st at 6.30 p.m. Methods for special practice, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Every ringer welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

BICENTENARY OF THOMAS HEARNE.—A tablet to the memory of Thomas Hearne, the diarist, who died in 1735, will be unveiled in White Waltham Church, Berks, on Saturday, June 1st, at 3 p.m. The five bells will be available, and the Berkshire Archæological Society will welcome any ringers.—F. M. Underhill, Loxley, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available any time after 2.30 p.m. Time of service to be arranged later. Tea in the Institute, price 1s. each, proceeds to be given to the Church Hall Fund. Please look up Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—S. G. Shipp, Branch Sec., Wilburton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 6. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirby-le-Soken on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5.15 p.m. Bus service from station, also from Colchester. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A. Barton's bus leaves Ilkeston quarter past the hour, and also from Sandiacre Square quarter to the hour. Will those who intend coming kindly notify me early, as the Rector has kindly promised to provide tea and would like to know how many are coming. He is also very interested in the ringing. Please come.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on Saturday, June 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. The splendid peal of six bells available at 2 o'clock. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover (8 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. For tea notify Mr. J. Saxton, Moorfield Lane, Bolsover. Please send in.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—On Saturday, June 1st, by kind permission of the Dean, a meeting is being held at the Cathedral (St. Albans) to open the newly augmented peal of twelve. Ringing from 2.30 until 4 p.m., when the usual service is held, and then from 6 until 8.30 p.m. Tea at Bugler's Rooms, Market Place, at 5 p.m. Come and have a ring on this grand peal, the only peal of 12 in the county.—H. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans; W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—There will be a practice meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 1st, for the purpose of practising Court Triples. Tower open at 2.30. Diagrams of this simple method will be sent on application to me.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fenstanton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Allendale, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) available at 3. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Evensong in St. Cuthbert's Church after tea.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ringing meeting will be take place at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on June 6th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 11th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's on the 20th, *St. Michael's on the 25th, 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.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Highclere on Saturday, June 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. Knapp, Highclere Farm, for tea.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

THROWLEIGH, DEVON.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.); two bells recast, and the six bells hung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by the Rural Dean on Saturday, June 8th, at 12 noon. Tea provided for those who notify the captain, Mr. Richard Hill, The Forge, Throwleigh. All ringers welcome.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shaftesbury on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting. St. Peter's and Motcombe also available. All ringers welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, June 8th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify the hon. sec. by June 5th. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Horspath on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea (6d. per head) to Mr. W. G. Collett, 45, Latimer Road, Headington, by Tuesday, June 4th. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 3 p.m.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, June 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. The business will be the revision of branch boundaries and the formation of an Oldham Branch.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) 6 p.m. For tea, notify Mr. J. Gardner, 5, Church Road, Halewood, without fail. Important discussions expected, so turn up prepared in large numbers.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—(Ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt.) Nos. 1, 2 and 3 bells recast and the eight bells rehung in a new metal frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Totnes on June 8th at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at Gwennap (on Redruth-Falmouth Road) (6 bells), commencing 3 p.m., Saturday, June 8th. Ringers visiting Cornwall in the summer are asked to communicate with the Master, Lt.-Col. Jerram, Helford, Helston, who will advise them as to any change ringing in the district.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 10th. The Central Committee meet in All Saints' Upper Vestry at 10.45. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, R.D. Lunch at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Will those requiring lunch tickets please apply (with remittance, 2s. 3d. each) by June 3rd to Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, or the general secretary? Towers open for ringing: St. Giles' 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 5.45; All Saints' 10 to 12; Holy Sepulchre 10 to 11.30; St. Edmund's and St. Peter's 3 to 7; Kingsthorpe and Old Duston 3 to 6.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion Hotel to those who notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, June 5th. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Special service in church at 12 noon.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service in St. David's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1s. each) 4.30 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 4th? All ringers welcome.—W. Catherall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. C. P. Lee. Hot dinner, Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to members who apply for tickets beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Ringing at All Saints' (8) and S. Nicholas' (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 3 to 5.30 p.m., Cathedral (10) from 5 p.m.—Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 10th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Reginald B. Bertin, Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester. 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, June 4th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Edward P. Duffield, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Lincoln District will be held at Nocton on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Lincoln District Secretaries (no names, no tea), Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet; H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, on or before Wednesday, the 12th. All ringers are welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All are welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A open ringing day will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Aughton Parish Church. The new peal (6 bells) by Gillett and Johnston will be open to visitors from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Wigan.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting and ringers' day will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Mirfield. Bells (10), recently overhauled, available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all who apply to Mr. A. Robinson, 56, Shill Bank Lane, Mirfield, not later than Tuesday, June 11th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those who intend to come kindly notify me by June 12th, so that tea arrangements may be made? Half travelling expenses (maximum 2s.) will be paid. I would like to receive all unpaid subscriptions before or at this meeting.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Tutbury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 12th. North Staffs and Derby District friends will be welcomed.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 at Lingfield Institute. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 11th.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Clent on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who send me their names by Wednesday, June 12th.—William B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. Phone, Selly Oak 1246.

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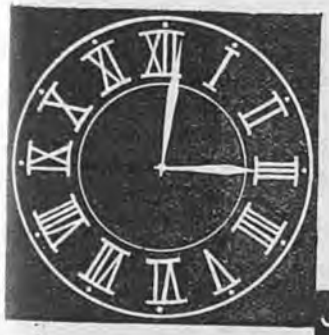

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FINDING A DEFINITION.

The difficulties of finding definitions for things connected with the art of change ringing is best known to those who, from time to time, make it their business to seek them in order to clarify some position or set up a line of differentiation. We sometmes blame our forefathers for their apparently lax choice of terms, but part of the trouble has been in the constant evolution of ringing. The gradual expansion of the art sometimes makes the original use of a word or the application of a definition, if not obsolescent, then vague enough to lead to confusion of thought, or so wide that it loses its first limited purpose.

This has happened in regard to the term by which originally it was intended to indicate peals on the multi-method system. We are not sure who was the first person to use the word ' spliced ' for peals in which frequent changes of method were made internally, but it came to be generally recognised when the late Rev. H. Law James introduced his plan for uniting several methods of Minor in one true 720. Since that time peals on a greater number of bells than six have been produced upon the same principle, and, in addition, a number of compositions have made their appearance uniting such things as Triples and Major, and Caters and Royal, ' monstrosities ' which, in the opinion of many people, ought not to be countenanced. Much of what is now called ' splicing,' in its simplest form, can consist of joining half a peal in one method, to half a peal in another, but the merit of ringing a peal on these lines, with, say, one method up to the half-way single and a second method after the single, is nothing to be compared with a peal where the method is changed at almost every lead. Between these two there is scope for great variety in merit, but at present there is no distinction. The difficulty which confronts those who seek to put the performances—as unquestionably they deserve—on different levels is to know where to draw the line.

In the motion which appeared in the recently published Council agenda an effort was made to find a fair and practical definition, but those responsible for the drafting of it have found the subject so beset with pitfalls that their general resolution, set down after much thought, has had to be enlarged and a variety of contingencies provided for. It is for that reason that a fairly lengthy amendment —set out in another column of this issue—is to be moved to the original motion, not for the purpose of imposing greater restrictions than were originally intended, but for clarifying the position and providing for the admission, in what it is hoped will, in future, be a distinctive

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category of the more meritorious performances, of all the compositions which can generally claim to come not merely within the wording, but within the spirit of the proposal. There will be nothing to prevent combinations of other kinds being rung, but the suggestion is that they shall be identified by a different term, and the problem before the Council is to decide whether the line laid down in the amendment is a fair demarcation between the various types of peals. It is not a question that depends entirely on convincing speeches, but upon facts and principles which, in the short time between now and Tuesday, members of the Council will do well to ponder.

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*THOMAS COX	2	ARTHUR WYRE	6
HARRY WYRE	3	JOSEPH H. BLOOMER	7
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*FRANK JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOPWARD	5
GEORGE JONES	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	6
HARRY LEWIS	3	HARRY THOMAS	7
*THOMAS PUGH	4	*EDWARD PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

* First peal. All are Sunday service ringers with the exception of 3 and 6.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal † First of Grandsire. First of Triples as conductor. Rung as a Jubilee peal on the eve of the Queen's birthday by eight Dorset men representing the Navy, Army and Air Force.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

MANSFIELD GINN	*Treble*	BERRY WAYMAN	5
GEORGE PERKINS	2	FRANK WARRINGTON	6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	ARTHUR J. GINN	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	JOHN PERKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Major by tenorman, who is in his 70th year. This peal was unavoidably postponed from May 18th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings, 4-6-8 covering.

Tenor 18 cwt.

LEON M. DAY	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM G. HISCOCK	5
*F. OWEN DAY	2	†BERNARD G. BISHOP	6
HENRY W. SAUNDERS	3	FRANCIS G. BLAKE	7
†ARTHUR W. MANN	4	JOHN C. H. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. G. BLAKE.

* First peal 'inside' and of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First peal away from tenor. Specially arranged as a 'local' effort, all the band being regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

LAURIE NORFOLK	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
*HARRY COLLINS	2	STANLEY G. SHIPP	5
*JOHN H. LAWRANCE	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal and belong to the local company.

JUBILEE ITEMS.

The Jubilee peal rung at Erdington was Grandsire Triples and not Stedman as published.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Brampford Speke on May 6th was James W. Hutchings, not Hutchinson as printed.

The peal rung at St. Clement Danes on June 1st was the first one rung by Mr. Herbert Pasmore and his first attempt. His age is 16 years. The peal was rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee and the 70th birthday of His Majesty King George, and on the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pasmore.

For their ringing on Jubilee Day, which began at 8 a.m. and ended with a peal of Stedman Cinques in the evening, the ringers of High Wycombe have received a letter of thanks from the Mayor of the borough, who said, 'Never have the old bells sounded better than they did on that beautiful day, and I do indeed thank you all for your splendid part, so well done, on an important and memorable day.'

OTHER PEALS.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	MRS. R. RICHARDSON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	LEWIS SNELL	8
KENNETH W. MAYER	3	ALBERT H. WARD	9
HAROLD MARCON	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	10
CECIL J. MAYER	5	FREDERICK W. STOKES	11
JOHN A. FREEMAN	6	ROBERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN
J. Walden has now circled the tower.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, May 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¾ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM GAYES	*Treble*	*HAROLD DEAN	6
*ARTHUR CHALLINOR	2	‡HARRY LOMAS	7
*JACK TIPPER	3	‡VICTOR NORBURY	8
WILFRED MATTHEWS	4	†JOHN WORTH	9
†WILFRED STEVENSON	5	*JACK WAUMSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method. ‡ First peal. Arranged and rung by a resident band of the borough to commemorate the completion of 50 years as a ringer by Mr. Norbury at the above church.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

LESLIE A. PORRITT	*Treble*	*REGINALD A. BALDOCK	6
FREDERICK G. BRETT	2	ALBERT E. JARMAN	7
EDWARD E. TRENDELL	3	HORACE WHITEHEAD	8
STANLEY J. GEE	4	HARRY PARKES	9
JOSEPH WAGHORN	5	*FREDERICK H. PHILLPOT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Alfred Friend, of the local band, which took place previous to the peal, also on the anniversary of Mr. F. G. Brett's wedding, and as a compliment to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, on the occasion of his 98th birthday anniversary.

MANCHESTER.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	FRED PRICE	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	8
SYDNEY F. PALMER	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*REGINALD HAYDEN	*Treble*	*FREDERICK BIRD	5
*FREDERICK G. SPRINGHAM	2	HENRY J. TUCKER	6
WILLIAM T. PRIOR	3	STANLEY A. CARTER	7
*HARRY M. WHITE	4	*EDWARD ROCHESTER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.
* First in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 4th. The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled' the tower.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

FRANK H. DAVEY	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	5
GEORGE MAYERS	2	FREDERICK HUGGINS	6
ALFRED W. BROOME	3	HAROLD QUANTRILL	7
*ALBERT E. BRACEY	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK H. DAVEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, May 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	*Treble*	MOLLIE REDPATH	5
RENE REDPATH	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	ALFRED G. HILL	7
LEONARD MANNERING	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RENE REDPATH.
First attempt as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Groombridge, jun.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES T. WARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR BIGLEY	5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	2	HARRY CHAMBERS	6
THOMAS R. HENSHER	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 75). Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. This composition is now rung for the first time.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK DEWEY	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
GEORGE LADD	2	ARTHUR GROUD	6
GEORGE SEWELL	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	7
CYRIL R. BURRELL	4	HARRY NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY NICHOLS.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN E. TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE H. BERRY	5
GEORGE H. LIMMER	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
†EDWARD T. BARRETT	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
*RONALD C. FOWLER	4	ERNEST TUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire away from treble.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR P. G. RAINEY	*Treble*	HARRY J. SANGER	5
KENNETH FORD	2	*PERCY N. G. RAINEY	6
FREDERICK TARGETT	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
DAVID MACKAY	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal of Major.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

*LESLIE WEIR	*Treble*	JOHN PALMER	5
CAPT. L. J. ROPER	2	*HERBERT GILBERT	6
JAMES RUSH	3	WILLIAM PRATT	7
*JACK RUTHERFORD	4	JAMES MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. PRATT.
* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Thomas Gorman, of Carrickfergus.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN	*Treble*	WALTER CLAYDON	5
KEITH HART	2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN	6
ALFRED J. BULL	3	CECIL RICE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
A birthday peal for the conductor and ringer of the 3rd.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	HERBERT MARKWELL	6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	3	HENRY STALHAM	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

RONALD HILL	*Treble*	FRED SANGWIN	5
THOMAS G. MYERS	2	A. WILLIAM MYERS	6
WILLIAM SHEARS	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
CHARLES SANGWIN	4	*GEORGE PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Metters, of Holsworthy, on his 60th birthday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss K. E. Fletcher.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*PETER ROGERSON	*Treble*	†NICHOLAS NEWBY	5
*STANLEY CLIFFORD	2	†EDWIN JENNINGS	6
JOHN WOODS	3	RICHARD RAINFORD	7
ROBERT HOLMES	4	*HERBERT PALMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. The conductor's 25th peal of Grandsire Triples.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	*Treble*	†FRANK BRADLEY	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	6
FREDERICK A. SALTER	3	HENRY HARRISON	7
*TOM CLARKE	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.
* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. † 50th peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE	*Treble*	RALPH SAYERS	5
DENNIS SAYERS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
*ERNEST WILSON	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
GORDON W. CHECKETTS	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Thomas, through whose generosity and interest in ringing affairs the bells of this church were rehung and increased from five to eight a few years ago.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 19, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
GEORGE OLIVER	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
A. WINGFIELD DORHAM	3	CECIL NICE	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, May 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*R. C. H. CONNOLLY	*Treble*	*LOUIS J. LOCKYER	5
GEORGE PRESTON	2	*WILLIAM A. HOULTON	6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
D. C. WILLIAMS, MUS. BAC.	4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM	*Treble*	HARRY HOVRED	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JOHN S. MORTON	6
*LEONARD MANNING	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 250th peal.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

HAROLD A. NOBES	...Treble	LAWRENCE P. COOK	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	2	GEORGE W. BARTON	6
FREDERICK W. STEMP	3	ERNEST R. WARNER	7
CECIL L. GUY	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	..Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	2	MISS MOLLIE REDPATH	6
PERCY AMOS	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
MISS RENK REDPATH	4	EDWIN BARNETT	...Tenor

Conducted by Miss M. REDPATH.
First peal as conductor.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILFRED EDWARDS	7
HARRY WINGROVE	4	TONY PRICE	...Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

LLANTRISANT.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSEPH LOVETT	...Treble	ERNEST STITCH	5
*HUGH THOMAS	2	FREDERICK LASBURY	6
FRANK ROWSELL	3	WILLIAM J. CROSS	7
HERBERT DAVIES	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	...Tenor

Conducted by W. J. CROSS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung for Empire Day.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	...Treble	FREDERICK ROOPE	5
WILLIAM FLATT	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	CHARLES LOOME	...Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
This peal, which contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6, is now rung for the first time.

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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sunday, May 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*CHARLES SANGWIN	...Treble	*ANDREW CORRIGAN	4
A. WILLIAM MYERS	2	*FRED SANGWIN	5
THOMAS G. MYERS	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	...Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Corrigan, who is returning to Ireland. It was his first peal in England and first for over 20 years.

NETHER COMPTON, DORSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 22, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 480 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, the remainder in Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT SAYERS	...Treble	†FREDERICK PRIDDLE	3
†TREVOR MARKS	2	*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY	4

PERCY N. G. RAINEY ...Tenor
Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal 'inside' in three methods. First peal as conductor in three methods. The first peal on the bells.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*OLIVER HINES	...Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4
†CECIL G. SMITH	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
PERCIVAL W. GRICE	3	GEORGE F. BAILEY	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

STAUNTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty 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 10 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS	..Treble	ERNEST MATHEWS	4
JOHN DEAN	2	WILLIAM H. HARRIS	5
TOM WORRALL	3	WILLIAM BARNFIELD	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Hubert Scrivens, who is 76 years of age. It was his 100th peal.

BUCKDEN, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120's with 10 different callings.

FRANK W. LACK	...Treble	EDWARD PAPWORTH	3
CHARLES SHARPE	2	WILLIAM CORNELL	4

THOMAS H. STANYON ...Tenor
Conducted by F. W. LACK.
First peal and first attempt by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor and believed to be the first peal on the bells. All except the conductor belong to the local band.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINDS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN A. C. ABSON	1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ...	5-6
RENE REDPATH	3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	7-8

HARRY HOVERD 9-10

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpires—Edwin and Edwin A. Barnett.

Great credit is due to Miss Redpath (who is 15 years of age) for the way in which she rang an inside pair to her 'first in hand,' 'first ten bell peal' and first of Plain Bob away from the treble.

WISBECH, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 31, ELIZABETH TERRACE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720.'s. Tenor size 15 in C.

*RONALD THAXTER	1-2	*LEWIS BUSH	4
*THOMAS BUSH	3	FRED WIGMORE	5-6

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal on handbells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
FRANK LORD	3-4	*GEORGE W. MOODY	7-8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK LORD.

* First peal on handbells.

BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	1-2	EDWARD J. BEER	5-6
GEORGE H. CROSS	3-4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7-8

*HARRY HOVERD 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Mrs. G. H. Cross and Mrs. E. J. Beer.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' Rung on the 25th anniversary of George H. Cross' first peal as conductor.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

The Methods Committee's Report—Continued from page 365.

The old idea of Surprise methods has existed in the Exercise combined with the new definition, and the practical result has been that some methods have gained a prestige which they do not deserve and whole classes are neglected, because they do not bear the magic name of Surprise. People quite naturally think a Plain method must be a simple method, which most of them are not.

So far as Major ringing is concerned, this does not matter very much. The number of available methods is very great, and so long as development takes place it is not very material whether the new methods rung are Surprise or Plain or Treble Bob or anything else. But on ten and twelve bells the question is important. By their nature the Surprise methods are almost the worst fitted to give what is needed—complexity, interest of ringing and music which satisfies the ears of the outsider.

Twelve-bell ringers will no doubt point to Cambridge and Superlative as contradicting this statement. But one swallow or even two do not make a summer, and, anyway, neither Cambridge nor Superlative is an ideal method for producing the best music. What is wanted is the outside effect of Duffield or Forward without their monotony of actual ringing. There are methods, we think, which will give that, but they are Plain methods, not Surprise. We do not suggest that it is necessary or advisable to alter the present definition, but we think that the limitation of the Surprise class should be understood.

We propose to ask the Council for authority to proceed with the publication of a book on Surprise methods during the coming year. The problem will be how to deal with the mass of material at our disposal.

(Signed) J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
STEPHEN H. WOOD.
ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

The Rev. E. S. Powell does not sign this report.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

'BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S' BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the 'Branch of Youth,' otherwise the East Berks and South Bucks, was quite a bright affair and attracted ringers from all parts of the globe to Old Windsor. Even the weather was kinder than usual, the annual thunderstorm forgetting to put in an appearance.

The bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until a few minutes before the service, when down came a rope. This was spliced during the service by two of the Boys' (Brigade), who had to leave early to try on their new uniforms. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild, with an address by the Rev. A. E. McCaig, M.A., O.F.

A choir of 15 maidens, boys and men made a considerable difference to the singing, which is always good on these occasions.

Tea in the Tapestry Hall was enjoyed by 71 persons.

The business meeting commenced in a somewhat different manner this year. The first verse of the National Anthem was heartily sung, and then the secretary (Mr. A. D. Barker) read a letter that he had received from Buckingham Palace thanking the members for their expression of loyalty and good wishes in connection with the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty's Accession.

In the absence of the branch chairman, the Deputy Master of the Guild was asked to take the chair for the meeting.

Two new members were elected and some others were ratified. The treasurer's report followed. 'After an extremely heavy call on our branch funds, a few remarks on our financial position may not be out of place,' it said. 'Our total income for 1934 was £28 19s. 10d., exactly 10s. 6d. more than the previous year. Our total outgoings were £36 7s. 0½d., or £12 9s. 7½d. more than in 1933. The total balance in hand at the end of the year was £23 17s., a drop of £7 7s. 2½d. I hope that you will agree with me that under the circumstances this is quite a favourable position. I have received notification from the Abbey Road Building Society that on and after July 1st, 1935, their rate of interest will be 3½ per cent. instead of 4 per cent.'

THE PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The secretary's report said: 'As branch secretary, there are a few interesting points I would call your attention to. The General Committee meeting at Reading was attended by all seven of your representatives, and I think that the general secretary will agree that they made their presence felt. We have now 10 life members, 15 honorary and 30½ ringing members resident in the branch. The number of our honorary members has slightly increased, but there is no reason why it should not be larger. There is also room for improvement in the payment of subscriptions. Some foremen find it very difficult to collect the 1s. 6d. due from each member. For their benefit I would suggest that they approach their Parochial Church Council to pay it for them, as is done in a number of cases. The annual report has made its appearance very early this year. I believe that only once before has it been available at the beginning of April. I hope that the members will help me to sell out.'

These two reports were received with applause and adopted.

The Branch Ringing Master had unfortunately picked up the wrong paper and thus left his report at home, so had to content himself with a few remarks from memory.

The whole of the outgoing officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett; branch secretary and treasurer, A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, T. J. Fowler; representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. T. J. Fowler, J. C. Truss, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Taylor, F. D. Boreham and W. E. Redrup.

The secretary suggested that a vice-chairman would be useful, and Mr. W. H. Fussell was elected to that position.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg proposed a vote of thanks to the past officers and complimented them on their re-election.—This was carried with acclamation.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Clewer and Winkfield on May 25th.

A letter from the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association having been read, it was decided to join in both joint meetings.

A discussion on the 'Guild of Youth' followed. Speaking 'as one of the nippers,' Mr. W. H. Fussell said that all ringing organisations were guilds of youth, and mentioned the Ancient Society of College Youths, Royal Cumberland Youths, Painswick, Sherwood and Union Youths. It was youth that spread change ringing all over Britain, and some did not lose that youth until over 90. If all the 'Bright Young People' of the branch could be fitted out with wings, he said, they would be like cherubims flying all round the room. Of course, the more youths they had the better, but why want a Guild of Youth when all in church organisations were youths? The speaker concluded with a real Fussellian remark, 'What about a Guild of Infants?'

The sympathy of the meeting was extended to Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, and hopes were expressed for the veteran's recovery.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, said a few words as usual, congratulating the branch on various happenings, with a hope that he would meet the same old faces on many more occasions.

A vote of thanks was carried unanimously to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, the organist and choir, the chairman for the day (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), and last but not least the steeple-

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UNPUNCTUAL RINGERS.

STATISTICS WOULD BE INTERESTING.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 25th.

Ringers were present from Gateshead, Darlington, Sunderland, Newcastle, Benfieldside, Tanfield, Whickham, South Shields, Consett, West Hartlepool and the local tower.

A short meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. L. Patterson being in the chair.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Chairman said how pleased he was with the way the ringers had endeavoured to ring the bells on Jubilee Day. Whether it had been touches or peals, it was gratifying to know that practically all the churches in the association had done their bit for the celebrations.

Mr. J. Anderson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, said that Sunday service ringing was their main object, and it would be interesting if statistics could be got showing how many ringers came to time on Sundays, as it was a regular occurrence for bands to be kept waiting for the odd one or two. It would be a great thing if all ringers could 'buck up' and have the bells going at their proper time.

Mr. Patterson supported Mr. Anderson in his remarks. There were occasions, he said, when belfry leaders should use tact and patience. Regular attendance would bring great satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. J. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the sumptuous tea prepared, and Mrs. Sheraton suitably replied.

It was proposed that the Eastern District hold their next meeting at West Hartlepool on Saturday, July 15th.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. E. F. Tredennick from Durham University, who thanked the meeting for their welcome, and said he was studying for the ministry. He hoped he would get to a church with a peal of bells, where he would do his best to further the art.

The methods rung included Bob Major, Kent and Oxford, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, and the meeting was a most successful one.

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keeper, Mr. W. Welling, who had made all the arrangements for the meeting and tea.

At the conclusion of the business a vote of sympathy was passed to a not unknown member of the branch on his recent bereavement, the whole company standing in silence.

The bells were afterwards kept going in a variety of methods until 9 p.m.

WELL-KNOWN SURREY RINGER'S DEATH.

VICTIM OF MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Surrey ringers have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Alfred J. Trappitt, a member of the band at Beddington for 42 years, who succumbed on Saturday, May 25th, to injuries received in a motor-cycle accident five days before. The deceased, who was 57 years of age, was riding to work when, approaching a cross-road, he suddenly applied the brakes, the machine skidded and he was thrown off. He never recovered consciousness and died from the results of a fractured skull.

At the inquest a verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned.

Son of the late Mr. James W. Trappitt, sen., a former ringer and steeplekeeper at Beddington Church, Mr. Alfred J. Trappitt commenced ringing at Beddington Church tower when 15 years of age, after leaving the choir, and had served ever since, except for a period during the war, when he lived at Barnet. He was district secretary of the Surrey Association for several years, and captain and secretary of the St. Mary's Society until 1925.

Mr. Trappitt had rung over two hundred peals, half of them on the bells of St. Mary's, Beddington. He took part in the ringing for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and also for the Silver Jubilee on May 6th last. He was the most regular attendant for Sunday service ringing, and was present in the belfry on the evening before his fatal accident. His valued services will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers at Beddington and other towers in the county. The deepest sympathy will be felt with the widow and family.

The funeral took place on Thursday, May 30th, at Bandon Hill Cemetery, preceded by a service at Beddington Parish Church. In addition to the members of the local band present were Messrs. G. F. Hoad (Reigate), D. Cooper (Croydon), F. E. Darby and F. Holder (Carshalton). The bells were rung fully muffled before the service, and over the grave a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. E. Darby 1-2, D. Cooper 3-4, C. H. Kippin 5-6, F. W. Housden 7-8.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including wreaths from the societies at St. Mary's, Beddington, St. John's and St. Peter's, Croydon, and the Surrey Association.

After the funeral a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Beddington.

Among Mr. Trappitt's peals were Bristol Surprise Royal (the first ever rung) and London Surprise Royal. He took part in an unsuccessful attempt for Superlative Royal a month ago.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

After a long life devoted to his Church and the public welfare, Canon Oswald Dolan, head of the Roman Catholic Community in Sheffield, has passed to his rest at the age of 74 years—mourned by all classes.

He was Rector of St. Marie's, where he had been since 1898, and among the last of the schemes for the improvement of the church which he carried out was the restoration of the bells.

He was a warm supporter of ringing, a patron of the Sheffield District Society, and, at the Yorkshire dinner when held in Sheffield three years ago, was an honoured guest.

There was a large attendance at the ringers' opening of the twelve bells at St. Albans on Saturday. Reports of this and other meetings and of many peals are unavoidably held over.

Two Australian ladies, Miss E. M. Morling (Hobart) and Dr. Ethel M. Hawkins (Melbourne), who made the acquaintance of the English ringers during the Australian tour, were present at the annual meeting of the Northern District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Sleaford. They had been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson at Surfleet.

The memorial to Thomas Hearne, scholar and historian, to whose diaries the Exercise is chiefly indebted for its knowledge of ringing in Oxford two centuries ago, was unveiled in White Waltham Church, Berks, on Saturday. Hearne, who was born in the parish in 1678, died in Oxford on June 10th, 1735.

Sidney Holt and Charles Camm, of Worcester, have rung 300 peals together. This is nothing like a record, of course—for that you have got to go to the Pye brothers—but it is an example of wonderful comradeship.

Mr. John Thornton Rickman, who has resigned the office of Master of the Sussex County Association, occupied the position from 1920. He was also hon. treasurer from 1929 to 1932.

Mr. Albert D. Stone, who has been hon. general secretary for eight years, has been in office in 23 years, including 20 as hon. secretary of the Central Division.

The marriage will take place at Foxearth, Essex, on Whitsun Monday, between Mr. John Gilbert Nash, of Hornsey, and Miss Rosalind Edith Pakeman, of Foxearth.

For the information of certain 'Doubting Thomases,' who discussed the question a fortnight ago, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, spliced at the lead ends, was rung at the Ladies' Guild meeting at Aldershot last Saturday.

The visit of the Central Council to Shrewsbury recalls a peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at St. Chad's Church on Whit Tuesday, May 15th, 1894. It was the first twelve-bell peal rung there since 1799—nearly a hundred years—and some well-known names of a generation ago were among the ringers.

They were John Carter, Thomas Horton, Rowland Cartwright, William Rock Small, William H. Fussell, John S. Pritchett, Harry Mason, William Micklewright, Thomas J. Bratton, James George, James E. Groves, Henry A. Hall and Aaron Griffiths. Of those thirteen men, Messrs. Fussell, Pritchett, Mason and George are still among us and actively interested in ringing, for all the 41 years that have since passed.

The ring of eight bells, tenor 1 ton, of Blandford Parish Church, Dorset, is at the present time being dismantled for removal to the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where the bells are to be retuned and equipped with new fittings. The peal is to be rehung in a new framework.

Mr. Vernon Taylor rang 26 Minor methods in his first Surprise peal, and that after only two practices. We wonder whether any other ringer has rung as many in his first Surprise peal.

Mr. F. Good, of Charing, Kent, writes to point out that Mr. A. P. Cannon is mistaken in assuming that the quarter-peal of Doubles rung at Pluckley on May 18th was the first rung there. Mr. Good called a quarter-peal of Grandsire there on March 22nd, 1925.

Mr. Harry Chapman, of Koyston, Hunts, and formerly of Manchester, sails from Liverpool to-day in the S.S. 'Duchess of York' to spend the summer with members of his family in Ontario, Canada.

From the Abbots Langley (Herts) Parish Magazine: '. . . . Must sympathise with the ringers in failing to ring a complete peal after 1 hour 40 minutes. It must be very difficult for the leader to ring his bell and at the same time COUNT THE CHANGES.' The capitals are ours.

DEATH OF MR. ERNEST BISHOP.

As we go to press we learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, who passed away on Tuesday afternoon at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Bishop had been actively identified with ringing for over half a century, and represented the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on the Central Council.

The funeral will take place at Swindon this (Friday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

THE DEMAND IS GROWING

For the proposed book on 'The Australian and New Zealand Ringing Tour.' If you have not already sent a notification that you will subscribe, send a postcard TO-DAY to 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking. The price of the book, if published, will be 2s. post free.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

'SPLICED' PEALS

Amended Definition to go before the Council.

In the agenda of the Central Council, which was published in our issue of April 19th, is a notice of motion to define what in future shall be recognised as a 'spliced' peal. It read as follows:—

'13. That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods this Council resolves that the term "spliced" shall be applied only to those peals in which not more than the length of a normal course in any method is rung in any part of the peal without a change to another method being made. Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called "combined" peals.

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is produced by a special call, such as in peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be called "spliced" peals.

'These decisions shall apply to peals on all numbers of bells.'

The difficulties relating to laying down a definition on a matter of this kind are great, and an amendment is to be proposed in the following terms:—

'To delete all the words in the first paragraph after the word "which" in line 3, and to substitute the following:—

'there are at least as many changes of method as there are courses in the peal, subject to the following stipulations:—

(a) In peals in even-bell methods in which singles are used, the number of changes of method before a single shall be at least equal to the number of courses preceding the single, and, similarly, after a single, equal to the number of courses which follow it.

(b) In peals in odd-bell methods, the number of changes of method shall be at least equal to the number of changes of the bell in the hunt, or of the courses in the peal. Subject only, in peals in which less than six methods of Triples are rung, to any reduction of the number necessitated by two or more hunt bells, relating to the same method, being consecutively called into the hunt.

(c) The conditions relating to even-bell methods shall apply in peals of Minor to each 720 individually, and for the purposes of this rule each 720 with a Treble Bob hunt shall be considered to have six courses, and each 720 with a Plain hunt, or with an Alliance and Little hunt, twelve courses.

(d) Peals of Doubles shall be deemed to comply with this rule if there is at least one change of method within a 120 and not more than half a six-score is rung without changing into a different method.

Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing shall be called "combined" peals.'

The amendment will be accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion, and they also intend to ask the Council's permission to amend the second part of the motion to read as follows:—

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is not made at the lead end, such as certain peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be termed "spliced" peals.'

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

COMPOSITIONS AND SURPRISE METHODS.

The following report of the Methods Committee will be presented to the Council on Tuesday:—

During the past year the Collection of Triples Methods has been completed and the book is now on sale.

We understand that the present edition of the Collection of Minor Methods will be sold out in the next two or three years. We are rather doubtful of the wisdom of reprinting that book as it stands, at any rate in the immediate future. We think it would be better to issue a smaller and cheaper book which would contain a selection of the most popular methods and could deal with the simpler ones in greater detail. It would, perhaps, appeal to a wider circle than the present edition, and people who have now got the one would be likely to buy the other also. There is no need to settle this matter immediately, but we should like to have expressions of opinion.

Substantial work has been done on a book on Surprise Major Methods. During the past year the whole ground has been surveyed and a selection of methods made numbering over 600. These have been arranged and the false course ends worked out. A large number of peals suitable for ringing to these methods has been collected or composed; a historical account of Surprise ringing has been made; and an explanation of proof and other similar things has been written. This book will be placed in the Council's Library for reference, and the problem of the ensuing year will be to reduce it and compress it to a size suitable for publication.

There are two matters arising out of our subject to which we would like to call the attention of the Council.

1. In our report of last year we referred to the question of the authorship of methods and peal compositions, and the problem has been with us acutely when dealing with the Surprise Methods. We fully recognise and, indeed, we wish to emphasise the extraordinary amount of skill and patience which has been devoted to composition by many men, both dead and living. They are fully entitled to credit for what they have done. But the old idea that every peal is a separate independent thing which was definitely composed by one man and so became his property is no longer tenable. Peals are not separate and independent things; they are related to each other in very many ways; the existence of one involves the existence of many others; and it is not possible to draw a line where variation ends and originality begins.

It is largely a question of how we look at compositions. The old idea was that they were a particular arrangement of calls—and so they are so far as the conductor is concerned—but nowadays the more instructed composer looks at them as so many Q Sets and such like things; and when he does that he can see that many peals apparently quite different are essentially identical.

The name of a composer at the foot of a peal is no indication of the real amount of credit he has earned. He may merely have put together some course ends by experiment and then found out, almost as it were by accident, that he had got a valuable peal. He may not even have been able to prove it, but has had to get other people to check it for him. The composition may be true for many methods of which he has no idea at all. Surely the amount of credit he has earned is quite small.

Again many of the most valuable peals are the work of several men. Thomas Thurstans did but put the finishing touch on what had been done by Shipway, Hudson and others. Hudson, at any rate, is entitled to as much and probably more credit for the peal of Stedman as Thurstans is.

The example of all this which has been brought most forcibly to our notice is Middleton's five-part peal. That is really the one indispensable composition. It is not only the one true peal of Cambridge with the tenors together, but when the missing courses have been added to it, it proves to be, with its reductions and adaptations, the one peal which is true for the majority of the best Surprise methods. It runs equally well whatever the lead end of the method may be, but it appears in forms which are totally unlike the Cambridge. We have worked these out systematically, and, having done so, we are quite unable to put any composer's name to them. To say they are Middleton's would be absurd—he had not the faintest idea of any of them. To call them original peals would not be true, though as a matter of fact some of them have been composed independently by ourselves and other people. The best thing to do is to put no names at all.

In the same way, where we have taken a general idea and used it for the production of peals, or where we have adapted old peals and got results which are entirely outside the original composer's intention, we propose to put no names.

On the other hand, where names can be put we shall do so. Wherever we have used an existing peal in approximately the same form we have put the composer's name. But there may be exceptions even to that. We should not, for instance, put John Cox's name to the 6,048 of Superlative.

In dropping the names of composers, except in certain circumstances, we are only reverting to the early custom of the Exercise.

2. A Surprise method is a method on the Treble Bob principle in which at least one internal place is made at every 'cross section.' That has been the official definition since 1906, when the Report on Classification of Methods was adopted by the Council, but the term had been in use in the Exercise for many years. It is as old as the early 18th century, perhaps as old as the late 17th century.

During all these years it had had a meaning which is fairly expressed in two great standard reference books. The 'Encyclopedia Britannica' refers to 'Treble Bob Methods, among the latter being the so-called Surprise, the most complicated and difficult of all.' And the Oxford English Dictionary gives Surprise as 'applied to certain complicated methods of change ringing.'

Thirty or forty years ago the Council took in hand the job of laying down rules and drawing up definitions for ringing and among other things the classification of methods. Every method was to be neatly labelled and placed in its own pigeon hole. It was assumed that there are different classes of methods (which is true); that these classes are mutually exclusive (which is very doubtful); and that inclusion in any class was an indication of the credit which the band would gain who rang it (which is not true at all).

Several attempts were made to discover some means of distinguishing the different classes (as in the Glossary), but none was satisfactory except the one which was adopted. That did approximately cover the ground at the time. It was clear, easily understood and easily applied, and since the Council adopted it the Exercise has loyally abided by it.

But we are not sure that on the whole the thing was not a mistake. The definition attempted to put into exact words the idea which the Exercise had held for centuries, and, so far as the methods then known and practised were concerned, it did so, but that is no longer true. As defined, the Surprise methods are no longer 'the most complicated and difficult of all.' The definition is based on an arbitrary distinction, for a place made at a cross section has not necessarily any greater value than a place made elsewhere, either constructionally or practically. Once we thought it had; now we know it has not.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE JUBILEE DINNER.

Twelve Bells for Brighton Suggested.

The dinner which was held in celebration of the jubilee of the Sussex County Association, took place, as recorded last week, at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, and was attended by a representative gathering of members and visitors, the company numbering nearly 120. The chair was taken by Mr. J. T. Rickman, who was supported by the Rev. Canon How, the new Master (Mr. H. R. Butcher), Canon R. J. Lea (Vicar of Henfield), Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Chichester), Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent County Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. A. B. Bennett (London), a former hon. secretary of the association, Mr. J. Parker (Edmonton), Mr. A. Greenwood (Portsmouth), and specially welcome among those present were the four foundation members mentioned in our last issue.

The following towers were represented: Arundel, Aldrington, Billingshurst, Bolney, Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Cuckfield, Colemans Hatch, Crawley, Chiddingly, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), East Grinstead, Felpham, Heene, Henfield, Lower Beeding, Lindfield, Maresfield, Ringmer, Rudgwick, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Southover and Warnham.

After the loyal toast, which was honoured with enthusiasm, Mr. F. B. Tompkins proposed 'The Church,' the origin and expansion of which, he said, left them in no doubt that it was Divine. In the past the Church had been the leader in many things—architecture, music, painting, sculpture, medicine. As the religious work of the Church grew the external matters fell into the hands of experts and specialists, but there was no doubt that in all the arts the work done by the Church was very good and very beautiful, and in its development was closely allied with nature. He deplored the modern trend in many of the arts—in music, painting and sculpture particularly, and said, amid laughter, that some of these things ought not to be allowed. Proceeding, he referred to the place now occupied in the Church by ringers, who were recognised as officers. There was a great co-operation between the clergy and ringers, and he hoped it would long continue (applause).

Canon How, who responded, said he had the profoundest respect and gratitude for bellringers. He came, he said, from St. Nicholas', Liverpool, which had a fine peal of twelve bells, to which he had always listened with great admiration and enjoyment. The Church owed a deep debt of gratitude to the ringers, who let it be known to the world that the churches were there, even though many people never entered them. Mr. Tompkins had alluded to modern art and said of some of its barbarities that such things ought not to be allowed. There were some people, said the speaker, who thought the same about bellringing (laughter).

Despite all that was said to the contrary by its detractors, the Church, continued Canon How, was amazingly vigorous and full of health and strength. The expansion in the last 20 years alone had been tremendous. The growth of new populous areas presented them with a gigantic problem, but the Church was meeting it. If it were not meeting it adequately, at any rate it was doing amazing things, and this was only one sign of its health and strength, and this was not being done merely by the clergy. They were doing their part, but the laity were nobly backing them up.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the toast of 'The Sussex County Association,' and referred to the circumstances attending its beginning. About sixty years ago, he said, there arose a new conception of the position of ringers, and the reform which the Oxford Movement began in the church itself spread to the belfry. The result was the formation of county and diocesan organisations of ringers which gradually extended over the country. The diocese of Winchester and the counties of Kent and Surrey followed the lead of ringers in other parts of the country, and the men of Sussex felt that they, too, should take their share in the movement. The proposal was first made at the end of 1883 by Mr. Henry Boniface, who was secretary of the old Brighton Society, and it received further impetus at a dinner held at Lewes in the following year. A preliminary meeting was held at Brighton in December, 1884, when, with 18 towers represented, it was resolved that the association be formed, and Mr. George Attree was elected secretary. The objects set before the meeting were the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; the due care and use of church bells and belfries; the cultivation of the art of change ringing; and belfry reform.' The meeting was adjourned until January 24th, 1885, when, in St. Peter's belfry, 60 ringers were present, 25 societies were affiliated and 250 active members elected, as was also a great array of hon. members, drawn from the clergy and gentry of the county, with the Bishop as president. From that time the association had never looked back, and how well had its objects been achieved! The number of clergy who supported the association from the beginning at once provided the recognition that was sought; in the course of a few years the belfries were, metaphorically, turned inside out; change ringing was quickly encouraged by the rapid augmentation of many rings of bells, and belfry reform was so thoroughly carried out that it was no longer necessary to retain that clause among the association's objects. By May in the year of its foundation the association had 130 honorary and life members and 350 ringing members. Last year this total had grown to close upon one thousand, made up of 41 hon. and life members, 600 ringing members and 350 non-resident ringing members (applause). The hon. members had fallen off considerably, but he suggested that in this Jubilee year a determined effort might be made to regain support in this direction.

Many of the towers which joined in 1885, continued Mr. Goldsmith, had retained unbroken affiliation ever since (applause). The men had gone, but the association spirit had survived. The bond between the members was not the association's rules, but the brotherhood of the belfry (hear, hear). When the association started there were 24 rings of eight in the county, in addition to the many peals of five and six. Last year there were three rings of ten and fifty of eight. In 1885 the association rang seven peals, but its total had now grown to about 3,000, and throughout its history the Sussex Association had been a pioneer in advancing the standard of methods rung. In the early days, added Mr. Goldsmith, the association decided to present a marble tablet for every peal rung on seven or eight bells, but within a very few months it began to see that this was going to be a costly business, and reduced the contribution to a half and eventually abandoned the scheme, which, had it gone on, might have lined the towers with marble, but would have bankrupted the association (laughter).

MEN WHO HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART.

It was a happy thing, continued Mr. Goldsmith, that they still had among them men who helped to make the association what it was, and he was certain they welcomed among them that night the four foundation members who had been able to join them (applause). Mr. Goldsmith referred to the great work done in the early days by the first secretary, Mr. Attree, and to those who succeeded him, the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cowther, Mr. A. B. Bennett (who was also with them that evening), Mr. H. R. Butcher (their new Master), Mr. George Watson and last Mr. A. D. Stone, to all of whom they owed a deep debt of gratitude (applause). They had had only three Masters until that day—Mr. Attree, Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Rickman—who each in their office had rendered yeoman service. The many others who had taken their part were too numerous to mention, but among those who had gone to their rest and whom he would specially recall were the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Henry Burstow, James Searle, Harry Chandler, Tom Beams, Sydney Saker and Harry Evans. But there were some old 'war horses' still happily with them, and among them were present that night George Williams, Walter Charman, Jim Parker, Keith Hart, Frank Bennett, Robert Dawe, Ted Lindoff and Alf Groves (applause). The work of the officers and the district officers had been carried on with conspicuous success; the objects of the association had been steadfastly carried out. They had built up a useful balance and they had established a benevolent fund. Sussex, continued Mr. Goldsmith, was one of the counties and few associations which had not within their area a ring of twelve bells. He suggested that a suitable commemoration of that jubilee would be the augmentation of the bells of St. Peter's Church to twelve, for it was in that tower the association was launched, St. Peter's had always been, as it were, the centre of the association's activities, and, what was more, it could provide a band which could make use of such a ring. He commended the idea to the association and concluded by appealing to the young ringers to be ready to seize the torch of enthusiasm, when older hands had to lay it aside, and go forward so that the art of change ringing might continue to flourish in the old county of Sussex and the association go on from strength to strength (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of the new Master (Mr. H. R. Butcher), who, by his election that day, had held all the offices which the association could bestow on him—secretary, treasurer, trustee and Master (applause).

The Master, in replying to the toast, said the association looked to the young ringers to come forward and carry on in the future the good work which had been done by those who were now veterans. It was often said that Sussex was slow to move, but the association's record for 50 years showed what had been accomplished. They could congratulate themselves, he said, on having had a great meeting that day which everyone had enjoyed. They all appreciated what had been done for them (applause). Mr. Butcher concluded by thanking the members for electing him to the office of Master of the association. If he failed in his task, he said, they must turn him out, but if he could do all they wanted of him he would be very satisfied and happy.

PROGRESS THE FIRST ESSENTIAL.

In proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. S. E. Armstrong said they stood at a unique point in the history of the association. They stood not only at the end of 50 years' progress, but in the middle of a century. They had among them those who saw the beginnings of the association 50 years ago and those who certainly had a chance of seeing it for another 50 years. The association was formed in what was sometimes sneeringly termed the Victorian age. They had not to look far to see that what was implied was wrong. They had the Sussex County Association coming out of it, for a start.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Poole, Dorset, on Saturday, May 18th. Service in St. James' Church was conducted by the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), with the organist and choir to lead the singing. The newly-appointed Rector, the Rev. E. C. Harris, gave an impressive address on the value and spiritual influence of church bells. A collection taken in aid of the restoration of the Cathedral bells at Nairobi, Kenya Colony, amounted to £2.

Luncheon was served in the Guildhall. The Master, who was supported by the Mayor of Poole (Councillor Dacombe), the Rector and the churchwardens, presided over a gathering of about 120.

After the loyal toast had been drunk with musical honours, the Master proposed the health of the Mayor, who, in reply, gave the Guild a cordial welcome to the ancient borough.

The annual meeting followed. Lord Shaftesbury, the president, wrote expressing regret at his inability to attend, as he was engaged in London.

The general secretary and treasurer presented his statement of accounts, showing a credit balance of £61 1s. 3d.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry was re-elected Master, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards secretary, Mr. F. Green assistant secretary, the Rev. R. E. G. Newman and Mr. H. R. Hopkins auditors. The Rev. Canon Gorringe, the Rev. H. Moxon and Mr. E. T. P. Field were elected to the committee.

Reference was made to the sad loss sustained by the death of Mr. E. B. Barter and Mr. W. Pye, and silent tribute was paid to their memory.

Two alterations in the rules were proposed and carried unanimously.

The Master spoke of the great services rendered to the Guild by Mr. C. D. Heginbothom and to his long and critical illness, which had necessitated his retirement from office, and he was unanimously elected a vice-president.

Several grants of money were voted.

The Rev. E. C. Cox proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks, to which the Rector briefly replied.

Twelve towers were open for ringing, and touches in various methods were rung during the day.

AN EAST BERKS STALWART PASSES ON.

It is with deep regret we have to record the passing of one of the old East Berks and South Bucks stalwarts of 50 years ago in the person of Mr. W. A. Garraway, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead. He was one of the first ringers to take up change ringing in the district introduced by the late Robert Smith, and soon passed his instructor. He conducted the first peal on Boyne Hill bells as far back as October 18th, 1882, and rang in peals in various towers in the district. He was always willing to help a young band, but was of a retiring disposition. Mr. Garraway never kept a record of his peals, but he had rung peals in all the standard methods, Double Norwich and Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. He died on Wednesday, May 29th, and was laid to rest in Boyne Hill Churchyard close to the bells he loved so well. Several of the ringers attended the funeral, and, as a mark of respect, in the evening half-muffled touches were rung on the tower bells. Deceased was 74 years of age.

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Fifty years ago some of those present that night went to a great deal of trouble to set that association on foot. It was an opportunity that would never occur again. Instead of calling it the Victorian age when the association was founded, he should prefer to call it the age of opportunity (applause). They would never have that opportunity again, but what they could do was to consolidate the things which they started 50 years ago. It would pay them, he thought, to go along, not with any particular end in view, but simply with the idea of always considering that progress was the first essential. To journey hopefully was a better thing than to arrive. He extended to the visitors a cordial welcome, and expressed the hope that many of them would be present at the centenary meeting in 50 years' time.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who responded, congratulated the association upon attaining its jubilee. He brought greetings from the Ancient Society of College Youths, and expressed regret at the absence of the Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield), who intended to be present, but had suffered a severe loss by the death of his wife. The visitors, said Mr. Hughes, had spent a most delightful evening, and he congratulated the association on the success of the proceedings. He was not altogether a visitor to Sussex, for he was an honorary member of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, band. In the case of that tower he could bear out what Mr. Goldsmith had said with regard to progress made. When he first knew it there was little more than Grandsire Triples rung, but now they could get Surprise ringing and excellent striking (applause).

The programme was a very enjoyable one, the handbell solos by Mrs. Hughes giving great delight. She first played 'Solveig's Song' and played 'Love's old sweet song' as an encore, and later gave 'Humoreske,' followed by 'Land of Hope and Glory.' Mr. Fred White, accompanied by Mr. Harry Cooper, greatly amused the company in humorous numbers, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. H. Kippin, G. Williams and K. Hart.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

CADOXTON WIN RINGING COMPETITION.

The eleventh annual competition in connection with the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at St. John's Church, Cefn Coed, on Saturday, May 25th. The weather was quite good, although rather cold before lunch. The competition, both from a ringing and a social standpoint, was voted the most successful the Guild has held. Everyone was happy to meet old friends once more and to welcome Mr. W. H. Fussell, who again adjudicated.

The test consisted of raising the bells in peal, 120 changes of Doubles (any method) and falling the bells in peal. The home team were handicapped 9 points, and any team could earn 5 points for ringing a method other than Grandsire Doubles. The home team were drawn first and a splendid performance they gave. The rest knew that they were 'up against it' if they were to take the shield from Cefn (who were the holders). They were followed by Talgarth, St. Mary's, Brecon, and Llanelly (Brecs), who rang before lunch. Gorseinon, Cadoxton and a scratch band followed after lunch.

Close upon 90 ringers and friends sat down to the midday meal, and the number was increased to over 100 for tea. They were royally catered for through the generosity of Col. J. J. Jones (Cefn), who took lunch with the ringers. Everyone was delighted the Colonel was able to attend, and he recalled, with amusement, how he had once taken up the noble art.

The Rev. Lewis Davies (Vicar of Cefn Coed) presided throughout the day, and after tea called upon Mr. Fussell to deliver his adjudication. At the outset Mr. Fussell called attention to the fact that the shield, presented by the late Dr. T. P. Thomas, was not only given to encourage and improve bellringing in the Guild, but also to commemorate Empire Day. He placed Cadoxton first, with Gorseinon second and Cefn Coed third. Mr. Fussell congratulated the winners on a perfect performance, and remarked that during the whole time he had adjudicated in the competitions he had not heard such excellent ringing. He also stated that the handicap of 9 points had placed the home team in the third instead of the second place.

The shield was then presented by Mrs. Lewis Davies to Mr. J. E. Bloxham (captain of the Cadoxton team). A silver medal was presented to each member of the winning team and a certificate to the Gorseinon and Cefn Coed teams.

Mr. Charles Powell (Brecon) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Lewis Davies, Mrs. Davies, Miss Davies and to all the ladies and gentlemen who had kindly prepared the meals and waited at table. Mr. Powell referred to the fact that Cefn Coed was a district very hard hit by unemployment, but any depression which was settled over there had moved rapidly, at least for the duration of the competition.—Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild) seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr. L. T. Havard (hon. secretary of the Guild) paid tribute to Mr. C. Chappell (hon. secretary, Cefn band), who had rendered valuable assistance in making the competition such a success. Mr. Havard then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Fussell for carrying out his duties in his usual able manner. Mr. Fussell had not only acted in an official capacity, but had been a loyal friend and adviser to the Guild since its formation. Mr. Havard referred to the recent tour of Australia and New Zealand, and expressed the hope that they might hear some of the experiences.—Mr. D. J. Lewis (Cadoxton), when seconding, said he was pleased the Australian tour had been mentioned. He hoped all had read the articles which appeared in the 'Ringing World,' and appealed to all present to support the publication of the proposed book on the tour.

Mr. Fussell responded to the vote of thanks and entertained the ringers for half an hour with an account of the tour.

At the conclusion, the Chairman said he felt that they were further obliged to Mr. Fussell for his most interesting speech, and so the proceedings terminated with the party singing 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' followed by three rousing cheers.

During the evening many took advantage of an opportunity to ring at Merthyr Tydfil Parish Church, in response to a kind invitation which had been extended during the day.

MR. J. D. MATTHEWS MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £4 16s. 6d.; Mr. W. J. Nevard, 5s.; Mr. J. Gillett, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Martin, 1s.; Mr. W. Harris, 1s.; Mr. C. F. Winney, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. Hovered, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. E. Audsley, 2s. 6d.; Mr. E. Pugh, 2s. 6d.; Mr. G. Gilbert, 2s. 6d.

As it has been arranged to close this fund at the end of June, members and friends are cordially invited to send their subscriptions to the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere, 46, Merton Avenue, Sutton, by that date.

THE YOUNGEST LADY CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your inquiry in 'Belfry Gossip' as to the youngest lady to call a peal, on January 30th, 1915, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Portishead, Somerset, by a local band of ladies, and the conductor, Miss Doris Coles, was 15 years of age. Upon making inquiries to-day, I find that she reached the age of 15 on July 11th, 1914.

We offer hearty congratulations to Miss R. Redpath, and wish her many further successes. N. EDWARDS.

Portishead.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

A Grandsire Doubles ringer tells us that he can call the 'simple' six-score when he rings the fifth or third, but he finds it difficult when he endeavours to call the six-score from either of the other bells. What should he do about it? he asks, in effect.

First of all, we would reply, 'Just go on trying and we think it will quickly be mastered.' That old six-score with the fifth or the third called into 4-5 up every other lead, which, we imagine, he means by 'simple,' has been a stumbling-block not only of conductors who let themselves get into a rut, but of many a band who, confined to the one groove, find themselves lost when some fresh conductor begins to 'mix them up a bit,' even with the alternative 120's containing six singles and three bobs.

Our correspondent will find that his calling of the ten different six-scores from any bell will come much easier if he will take some pains to study coursing order. In the ordinary six-call 120's he can begin by making a call and then missing a lead, but he will, if he watches the coursing of the bells, soon be able to see when the third or fifth, whichever he is making the observation, is coming to dodge in 4-5 up.

The bell that follows the treble, as he will know, is the bell in the hunt, and when the observation bell is following the bell in the hunt, that is the time to make the call—when it strikes its first blow in 4th's going up. The bell in the hunt remains behind to dodge with it.

If he is calling one of the nine-call 120's he has to remember to call a single every time the observation bell is behind, and a bob on alternate occasions when the observation bell comes to lead in front of the treble—when, in fact, it is going to make 3rd's place.

These nine-call 120's are always made up of groups called: Single, Bob, Single, at consecutive leads, with the plain lead either in front of or after it; each group of four leads being repeated twice. Incidentally, you can begin from either of the four leads which form the group, or block. You can have S.B.S. Plain; B.S.P.S., S.P.S.B. or P.S.B.S. The first and third have the third as observation and the other two the fifth.

DO YOU KNOW

(1) The earliest composer of a method of whom we have any knowledge?

(2) The meaning of M. B. W. H. or 1. 4. 5. 6. written in conjunction with the columns of figures, which are known as 'compositions'?

(3) What is the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers?

IF YOU DON'T, THEN——

(1) Robert Roan, a College Youth, who in the first half of the seventeenth century, it is believed, composed 720 of what he called Grandsire Bob and which he constructed from 120 of Grandsire Doubles. His method is now known as Bob Minor.

(2) M. stands for Middle, B. for Before, W. for Wrong, H. for Home; 1. stands for the first lead end, 4. for the fourth lead end, 5. for the fifth lead end, and 6. for the sixth lead end of the course. They denote the places in the course where the bobs are to be called. These initials, or figures, usually appear on the right-hand side of the 'rounds' in the figures, and beneath them appear a number of dashes, thus —. If it is under M. it means that a bob Middle has to be called in the course which produces the course-end opposite the mark. If it is under the W. it means that a bob Wrong has to be called. Similarly, if the figures 1.4.5.6. are at the top, a — under, say, both the figures 1 and 6, means that bobs have to be called at the end of the first lead and the end of the sixth lead.

(3) This is not an inappropriate question for this week, for next Tuesday the Central Council will meet at Shrewsbury. The Council is made up of representatives of all the associations and guilds in the British Isles, with a certain number of honorary members. The Council publishes books on ringing; through its committees carries out throughout the year a number of duties which need discharging, but which would otherwise be nobody's business, and discusses matters in the general interest of ringing. It acts as the central organisation of ringing, and is, in fact, the 'Bellringers' Parliament.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Over thirty members from Aylsham, Buxton, Fakenham, Garveston, Gressenhall, North Elmham, Norwich, Wiveton, Worstead, Wroxham and Wymondham supported the North Norfolk Branch meeting at East Dereham on May 25th, together with Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) and the local band.

The ringing was of rather poor quality owing to ambitious 'flutters,' but there were good touches of Stedman, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and a shaky course of London. However, everybody seemed to enjoy the opportunities for practice.

The business meeting was of short duration. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Upper Sheringham or Cromer or Wiveton—the possibility of obtaining permission at the first two places being doubtful—on September 14th.

Members will receive due notification of the tower available.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 11th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's on the 20th, *St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

THROWLEIGH, DEVON.—New treble added to complete ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.); two bells recast, and the six bells hung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by the Rural Dean on Saturday, June 8th, at 12 noon. Tea provided for those who notify the captain, Mr. Richard Hill, The Forge, Throwleigh. All ringers welcome.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, June 8th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Horspath on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bus leaves Oxford (Castle Street) at 3 p.m.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, June 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. The business will be the revision of branch boundaries and the formation of an Oldham Branch.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) 6 p.m. For tea, notify Mr. J. Gardner, 5, Church Road, Halewood, without fail. Important discussions expected, so turn up prepared in large numbers.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—(Ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt.) Nos. 1, 2 and 3 bells recast and the eight bells rehung in a new metal frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Totnes on June 8th at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Turner's Hill to-morrow (Saturday) commencing at 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 10th. The Central Committee meet in All Saints' Upper Vestry at 10.45. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rev. J. P. de Put-

ron, R.D. Lunch at the Angel Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Towers open for ringing: St. Giles' 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 5.45; All Saints' 10 to 12; Holy Sepulchre 10 to 11.30; St. Edmund's and St. Peter's 3 to 7; Kingsthorpe and Old Duston 3 to 6.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Rd., Geddington, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Special service in church at 12 noon.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Rd., N. Ormesby, Middlesborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. C. P. Lee. Hot dinner, Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to members who apply for tickets beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Ringing at All Saints' (8) and S. Nicholas' (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 3 to 5.30 p.m., Cathedral (10) from 5 p.m.—Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 56th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 10th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Reginald B. Bertin, Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 1s. 6d.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Duke Street. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8), Danbury (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting. — Edward P. Duffield, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service in St. David's Church at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

ELY ASSOCIATION & ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A joint mid-week meeting at Sawston on Wednesday, June 12th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea in the Institute at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. each. — K. Willers.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Blackmoor on Wednesday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Lincoln District will be held at Nocton on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Lincoln District Secretaries (no names, no tea), Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet; H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, on or before Wednesday, the 12th. All ringers are welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A open ringing day will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Aughton Parish Church. The new peal (6 bells) by Gillett and Johnston will be open to visitors from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Wigan.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting and ringers' day will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Mirfield. Bells (10), recently overhauled, available from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all who apply to Mr. A. Robinson, 56, Shill Bank Lane, Mirfield, not later than Tuesday, June 11th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those who intend to come kindly notify me by June 12th, so that tea arrangements may be made? Half travelling expenses (maximum 2s.) will be paid. I would like to receive all unpaid subscriptions before or at this meeting.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Tutbury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 12th. North Staffs and Derby District friends will be welcomed.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Clent on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who send me their names by Wednesday, June 12th.—William B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. Phone, Selly Oak 1246.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. W. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, near Newbury, by Wednesday, June 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the local company, but ONLY to those who advise one of the undersigned of their intention of being present, by Wednesday, June 12th. Don't forget that postcard!—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 8, Hugh Street, Victoria, S.W.1; J. A. Waugh, Master, 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford, E.18.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 at Lingfield Institute. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 11th.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Whitnash, one mile from Leamington, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s., will only be provided for those who notify me by June 12th.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Denfold on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5 p.m. A meeting has not been held at this tower for many years. You will be very welcome. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAM. — On Saturday, June 15th, at the Parish Church, a peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. P. A. Sharp). Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m., unveiling 4.30. Tea, price 1s., in the Vicarage Ground. Kindly forward number to secretary by Thursday previous. All visitors to Selston can be assured of a hearty welcome. — W. W. Dobbs, Sec., Church Lane, Selston, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Haselbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, June 15th. Usual arrangements. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Highworth on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Sevenhampton bells (6) after tea. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All are welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at The Lindens. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Ferriby, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6), recently rehung and augmented, available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. W. W. Hanley, Wallinfen, North Ferriby, E. Yorks, by Thursday, June 20th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—A special combined meeting between the Rutland and Kettering branches will be held at Harringworth on June 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—124th Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2 p.m. A district meeting of the Suffolk Guild will be held jointly with this gathering. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me by 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds, Lavenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Meopham on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. It is *very important* for those intending to accept the Vicar's invitation to tea to acquaint me not later than Tuesday, June 18th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Cathedral from 3 till 3.45, and again after the general meeting; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wade Street. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 17th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Salford, Manchester, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen's presence appreciated.—L. Noel Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than June 19th. A lecture on Samuel Pepys is being given by the Rector at 3 p.m. All welcome. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — First quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, at North Wingfield. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet in Schools 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 3d. per head) *must* notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, not later than 20th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Wath on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Special preacher, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church House, at 1s. 3d. each. Please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Wednesday, the 19th, for same. A very hearty welcome is extended by the Vicar and ringers of Wath to all ringers of the various associations to try out the new peal of 8. It is hoped a good attendance will be recorded.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

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There is a good deal in the last contention put forward if the question is looked at from the point of view of raising the standard of peal ringing, but we do not see how the forms of peals quoted can be ruled out if we accept the fact that a peal of Doubles is the extent on five bells rung forty-two times. As long as each composition of the six-score is true it does not, at present, matter in what order the changes are rung, and while the qualification rests upon the number of true six-scores, and not upon the callings, a one-calling peal ranks for recognition equally with one of ten callings. Until the basis of what shall be recognised as a peal is changed a one-calling peal cannot be ruled out. When the Central Council, at the Hereford meeting, endeavoured to find a definition for peals of Minor and Doubles, an argument in favour of insisting upon the maximum number of callings, according to the method, was put forward, but turned down as being unduly restrictive.

The other points raised by our correspondent as to the actual conducting can hardly enter into the recognition of peals. Peals depend upon the truth of what is rung, by whom or how the bobs are called can hardly count. If peals with two conductors are ruled out, so must be peals in which all the ringers share the conducting, and if that be done when the ringers call the bobs, the logical conclusion would be to rule out peals in which the ringers do not call the bobs, but each is his own conductor—that is, a non-conducted peal. After all, the sharing of bob calling in a peal is a rare occurrence. On the other matter of whether the conductor should ring a working bell, there can, we think, be little division of opinion. There are occasions

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN	*Treble*	LEONARD BANCE	6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN	2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER	7
FRANK E. DARBY	3	FRANK JENNINGS	8
EDWARD G. TALBOT	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	5	JOHN F. GALVER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Alfred J. Trappitt, a member of the local band, who was buried the same day.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RUSSELL W. CURSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	6
HANBURY F. CARTER	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	7
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	3	WALTER C. MEDLER	8
GEORGE MAYERS	4	HENRY TOOKE	9
WILLIAM J. WASEY	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First attempt for a peal of Royal by ringers of the second and third, members of the local company.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED BUCKLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
GEORGE W. HUGHES	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
EDGAR T. SMITH	3	THOMAS HILL	8
HARRY T. HIGGINS	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
HOWARD HOWELL	5	WILLIAM WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of His Majesty the King.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 39 cwt.

BEN S. THOMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN GODFREY	6
*ERNEST G. SHORTEN	2	ALBERT G. WARNES	7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	3	RUSSELL W. CURSON	8
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	4	GEORGE BAILEY	9
WILLIAM J. CLOVER	5	F. NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. CROSS. Conducted by BEN S. THOMPSON.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's 70th birthday.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
JOHN T. KENTISH	2	*STANLEY A. CARTER	7
JAMES BENNETT	3	HAROLD V. FROST	8
GEORGE GRAY	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	5	ALBERT LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten. First peal as conductor on ten bells. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

TOTTENHAM.—At the Church of All Hallows for morning service on June 2nd, as a farewell to William J. Ellis, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. G. Peck 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, E. H. King 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS	*Treble*	ALFRED PEARCE	6
HENRY PRING	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
F. CECIL MOGFORD	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	8
RICHARD CLARK	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
GILBERT PEARCE	5	JOHN H. LAMBLE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. A. J. KNIGHT. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung to mark the coming of age of the daughter of Harry Bennett, sidesman and ringer at St. Stephen's.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY	*Treble*	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	5
HENRY HODGETTS	2	FRANCIS A. SMITH	6
*CECIL J. KAZER	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
JOHN E. ROOTES	4	WILLIAM CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* Elected a member before starting. First peal in the method as conductor. The band are all Sunday service ringers at the above church.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Treble*	PERCY J. JERVIS	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	*HERBERT N. CRADDOCK	7
WILLIAM J. THYNG	4	THOMAS E. LEE	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Oxford. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. The composition was rung for the first time.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEERE	5
WILLIAM T. BERSON	2	GEORGE GILBERT	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
*EDWARD J. BRAGG	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

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

* First 'blow' in London Surprise Major. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE W. BURRELL	*Treble*	HARVEY E. BURRELL	5
*MISS LOIS M. NEAL	2	CYRIL R. BURRELL	6
HARRY JOHNSON	3	HAROLD BARSLEY	7
ARTHUR YOUNG	4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss L. M. Neal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW	*Treble*	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	5
HARRY D. LISTER	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	6
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
WILLIAM WATHEN	4	GEORGE W. ABLITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPICE	5
TOM SAUNDERS	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
GEORGE KENWARD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
HARRY BAKER	4	LUTHER J. HONESS	*Tenor*

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

Rung for Empire Day. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The composition (No. 405) is rung for the first time.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH	*Treble*	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NORMAN HEAPS	6
ROBERT WALLWORK	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
THOMAS WALLWORK	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*HENRY L. LANGLEY	*Treble*	*BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*GEORGE BUTLER	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
HOWARD HOWELL	3	DAVID HINGLEY	7
GEORGE OLIVER	4	BERT HORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. WALLATER. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	FRANCIS KIRK	6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	3	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirk.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, May 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	5
GEORGE POPNELL	2	HENRY J. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
*CHARLES POWELL	4	†WILLIAM A. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First attempt for an eight-bell peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal for H.M. Queen Mary, by kind approval of Canon E. A. T. Roberts. It is 23 years since a similar performance was rung on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Thursday, May 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. SIMPSON	5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW	6
GEORGE W. MILLS	3	ARTHUR J. FARR	7
JOHN CURRY	4	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on attaining his 99th birthday.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY W. YOUNGMAN	*Treble*	*SIDNEY A. BLOOMFIELD	5
WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD	2	JOHN ALDISS, SEN.	6
ARTHUR POINTZ	3	JOHN ALDISS, JUN.	7
LEONARD POINTZ	4	GEORGE POINTZ	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE POINTZ.

* First peal. This is the first peal by the local company since 1912.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING	*Treble*	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	5
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	2	GEORGE WHITING	6
JAMES ROSE	3	KEITH W. WHITTELL	7
*JACK FORD	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	JOHN S. MORTON	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung prior to a special service held for the delegates of the C.E.M.S.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BAKER	*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD	5
*THOMAS GRICE	2	*FREDERICK LEESON	6
*GEORGE POUND	3	LEONARD MANNERING	7
ERNEST SPILLER	4	THOMAS RANDALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD MANNERING.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

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WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM S. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 146). Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES
First peal in the method on the bells.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ...	2	JOHN NOBES	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	ALFRED H. WEBB	7
WALTER V. WEBB	4	ERNEST MULFORD... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE W. T. BRIGGS	...*Treble*	FRANK E. MITCHELL	5
WILLIAM H. JOINER	2	CHARLES POTHECARY	6
†RONALD I. HALL	3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	7
‡LAWRENCE GREENHOW ...	4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES POTHECARY.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D

JAMES MARSH	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM C. PILKINGTON ...	5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD	2	*WILLIAM PILKINGTON ...	6
JOHN BROWN...	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
CHARLES SHARPLES	4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in the method.

ARMLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY...	*Treble*	JOSEPH THACKRAY	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR... ...	2	HARRY MARSDEN	6
*FRANK RAYMENT	3	*HARRY LOFTHOUSE	7
*MISS OLIVE RENTON ...	4	*LEONARD DRAKE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY	...*Treble*	*CECIL KAZEL	5
EDWARD ASHBY	2	ARNOLD BRUNTEN	6
WALTER G. PAUL	3	STEPHEN H. HOARE	7
MISS ELSIE FULTON	4	JOHN E. ROOTES... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W G. PAUL.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The tenorman has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS ETHEL E. REED	...*Treble*	JOHN BASS	4
*WILLIAM HODNETT	2	†JOHN PAGETT	5
PERCY RICHARDS	3	WILLIAM JONES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PAGETT.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell, also as conductor.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*R. STEVENS	*Treble*	O. WILLS	4
†A. BROOKER...	2	J. MEDHURST	5
A. HIBBIN	3	†F. OTTAWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MEDHURST.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Specially arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who had not rung at this tower for over 30 years.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Chester, Alnwick, Munden, Newcastle; (2) London, Cunecastre, Wells; (3) Durham, York Surfleet, Beverley; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale. (5) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (6) Hexham, Berwick; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD... ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
*VERNON TAYLOR	2	HORACE M. DAY	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
* First Surprise peal. First in 26 methods by all.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Sunday, May 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD	...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3
FRANK H. HICKS	2	ARTHUR J. HART	4

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...*Tenor*
Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.
First peal on five bells by all the band.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(BARLEY SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, May 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob and eight of Oxford Singles. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	HARRY HOWARD	4
WALTER MANSFIELD	2	FRANK HAYES	5
WILLIAM A. TACK	3	VICTOR S. LEE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, late Rector of Barley, who was laid to rest there on that day.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, May 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*T. WILKES	4
*HARRY JOHNSON...	2	†WILLIAM FARR	5
RICHARD TREHERNE	3	†GEORGE JOHNSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung in honour of the ringing jubilee (50 years) of R. Treherne.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

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 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOSEPH W. COTTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. T. KING	4
FRANCIS COXON	2	WILLIAM LANCASTER	5
CHARLES DAVIES	3	JACK BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal in three methods as conductor.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

FREDK. MATTHEWS, SEN.	...*Treble*	KENNETH NEWMAN	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	JOHN BUCKENHAM	5
FREDK. MATTHEWS, JUN. ...	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

DONHEAD ST. MARY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. JIM RALPH	...*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
A. JOHN GRAY	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday (June 3rd).

FREISTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS L. NEAL	...*Treble*	JACK YOUNG	4
HARRY JOHNSON	2	*GEORGE W. BURRELL ...	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	VERNON TAYLOR... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

* First peal in five methods. First extent of London Bob by all the band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. CHAPLIN	...*Treble*	FRANK BERRY	4
THOMAS SPARROW	2	ERNEST J. TRIMMER	5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	3	JAMES BULLOCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Trimmer. The ringers of the 5th and 6th have now rung Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CYRIL H. W. SPEED...	...*Treble*	HERBERT LOWMAN	4
*MISS ADELINE A. STOKES	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	5
MOSES BILLINGS	3	JOHN WALDEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal of Minor, and first 720 of Minor in any method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Helena Lavinia Alcock, sister of Mr. W. Alcock, one of the local ringers, and Mr. Hugh McMurchie.

ALFORD, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HERBERT I. MINGAY ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN	4
MRS. J. BRAY	2	*CHARLES W. TAYLOR ...	5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	3	JACK BRAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B.

*BRYAN O'NEIL (age 14)	...*Treble*	JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 14) ...	4
†GEORGE J. BERRY	2	GEORGE H. LIMMER	5
EDWARD T. BARRETT ...	3	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First attempt for peal. † First peal in three methods. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd belong to Hitcham, remainder to St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks. Rung as a bicentenary commemoration peal to Thomas Hearne (diarist), to whose memory a tablet was unveiled at White Waltham, Berks, that day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... ...	5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Stephen H. Hoare.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Taylor.

GLANDFORD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1935, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM R. WEST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents. Tenor size 14 in C.

ROBERT J. WISKER	1	NOLAN GOLDEN	3-4
WILLIAM COPEMAN	2	WILLIAM R. WEST	5

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Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal ever rung in Glandford. The ringer of the second is only 14 years old.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) with different callings: G. Hastings 1, C. Pearce 2, W. James 3, F. Gosling 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5, C. Williams 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6. First quarter-peal on the bells. All the ringers are local except the conductor, who hails from Newbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENT WELCOMED.

The recently augmented peal at All Saints', Harrow Weald, proved an attraction on Saturday, May 25th, when some fifty or so members and friends of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met for ringing and a talk. The weather, after an unpromising morning, was very kind, and an enjoyable meeting was held. The bells, restored and augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co. early this year, are now a very pretty ring of eight (tenor 8 cwt.), and the two trebles which were added are an excellent splice.

The Master of the association (Mr. A. W. Coles) looked after the ringing requirements of all present until service time. The Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Durham) preached an interesting sermon and afterwards presided at tea. Previous to his departure, before the actual business meeting, Mr. G. W. Fletcher thanked him for the use of the bells, and congratulated the Harrow Weald ringers on their very fine peal.—The Vicar, in his reply, welcomed the association, and said that he hoped it would now not be long before another visit was made to his church.

At the commencement of the business meeting, Mr. C. T. Coles (joint hon. secretary) welcomed the new vice-president of the district (Mr. George W. Fletcher), and said he was sure that all would join him in wishing Mr. Fletcher a happy time in the chair at their meetings.—Mr. Fletcher expressed his appreciation of the honour done to him, and said that he would always do his best for the association.

Seven new members were elected, including several members of the North Mimms (Herts) band, whose joining was stated by the hon. secretary to be a real sign of the goodwill and fellowship existing between the Herts and Middlesex Associations.

St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, was chosen for the next meeting on Saturday, June 29th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Stanmore for the use of his bells; to the organist and choir; to the several ladies who had prepared an excellent tea, and to Messrs. Goodship and Hughes for having the bells in readiness.

Ringing on handbells afterwards included courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, whilst full use was made of the bells at Stanmore and Harrow Weald churches until about 9 o'clock, when the last of the company dispersed.

During the evening the pretty garden belonging to Mr. Hart, father of one of the Harrow Weald ringers, was placed at the disposal of members, who found it a fine vantage point to listen to the bells.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

A NEW PLAN IN A FOUR-METHOD PEAL.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

Following are the figures of a composition of Spliced Surprise Major in the four methods, viz.: London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative, upon a new plan. It is the first of Spliced Surprise Major in which the whole of the work of three methods can be rung by every bell, including the tenors, in one peal. In this peal all the bells can do all the work in the course of London, Bristol and Superlative.

23456	M.	W.	5,280. H.	Methods.
65432	1	1	1	L C L
34256	1	1		L C L
32546		1	2	L C L B
62345	2		3	L B(S)L B B
54326	1	1	1	L(S)L
43526			2	L(S)L B
53246		2	1	L C B L
45236		1		L C L
62534	1		1	L C L
26435	2		2	L B C L B
43265		1	1	L(S)L
(36245)	1	Before		S S S B B B
24365		1	1	B B B S S S
32465			1	L C L
54263	1		1	*L L L L L L L
25463			1	L C L
46253		1	1	L C L
52364	1	1	3	L(S)L B B
46325	1	1	1	L C L
25634	1	2	2	L(S)B L B
54632	1		2	L C L B

(S) These leads may be rung to Cambridge. * Or L S L only (which cuts out four leads). Repeat as from 34256, omit the last two bobs Home, and the lead of Bristol for 23456. Cambridge must be rung where shown to ensure truth of the peal.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katharine's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: A. Cheaseley 1, G. Welch 2, K. Birt 3, C. Killick 4, B. Wells 5, J. Batters (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There was a very unusual coincidence in connection with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Marden, Kent, on June 4th. For no fewer than four of the ringers it was the one hundredth peal they had rung together, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker having now rung a hundred peals with C. H. Sone and T. E. Sone. It was also the 150th peal which the two last named had rung together, and Mr. T. E. Sone's 150th peal as conductor. In addition he completed his third time 'round the circle' with the calling of Holt's Original, including one peal rung 'non-conducted.'

The peal at Halesowen on May 18th was rung for the Worcestershire Association.

The late Rev. S. H. Viggars, who died on May 29th, and to whose memory a half-muffled peal was rung at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Staffs, was formerly Vicar of that parish. In 1926 he became Rector of Bridport, Dorset, and Rural Dean of Bridport. He was Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen at Barry and Antwerp from 1931 to 1933, and afterwards organising secretary for the South-Eastern District.

A correspondent challenges the accuracy of a peal of Doubles which has been rung. If he will send his name and address his letter will be published.

The new peal of twelve at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, will be dedicated on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. The service will be followed by a garden party at the Vicarage, tickets 1s. each, which includes tea. The bells will be available for touches from 5 p.m. onwards: all ringing friends welcome.

This will be a great event in the annals of Aston, where so many famous peals have been rung in the past.

RINGERS' MEETINGS.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

We very much regret that the extraordinary pressure upon our space in the last few weeks has necessitated the holding over or omission of many reports sent to us for publication. We give below the most important points from recent meetings, the reports of which we are not able to produce *in extenso*. We hope those who have been kind enough to send these reports will realise our difficulties and accept our apologies.

Over 30 members attended the meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at East Dereham, when it was decided to hold the next meeting on September 14th, at Upper Sheringham, or Cromer, or Wiveton.

The South Norfolk Branch elected the Rev. B. M. Pickering (Rector) as an honorary member at a meeting held at Redenhall. Steps for teaching a band at Blo' Norton were discussed.

A peal board of fine workmanship recording eight peals in various methods has been unveiled at St. Mary's Church, Prestbury, Gloucestershire. These peals record the good progress made by the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association since its inception 12 years ago. About 30 different names appear on the board, with about five or six different conductors.

The Towcester District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will hold a series of Saturday evening combined practices, and at future annual meetings only 6d. will be charged for tea and 1s. 6d. for lunch. It is hoped this will enable more members to attend.

Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild elected the Rev. A. F. G. Farmer, Rector of Yattenden, as an hon. member.

The Vale of White Horse Branch had the satisfactory balance in hand of £4 6s. 10d. in the general funds at the annual meeting, and £3 8s. in the Restoration Fund. More young members are wanted.

The May meeting of the Middlesex County Association's South and West District at Isleworth, a Thames-side town, was anything but a 'summer outing.' An interesting programme of meetings was provisionally drawn up: July 13th, Twickenham; August 10th, Ruislip; and joint meetings with the Guildford and Oxford Guilds at Staines and Egham on September 28th and with the Oxford and Ladies' Guilds at Hillingdon on October 12th. Peal organisers and secretaries of neighbouring Guilds are requested to avoid clashing with these dates is possible.

Fourteen towers were represented at the summer meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association held at Grimley. Those present included Mr. J. D. Johnson, the new hon. secretary of the association.

A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Lincoln Districts of the Lincoln Guild was to have been held at Alford, but Lincoln District was not able to raise a sufficiently large party to charter a coach. Despite the inaccessibility of the village, however, there was a large attendance. The Master of the Guild (Mr. Rupert Richardson) congratulated Alford on the fine peal of six bells which they now possess. A welcome to Bigby for the next meeting was offered.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints', Arksey, on May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Clark 1, G. Clark 2, *W. Fay 3, H. Arrand 4, *H. Goodale 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, E. Cooper (conductor) 7, *F. Newton 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung with half-muffled bells as a last token of respect to Mrs. Peill, daughter of Mr. T. Revill, a member of All Saints' company.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

The Central Council met at Shrewsbury on Tuesday. It was the third session of the fifteenth Council, and 90 members were present.

By the kindness of the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury, the meeting was held in the fine old Council Chamber at Shrewsbury Castle.

The following members were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. H. W. Brown, Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. J. Hunt.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. King and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

Cambridge University Guild: Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. Norbury and Mr. T. Wilde.

Devon Guild: The Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. T. Laver, Mr. E. W. Marsh and Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. F. Colclough.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association: The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willers.

Essex Association: Mr. E. J. Butler and Mr. G. R. Pye.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Austin and Mr. W. Rose.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazleden and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff.

Kent County Association: Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker and Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones.

London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. W. H. Hollier.

Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. C. Gobey, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. E. Denison Taylor and Mr. W. E. White.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: Mr. W. Collett.

Oxford University Society: The Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. T. Tebbutt and Mr. F. Wilford.

St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings and Mr. F. W. Romaine.

Shropshire Association: Mr. W. Saunders.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross and Mr. J. Parker.

Stafford Archdeaconry Guild: Mr. T. J. Elton and Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake.

Surrey Association: Mr. D. Cooper and Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Truro Diocesan Guild: The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella.

Warwickshire Guild: Mr. J. H. W. White.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Mr. H. Barton, Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association: Mr. R. G. Knowles.

Yorkshire Association: Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members: Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

The Council was welcomed to the diocese by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, who also had been requested by the Lady Mayor to welcome the Council to Shrewsbury on her behalf.

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) read a letter from the Mayor expressing regret at her absence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS MAJESTY.

The President then read a telegram which it was proposed should be sent to H.M. the King. It was as follows:—

'The Central Council of Church Bellringers, assembled for its annual meeting in Shrewsbury Castle, respectfully offers its congratulations on the attainment of your Majesty's Silver Jubilee, in the happy celebration of which the ringers of Great Britain and Ireland have taken their part, and on their behalf the Council expresses the earnest hope that for many years to come your Majesty's reign over a loyal and united people may be prolonged.—Edwin H. Lewis, President.'

Later in the day the following reply was received:—

'The message of good wishes contained on your telegram was much appreciated by the King, whose sincere thanks I am commanded to convey to you and all who joined in these congratulations.—Private Secretary.'

The message was received with applause.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that the total membership of the Council was 128 members, representing 51 associations and 15 honorary members.

The retiring honorary members, Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker, were re-elected.

New members presented to the president were Messrs. E. C. S. Turner (honorary), J. Hardcastle (Yorkshire Association), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University Society), Mr. G. Cross (Royal Cumberlands) and Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire Association).

The President mentioned past members of the Council who had died during the year, and the members stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect: Mr. J. Cotterell (1918-1934), Mr. William Pye (1912-1923), Mr. G. R. Fardon (1906-1911), Mr. E. P. Debenham (1894-1902), Mr. F. F. Lindley (1891-1897), and Mr. E. Bishop (1922-1928, 1932-1935).

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reported that the Council's greetings were conveyed to the ringers of Australia and New Zealand by the English tourists and that the publications sent out by the Council and distributed at the various towers were greatly appreciated. The tourists brought back fraternal greetings and good wishes from Australia, which they were asked to give to the Council and the ringers of England.

SATISFACTORY SALES OF PUBLICATIONS.

The hon. librarian reported that there had 'been no trade depression' in his department. The record of the last year's sales had not quite been reached, but the demand for all publications had been good. A number of county bell histories had been added to the library by purchase and other books by gift. A complete catalogue would soon be available. The number of publications sold was 1,818, representing £35 13s. 6d. in value. Of this, £5 2s. 6d. value was accounted for by the gift of publications sent to Australian towers. The account showed a balance on the year of £24 10s. 4d.

The report was adopted and the Council authorised the reprinting of the pamphlet on the Law Affecting Bells, after reference to Alderman Pritchett with regard to the insurance of voluntary ringers; and the reprinting of the Doubles and Minor Methods Collection, after revision by the Methods Committee.

FINANCES.

The Council's accounts showed receipts from affiliation fees of £31 for 1934-35 and 10s. arrears 1933-34; hon. members' subscriptions £2 2s. 6d.; interest on Conversion Stocks and Consols £5; sale of publications £24 10s. 4d.; making a total of £63 2s. 10d. Expenses of new publications were £32 7s.; on library books £4 1s. 9d.; donations to memorial funds £13 13s.; other items £18 7s. 2d.; making a total of £68 19s. 5d. The balance of £64 11s. 9d. in 1934 has thus been reduced to £58 15s. 2d. in 1935, with £100, in addition, invested.

The accounts were adopted.

The report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine was received, and the Council then passed on to the consideration of the reports of the various committees.

COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS.

The report of the Peal Collection Committee stated that the committee were in the midst of making the selection of compositions for publication. On account of the number of peals of Grandsire Triples received—about five times as many as were authorised—it was suggested that a larger quota of these should be allowed.

The report was adopted, and the committee given power to include additional compositions in any one method, but it was suggested that the total number should not be increased.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S WORK.

The Methods Committee's report, which has already been printed in our columns, was presented and received, but a long and acrimonious discussion took place over the committee's recommendation: 'That the Methods Committee be authorised to prepare a book on the Surprise Major methods, and to hand the same to the hon. secretary; and that the hon. secretary be authorised to take the necessary steps for publishing the same.' This was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, after having, at the suggestion of the president, withdrawn an amendment to omit certain paragraphs of the report, proposed the following amendment to the recommendation: 'That it be an instruction to the Methods Committee to prepare a MSS. collection of 500-800 Surprise Major methods, which shall include an adequate proportion of methods representing the most recent research, and that this collection be made available to members of the Central Council through the library for their suggestions and criticism with a view to the ultimate publication of a book containing 100-200 representative Surprise Major methods.'

This was seconded by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, but eventually defeated, and the committee's recommendation adopted.

THE PRESS AND BELLRINGING.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee represented a long report dealing with references and articles on ringing which had appeared in the Press during the year, including quotations from Australian journals during the ringing tour in the Commonwealth. There was also a statement on broadcasting, and the committee re-

commended that a letter be written to the B.B.C. congratulating them on the broadcasts given at Christmas and at the royal functions, and on the interval signal, but expressing regret at the omission of bells at Easter and at the discontinuance of the transmissions from the Midlands, and chiefly from Birmingham.

The report was adopted.

HONORARY MEMBERS INCREASED.

The President proposed and the hon. secretary seconded an alteration of the rules governing the constitution of the Council to enlarge the maximum number of honorary members from 15 to 20.

The motion was agreed to.

BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES.

The following motion was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings:—

'That an address be presented by the Council to the diocesan Bishops, requesting them to take measures to ensure that the designs prepared for churches to serve new centres of population shall include due provision for the ultimate erection of substantial towers to accommodate peals of bells properly hung for ringing, at such points as to place every group of houses within hearing of a peal of bells; at the same time directing their lordships' attention to the fact that all cause of annoyance from the sound of bells can be effectually eliminated if architects' designs conform to the recommendations of the Towers and Belfries Committee.'

Mr. C. Jennings seconded the motion, which was carried, after Canon Elsee had suggested conveying the proposal to the Bishops in a modified form.

PEALS IN 'SPLICED' METHODS.

Mr. C. T. Coles, whose seconder was Mr. E. C. S. Turner, had given notice of the following motion:—

'That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods this Council resolves that the term "spliced" shall be applied only to those peals in which not more than the length of a normal course in any method is rung in any part of the peal without a change to another method being made. Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called "combined" peals.

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is produced by a special call, such as in peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be called "spliced" peals.

'These decisions shall apply to peals on all numbers of bells.'

Mr. Coles asked permission of the Council to amend the second paragraph of the motion to read as follows:—

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is not made at the lead end, such as certain peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be termed "spliced" peals.'

This was agreed to.

Notice of amendment had also been given, and which had been accepted by the proposer and seconder to substitute the following for the first portion of the motion:—

'To delete all the words in the first paragraph after the word "which" in line 3, and to substitute the following:—

'there are at least as many changes of method as there are courses in the peal, subject to the following stipulations:—

(a) In peals in even-bell methods in which singles are used, the number of changes of method before a single shall be at least equal to the number of courses preceding the single, and, similarly, after a single, equal to the number of courses which follow it.

(b) In peals in odd-bell methods, the number of changes of method shall be at least equal to the number of changes of the bell in the hunt, or of the courses in the peal. Subject only, in peals in which less than six methods of Triples are rung, to any reduction of the number necessitated by two or more hunt bells, relating to the same method, being consecutively called into the hunt.

(c) The conditions relating to even-bell methods shall apply in peals of Minor to each 720 individually, and for the purposes of this rule each 720 with a Treble Bob hunt shall be considered to have six courses, and each 720 with a Plain hunt, or with an Alliance and Little hunt, twelve courses.

(d) Peals of Doubles shall be deemed to comply with this rule if there is at least one change of method within a 120 and not more than half a six-score is rung without changing into a different method.

Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing shall be called "combined" peals.'

After a long discussion, the subject, together with an amendment by Mr. J. Hunt, was postponed for future consideration, the following resolution being carried on the motion of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. Tom Clarke: 'That all peals which contain more than one method shall be called "spliced peals." That reports of all spliced peals shall include a reference to the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another.'

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THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR

STORY TO BE PUBLISHED.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the demand for the story of the Australian and New Zealand Ringing Tour in book form has been sufficiently large to justify the publication being undertaken.

The articles which appeared in 'The Ringing World' will be supplemented by further material and the whole will be illustrated by numerous pictures.

The edition will be a strictly limited one, and those who have not already ordered their copy should do so at once, to save disappointment. The price of the book will be 2s. post free.

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RINGING IN CAMBRIDGE.

'A DISGRACEFUL STATE OF AFFAIRS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association held at Sawston, Cambs, on Saturday, June 1st, a good deal of criticism was levelled at certain members of the Branch Committee for celebrating His Majesty's Jubilee by ringing a peal on that day. As I am not often able to attend these meetings, owing to my employment, will you please allow me to reply through 'The Ringing World.' As one who helped to organise the peal, I offer no apology. I have noticed we were not the only band who rang a peal on that day. I see visions of 'the green-eyed monster' at that meeting.

Mention was also made of the lack of ringing done in Cambridge on Jubilee Day. How can bells be rung when there are no ringers, or very few, in a town of 70,000 people? This is the direct result of the policy, spreading over years, of the Cambridge Youths, who control the only tower where it is possible to teach beginners. I have myself many times heard would-be ringers told to 'clear off.' A noise (an apology for ringing) is made when payment is forthcoming. When it is not, as, for instance, on Sundays, the bells are silent. A more disgraceful state of affairs I do not know of.

23, Hemingford Road, Cambridge. E. G. HIBBINS.

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OLD PEAL RECORDS.

Mr. W. H. Hollier had given notice of the following motion: 'That in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that a record should be made of old peal records contained on tablets, boards or otherwise in the church towers of the country, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work, the records to be collected being those up to the year 1825.'

This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles and carried.

A committee, consisting of Mr. W. H. Hollier, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre, was appointed.

PEAL REPORTS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed and Mr. G. L. Grover seconded a motion in the following terms:—

'That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's peals analysis and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press are urged to denote all "first peals" and "first peals in the method," both by any of the ringers and "as conductor."'

This was adopted.

PROPOSED RECORD OF PAST MEMBERS.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher proposed and Mr. G. R. Pye seconded:—

'That a record be prepared of past members of the Council, giving a short account of their work, and, where possible, a photograph, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.'

This was agreed to, and a committee, consisting of Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, was appointed.

At an interval in the business in the morning the Council welcomed the returned Australian tourists, who were later entertained to lunch. The President proposed the loyal toast and afterwards a toast to the Australian party, which was acknowledged by Mr. W. H. Fussell.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the president and the hon. secretary and his able assistant (Mrs. Fletcher). Also to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Council Chamber; the Bishop of Lichfield; the Shropshire Association for their hospitality; Major Trevor Corbett, Mr. R. R. Pole and committee for their excellent arrangements; the incumbents of the various churches for the use of bells; and all towerkeepers.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members and friends were entertained to tea by the Shropshire Association.

THOMAS HEARNE.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT WHITE WALTHAM.

Thomas Hearne, scholar and historian, to whose diaries we owe most of what we know of early ringing in the City of Oxford, and who died on June 10th, 1735, has been commemorated at White Waltham, the place of his birth, by the Berkshire Archæological Society. A mural tablet has been erected in the south transept of the church, and on Saturday, June 1st, was unveiled by Dr. Salter in the presence of a large number of members and many parishioners. The tablet bears a carved portrait of Hearne, and the inscription:—

> Thomas Hearne, M.A., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, who studied and preserved antiquities, was born at Littlefield Green in this parish and baptised in this church, 11th July, 1678. He died 10th June, 1735, and was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford.
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> This memorial was erected by the Berkshire Archæological Society on the bicentenary of his death.

Dr. Salter gave an extremely interesting address on Thomas Hearne. The knowledge which they had of him, he said, they got principally from the letters which he preserved—thousands of them, some sent to him and copies of others which he sent. In addition there was his diary, running to 125 books, which contained entries—some of them very lengthy—for the last 30 years of his life. Hearne was the son of the parish clerk of White Waltham and a clever boy—so clever that he attracted the attention of the occupier of the Hall, Francis Cherry, who paid for his education. He came under the notice of Henry Dodwell, a professor of history at Oxford, and one of the greatest scholars of England. Hearne entered St. Edmund Hall in 1695, took his degree of B.A. in 1699 and his M.A. in 1703, and Mr. Cherry made him an allowance until he became M.A. He proved himself a thoroughly good scholar, especially in Latin, and soon after he had taken the B.A. degree was made assistant librarian at the Bodleian. He edited various works published by the University Press and of two works which appeared in London, and was 'well on his feet' by the time he was 27, when he began his diary. Before he was 30 he began what was his main work in life, to print ancient texts which had never been printed before, and for which he retained only a limited number of about 160 subscribers. In 1715 he was elected to a new office called Head Printer of the University, and had what might be called a nice income from various sources. Then suddenly, in January, 1716, came the blow. Hearne had taken sides against the Whigs, but on the death of Queen Anne, the Whigs came into power and the Duke of Brunswick became King George I. Those who held office under the Government were called upon to take new oaths, and Hearne, whose character was tenacious, on the ground of consistency, refused. The result was that he lost his appointments. For the remaining 20 years of his life he only carried on the work which he had begun of printing the hitherto unpublished chroniclers of England, and his income was, perhaps, only about £40 a year. Hearne was a man of stupendous energy and persistence, but unsociable to a degree. It is said that he never spoke for ten years to anyone in St. Edmund Hall, where he lived, and what friends he had he made outside. He spent much time in writing his diaries, giving details of his daily affairs and events going on around him, but seldom failing to belabour the Whigs. This seemed to be the one thing out of which he got real pleasure. The last entry in his diary, which towards the end got shorter and shorter, was on June 1st, 1735, and he died on June 10th. He was buried at the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East. They honoured him for his industry and his contempt of wealth. He only quarrelled with people who might and could do him an injury; he never quarrelled with those below him. He (Dr. Salter) was glad that Thomas Hearne was honoured that day in the place where, he was sure, he would like to be honoured above all places.

Dr. Salter made only one reference to Hearne's interest in bells, and that was to a mention of an occasion when the diarist walked to Bletchley. His host had ordered the bells of the church to be rung in honour of his arrival, and that gave Hearne very great pleasure.

Dr. Salter was thanked for his address, and Mr. F. M. Underhill, who was responsible for the arrangements, read an interesting paper on White Waltham Church, practically rebuilt last century, but incorporating some of the original Norman structure.

It was expected that ringing, in which Thomas Hearne was interested, would find a place in the programme, but very few ringers, and none from Oxford itself, attended. The local men rang before the service, and afterwards three visitors took part with them in a 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

ABERDARE BELLS RESTORED.

IRON FRAME DISPLACES VERTICAL POSTS.

The bells of St. Elvan's Church, Aberdare, which have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were rededicated by Dr. C. A. Green, Archbishop of Wales, on Thursday, May 16th.

Before the restoration the bell frame rested on four vertical posts, and, working in collaboration with Mr. Roderick (who is himself a prominent member of St. Elvan's Church), Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have replaced these with a massive iron frame and have equipped the bells with the latest type of fittings. The eight bells (tenor weighing 17 cwt.) have been retuned, a chiming apparatus fitted, provision made for a semi-tone bell and the clock restored. Close attention has been paid to the acoustic properties, both inside and outside the tower. The results, as testified by nearly 50 ringers from a dozen different towers in South Wales, including the ever young and famous 'Jack Jones,' of Newport, are that Aberdare has now a magnificent peal both in tune and 'go'; both inside and outside the tower the sound is well modified, and every bell can be heard distinctly.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Richard Ward, B.A., Rural Dean, and the Rev. Vivian Thomas. The lessons were read by the Rev. A. Lloyd Jones, Rector of Llancannor, and Canon R. W. Jones, chief diocesan missioner.

Later a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, Aberdare, where Dr. Green renewed acquaintance with many old friends.

After the bells had been lowered, the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' was played by Mr. S. R. Roper, who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the bells were rung after the service until a late hour, in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Kent Treble Bob, and ringing concluding with a splendidly struck course of Double Norwich. Many congratulations were received by Mr. Roper on the successful manner in which the work had been carried out.

The complete restoration, which included repairs to the church tower, was made possible by the generosity of Miss Rees, Glendare, as a memorial to her brother, the late Mr. Robert T. Rees, and was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Roderick and Mr. Edwards, churchwarden.

JOHN JAGGAR'S JUBILEES.

VETERAN'S INTERESTING RECORD.

Jubilee Day was a red letter anniversary for Mr. John Jaggar. Not only did he ring on May 6th this year at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for the King's Jubilee, but he participated in 1887 and 1897 in the ringing for the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of Queen Victoria, and it was on May 6th, 1867—68 years ago—that he started to ring at St. Thomas' Church, Oxford.

The ringing at Christ Church on Jubilee Day opened with some plain ringing, firing and short touches of Grandsire Triples at 11 o'clock, when the Mayor and Corporation officials and other clergy of the town attended service. After the service the bells were rung, and again in the evening, Mr. J. Screen being the conductor. Mr. Screen and Mr. J. Walker had taken part in the 1897 ringing. Mr. J. Walker has been a ringer at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for 45 years.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The June meeting was held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st, when 33 members attended and received a welcome by the Rector (the Rev. P. G. Phillips), who conducted the usual service. After tea, served in the Institute, a short meeting was held. The branch chairman (Mr. E. F. White) expressed his pleasure in seeing Mr. C. D. Heginbothom present, and, on behalf of those present, congratulated him on his election as a vice-president of the Guild.

Four life ringing members were elected as follows: W. T. Denyer and R. Whitford, of Aldershot, and H. Alexander, of Farnborough. It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge, if convenient, with Melksham as an alternative, on July 6th.

In thanking the members for their good wishes, Mr. Heginbothom sympathised with the Bromham members in the loss they had sustained by the late frosts, and this was acknowledged by Mr. J. Davis.

The usual votes of thanks were offered, the Rector inviting those present to visit the Rectory gardens before they left the village.

Methods up to Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round during the afternoon and evening, and Rowde bells were also available. Representatives attended from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Chirton, Holt, Westbury, Melksham, Warminster, Rowde, Keevil, Seend, Bromham and Marlborough.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

HUNTING—AND HOW TO DO IT.

So much depends, in a struggling band, upon the way in which the treble is rung that, contrary to the idea of some people that the weakest man can be put on this bell, our view is that, in the long run, more progress will be made with the best man, and not the worst, on the treble. As a guide and steadying influence, he will help more to keep the rest in their places than he will if he is ringing 'inside.' The treble needs to be rung with accuracy and confidence. Nothing upsets ringing in a 'hunt' method quicker than having the treble out of place. The trebleman, therefore, need not look upon his job as a menial one, rather is it the most important of all.

It is all very well for some people to say they can ring without the aid of the treble. Very likely they can when they have reached a certain stage of proficiency. But how much easier it is if the treble can be relied upon to be in its place! For those who are only just making a start the treble is one of the essential guides, and we doubt if anyone, however accomplished he may be, can afford to dispense entirely with the help of the treble.

We have said this much to show how important is the ringing of the treble and why every beginner should learn to 'hunt' properly. And apart from the help which it gives to others, good hunting becomes the basis of good ringing—it is the foundation, in fact, of all change ringing.

The simplest recognised method of ringing changes is that in which all the bells hunt, and a band of beginners cannot do better at the outset than practise a plain hunting course, changing to a different bell from time to time so that they can be capable of ringing any one of them, and sometimes ringing the hunting course backwards, to avoid, as far as possible, the process being memorised.

In the ordinary way, a hunting course is begun by all the 'even' bells—2, 4, 6, etc.—hunting down, and the 'odd' bells—1, 3, 5, etc.—hunting up. To hunt backwards, the 'even' bells begin hunting up and the 'odd' bells hunting down, the treble leading one blow to start with before hunting up. It is further good practice if the start is made at backstroke, sometimes, as well as at handstroke. If that be done it should be remembered that the whole pull which each bell makes at lead will be the 'wrong' way—backstroke and handstroke, instead of, as is usual, handstroke and backstroke.

A bell which is plain hunting moves one place in a given direction at each half-pull and continues in the same direction until, if hunting up, all the other bells are in front of it; or, if hunting down, all the other bells are behind it. When all the bells are behind it it has to lead two blows, which is known as a whole pull—usually at handstroke and backstroke; or, as may sometimes happen, as is suggested above, at backstroke and handstroke.

When a hunting bell has got all the others in front of it, it has to turn round and come back again, and that turning round is called 'lying a whole pull behind.' It consists, like the whole pull at lead, of two blows—one at handstroke and the other at backstroke, or vice versa.

When hunting UP, the ringer, as he pulls off in one place, should immediately look for the bell that it going to strike immediately after him. He will quickly recognise it by the action of the other ringers. The one who is pulling closest after him is the man he must follow at the next stroke, and as soon as he has pulled off after that one he must look for the next again. Thus he will go on until he finds there is no one left to follow him and he knows he is behind—the one exception being that if there is a covering bell it has to be ignored.

The hunting down, after lying the whole pull behind, is not so simply explained. Actually you pull next time in front of the one you pull after this time, but that is not an easy thing to do, and get your blow into exactly the right place. It is useful to remember the bell you struck over last when hunting up. He is your 'course' bell while hunting down. In other words, there is always one bell between him and you until he leads and you strike over him before leading yourself. This is sometimes a great help in finding the bells you have to strike over in hunting down. If you keep your course bell in the corner of your eye, so to speak, you can often easily pick out the bell which is striking over him and which is the one you want.

But here are some other helps. When hunting up try to remember the order in which you meet the other bells; you will meet them in the same order in hunting down.

Once you have struck over a bell, dismiss it; you will not cross its path again until you have led. This applies to hunting up as well as hunting down. Having once pulled after a bell when you are going up you will not meet it again until you have had your whole pull behind.

As soon as you have pulled your bell, look immediately for the next one to pull over, because nothing you can do will alter what you have done. If it was after the wrong bell, or if it was too wide or too close after the right one, it will be a bad blow, but you cannot alter it. If it was after the right bell and in the right place it will remain a good one. Once you have pulled, let that stroke take care of itself; your business is to think of the next and look for the bell you want

And one other point—the greatest help of all. Count your places. After leading, you strike in second's, third's, fourth's and fifth's (in

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The 16th annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 1st, and those present had a jolly time. Ringing commenced with a merry send-off for a bride and bridegroom. A fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. Hamilton Douglas, who kindly came to the rescue in the unexpected absence of the Vicar.

The local ladies, as usual, prepared a good tea in the Parish Hall, and nearly 50 ringers and choirboys sat down to enjoy it.

The vice-president (Mrs. Bruce) distributed gifts of cigarettes and sweets, and much amusement was caused by some of the grown-ups endeavouring to light up and then discovering that some practical joker had carefully changed the contents of the real cigarette packets and the sweets.

As the Rev. Hamilton Douglas had an early engagement, a vote of thanks was accorded to him before he left.

Mrs. Bruce presided at the business meeting and carried it through quickly. Three new members were elected, viz., Miss Marjorie Luck and Misses Mildred and Alice Cank, all of Seale.

The officers and committee were all re-elected, and it was proposed to hold a combined meeting with the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild at Seale on July 20th, with the use of Puttenham bells if possible.

The next annual meeting was fixed for June 28th, 1936, at Bramley, Surrey.

The belfry was revisited and the bells kept going till about 8.30. Rounds and the usual standard methods were rung, including a touch of Kent and Oxford Spliced at the lead ends.

The Guild members present were Mrs. Bruce (vice-president), Mesdames Goldsmith, Melville, Read, Sarjeaunt and Steedman, the Misses H. Avenell, M. Cank, A. Cank, M. Dickinson, N. and G. Denyer, A. Fisher, M. Kingdon, M. Luck, E. Southby, M. Smith, D. Viggers and B. Stewart.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

An enjoyable meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely District was held at Chippenham recently. Ringers came from Chelmsford, Fulbourn, Newmarket, Sawston, Springfield, Trumpington and two of the local band were also present. The visitors from Essex were very welcome and added considerably to the success of the meeting.

Various methods were rung and the young people got some good practice. Mr. M. Simpkins, of Chippenham, was elected a member of the association, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Will members please note that the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Sawston on June 1st. They are asked to look up Sawston Imperial and come to Sawston and ring it.

ELY AND SUFFOLK GUILD TO HOLD JOINT MEETING

At a quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association at Sawston on Saturday, June 1st, it was decided to visit Orwell on the evening of Friday, June 28th, and to hold a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild at Mildenhall on June 29th. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Hurry for arranging tea.

Although numbers were small during the afternoon, there was a good muster in the evening, and several people rang their 'first in the method.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Favoured with ideal weather, the last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Pelsall on Saturday, May 4th. This straggling village, covering a large area, lies between Walsall and Lichfield, amidst charming surroundings.

The handy ring of six bells were set going at about 3 o'clock and continued until service time. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Armstrong, Vicar, who gave an encouraging address, prefixed by a warm welcome to the assembly. A nice tea in the adjoining Schoolroom, at which the Vicar presided, was prepared by the wives of the local band. This was followed by an apology from the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, L.Th., honorary clerical secretary and treasurer, who was unfortunately absent through illness. It was unanimously agreed that a message of sympathy be sent to Mr. Barker, with the sincere wish for a speedy recovery.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., also to Mr. J. Rock, who kindly presided at the organ, was received with applause. The Vicar briefly responded.

The next meeting, the annual, is to take place at Lichfield on a date to be announced later.

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Doubles, for instance), and then complete your whole pull behind, by counting again fifth's and then hunting down — fourth's, third's, second's lead. If you do this consistently you can never get far out, and it is of immense help when the other bells get into a muddle and you cannot definitely pick out—as you sometimes can't—the proper bell you should strike over.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th, St. Andrew's on the 20th, *St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30. All ringers are welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A open ringing day will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Aughton Parish Church. The new peal (6 bells) by Gillett and Johnston will be open to visitors from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Wigan.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 at Lingfield Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Half travelling expenses (maximum 2s.) will be paid. I would like to receive all unpaid subscriptions before or at this meeting.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Tutbury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. North Staffs and Derby District friends will be welcomed.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting and ringers' day will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Mirfield. Bells (10), recently overhauled, available from 1 p.m.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Whitnash, one mile from Leamington, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Renhold on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5 p.m. A meeting has not been held at this tower for many years. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All are welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at The Lindens. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held to-morrow, June 15th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Come prepared to ring rounds or Surprise Major. A special welcome to country members and visitors.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 8, Hugh Street, Victoria, S.W.1.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Ferriby, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6), recently rehung and augmented, available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. W. W. Hanley, Wallinfen, North Ferriby, E. Yorks, by Thursday, June 20th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 17th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Meopham on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. It is *very important* for those intending to accept the Vicar's invitation to tea to acquaint me not later than Tuesday, June 18th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—124th Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2 p.m. A district meeting of the Suffolk Guild will be held jointly with this gathering. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me by 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds, Lavenham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Cathedral from 3 till 3.45, and again after the general meeting; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wade Street. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Salford, Manchester, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen's presence appreciated.—L. Noel Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than June 19th. A lecture on Samuel Pepys is being given by the Rector at 3 p.m. All welcome. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — First quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, at North Wingfield. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet in Schools 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 3d. per head) *must* notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, not later than 20th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting of the above will be held at Great Coxwell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 6 p.m.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Will all ringers make a special effort to attend.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2 p.m. to 4.15, and after meeting to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the school at a moderate charge for those who send in their names by June 19th, to the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby; or the Hon. Dis. Secs., H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby; H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on June 22nd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before June 19th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (two towers of 8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will also be welcome.—S. Shipp, Dis. Sec., Wilburton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) & LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 9d. each, to all who notify Mr. A. Lees, Alda, Heywood Road, Bawlee, Middleton, not later than Wednesday, June 19th. A good muster is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, to those notifying T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, Great Central Street. —E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 to 5.30, followed by service and tea. Please advise me for tea by June 26th; 1s. each will be charged. Nearest station Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross. Willesden bells open from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Upwey on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Abbotsbury and Wyke Regis bells also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Wath on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Special preacher, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church House, at 1s. 3d. each. Please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Wednesday, the 19th, for same. A very hearty welcome is extended by the Vicar and ringers of Wath to all ringers of the various associations to try out the new peal of 8. It is hoped a good attendance will be recorded.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—A ringers' meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, at 3 p.m (25th Anniversary of Opening of Peal). Bells from 2 p m. and after Service. Tea arranged for those who notify by June 21st. A hearty welcome to all.—R. Clark, 33, Hamilton Road, Bishopstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Nominations are invited for Association Officers. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—The Archdeacon of Lincoln will dedicate the bells on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify Mr. S. Laxton, The Post Office, Rippingale, Bourne, Lincs., not later than Wednesday, June 26th. The peal has been restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern division will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (plain 1s., salad 1s. 3d.). Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d)., allowed to this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Purleigh on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 26th, certain, so that adequate arrangements can be made for tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Members and friends are requested to note that NO MEETING will be held in June, owing to various difficulties.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 50, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. In consequence the meeting of the Guildford District at Ewhurst that day has been postponed.—J. S. Goldsmith, General Hon. Secretary.

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Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. L. H. Coles for his address and welcome to the ringers, and to Mrs. Coles for providing the tea.

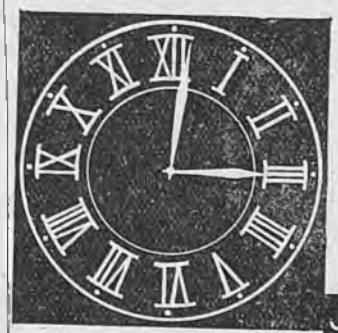
Several more ringers turned up in the evening, making the number present 35. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

In honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung rung at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, Berks: J. V. Jones (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. J. Pearce 3, J. Beasley (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, B. Timms (first quarter of Triples) 8.

At Pinner, Middlesex, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of His Majesty's 70th birthday: A. J. Salmon (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, K. J. Guyler 3, J. E. Rootes 4, E. P. Ashby 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, J. Dolamore 7, T. Humphreys 8. A peal was attempted on Jubilee Day, but unfortunately broke down half-way after ringing 1 hour 35 minutes.

On the King's birthday, at St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen. 5, P.S. J. Thorpe 6, J. Moule 7, J. Rann, jun. 8. The day was also the 47th anniversary of the weddings of E. A. Bacon and J. Rann, sen., and the 18th of J. Rann, jun.



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COUNCIL'S VARIED ACTIVITIES.

The activities of the Central Council are growing. No one who has followed the proceedings of that organisation through the post-war years, and particularly those who knew it earlier still, are likely to dispute that fact. There was clear evidence at the meeting at Shrewsbury that in many ways the Council is anxious to expand its work in the interests of the art of ringing and of the members of the Exercise. There never was yet any assembly of elected members which did everything everybody wanted in the way in which they wished to see it done, and there are still ringers who have the idea that the meetings of the Council are a waste of time. It is true that a good deal of time is spent at the Council meetings in talk, and it may be that some of it is not very profitable; but, after all, the Council meets for debate, and the level of the debates, as well as the subjects discussed, largely depend upon the members whom the various ringing associations and guilds elect to represent them.

The discussions, which may or may not be of general interest, are not, however, a complete guide to the good work which the Council is doing. Many a ringing association could quite well be run, as far as the organisation is concerned, by its elected committee and officials, without the holding of an annual meeting, but an annual meeting serves the very useful purpose of helping to maintain the interest of the members. It does other things as well, of course; such as giving an opportunity for changing rules, airing grievances, or finding new officials. It is just the same with the Council, except that its annual gathering is really more essential. The work of the Council goes on among the committees and the officers throughout the year. The annual meeting is the occasion when the committees' work comes up for approval or criticism.

Among the things which at last week's meeting clearly proved how useful and valuable is the Council's work was the decision to republish several of the works issued under the authority of the Council. The demand has exhausted the supply—what better evidence is needed of the usefulness of the Council's work in this direction? The publication of three other works was authorised; a pamphlet on variation of compositions, a book on compositions for conductors in many methods, and a collection of Surprise methods. Without the Central Council, who would undertake work of this kind, and with it the risk of financial loss? The Council also decided to collect records of ancient peal boards and tablets and to undertake the compiling of biographies of past members. As

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HERBERT MARKWELL	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	6
*GEORGE WIGGENS	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	8
†FREDERICK W. STEMP ...	4	HENRY STALHAM	9
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Mr. Stalham has now 'completed the circle' of the tower.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	7
JOHN W. JONES	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	JAMES H. SHEPPARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 25. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ARTHUR G. THOMAS ...	...*Treble*	†JOHN H. COLLEY	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	†REGINALD WOODYATT ...	6
†ARTHUR R. MOSELEY ...	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
†THOMAS H. YOUNG	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Oxford Bob Triples on the bells. 300th peal together by 7th and tenor ringers. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Rev. A. G. Pettigrew's entry into the ministry, 19 years of which have been spent at this church.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS JONES	...*Treble*	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
FRED DUNKERLY	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
JAMES FERNLEY	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
HERBERT DAVENPORT... ...	4	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung in honour of the birthdays of their Majesties the King and Queen.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BRANT ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS	5
*HOWARD HOWELL	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
THOMAS G. MARTIN	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	CHARLES R. COLLINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. S. H. Viggars, of Winding Ways, Langton Green, Kent, who died on Wednesday, May 29th. He was Vicar of St. Luke's, Blakenhall, from October, 1919, until 1926.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)
On Sunday, June 2, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR	...*Treble*	FRANK WELHAM	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	RALPH WALKER	6
HAROLD JACKSON	3	ERNEST GARSIDE	7
HARRY PICKLES	4	JOHN CLAYTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by RALPH TAYLOR.

Rung as a Jubilee peal for the borough and a farewell to the curate (the Rev. H. Dawson), who is taking up similar duties at St. Peter's, Swinton, Lancashire.

IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK	...*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
*REGINALD E. DARVILL ...	3	FRANK CORKE	7
PERCY E. JONES	4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday and as a Silver Jubilee peal for the parish.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
AN EIGHT-PART VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.
Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS	...*Treble*	JOSEPH A. FENTON	5
EPHRAIM W. RANDS	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	6
HAROLD G. JENNEY	3	A. JAMES HARRIS	7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER	4	FRANK A. GRAHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of H.M. King George V.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN CURRY	...*Treble*	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	5
ARTHUR J. FARR	2	GEORGE LADD	6
HARRY NICHOLS...	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
*HAROLD BARSLEY	4	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

*KEITH CONSTABLE ...	...*Treble*	H. LASKEY	5
MRS. H. F. CARTER	2	ERIC DURRANT	6
W. J. FORD...	3	W. H. MILLER	7
H. F. CARTER	4	W. C. MEDLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's 70th birthday.

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DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	5
CHARLES ELLIOTT	2	THOMAS A. EASTERBY	6
JOHN J. LAMB	3	CHARLES DAVIS	7
HARRY HOSKINS	4	JIM HORRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee and 70th birthday of His Majesty King George V.

BARNES, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY G. MILES	*Treble*	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	5
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY	2	ERNEST A. REEVES	6
E. RALPH MACKRILL	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON	7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	4	WILLIAM H. SEABROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	*ROGER W. DANIELS	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	C. HOWARD STANLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

* First peal of London. Rung on the birthday of H.M. the King.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*FREDERICK J. HODGKIN	*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	HARRY BAKER	6
MRS. H. BAKER	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the King's 70th birthday.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD BROWN	*Treble*	SAMUEL YATES	5
THOMAS METCALFE	2	RALPH W. JACKSON	6
MRS. R. WARRIOR	3	*JOHN W. PASSMAN	7
GEORGE KEMBALL	4	THOMAS LANCASTER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MRS. R. WARRIOR.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the King's 70th birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd and tenor.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS	*Treble*	CHARLES L. SADLER	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
*ALFRED T. POULTON	3	EDWARD T. SUMMERS	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 100th peal on tower bells for the Guild.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
JOHN PERRY	2	BERT HORTON	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
ROBERT PICKERING	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 50th peal for the society. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Broughton-Thompson, who was inducted on May 21st and who congratulated the band after the peal.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*E. DENNIS POOLE	*Treble*	WALTER LAGO	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

CAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
ERNEST DREW	2	WALTER LAGO	6
FREDERICK HINTON	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	THOMAS DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM HECTOR	*Treble*	†RYLAND E. MARCH	5
*LESLIE RUDD	2	WALTER WALLINGTON	6
FRED E. WALLINGTON	3	ARTHUR MANNING	7
†JOSEPH C. CHESTER	4	†WILLIAM KILSBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal at this church by an entirely local band, a very creditable performance and rung at first attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
*RENE REDPATH	2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY	6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
MOLLIE REDPATH	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	HENRY J. PARKER	5
*ELLIS CLARKE	2	ERNEST WAKELING	6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	MANSFIELD GINN	7
GEORGE L. PERKINS	4	HERBERT FIELDS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee and 70th anniversary of H.M. King George V.

ALLOA, SCOTLAND.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, GLASGOW, SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HENRY F. SARGENT ...	...*Treble*	†SIDNEY G. LEWIS	5
REGINALD O. STREET ...	2	*ERNEST STAFFORD	6
STEPHEN H. WOOD	3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ...	7
*THOMAS WINDERAM	4	†JOHN EWING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells. First tower-bell peal by the St. Mary's, Glasgow, Society. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's Cathedral except the conductor, who was their first captain.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. COLES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
†WILLIAM WELLING	4	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † 350th peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN GODFREY	...*Treble*	RUSSELL CURSON...	5
HERBERT READ	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
ALFRED BROME	3	WILLIAM MAYERS	7
HANBURY CARTER	4	GEORGE BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

WARE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY	...*Treble*	BARNARD PAYMORE	5
FREDERICK C. PERRIN ...	2	STANLEY A. CARTER	6
GEORGE GRAY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
REGINALD DORE	4	SIDNEY CADLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS	...*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ...	5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ...	2	LEONARD OFFORD	6
*RONALD B. DAKIN	3	LEONARD PRYKE	7
ARTHUR SYMONDS	4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Major on tower bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. G. Nash and Miss R. Pakeman, of Hornsey, London, who were married the same day at Foxearth, Essex.

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ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twelve 120's, five 240's of Morris' and 10 of Pitman's, 25 callings.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES T. RANDLE	...*Treble*	JAMES P. HYETT	4
*OWEN DAVIES	2	ERIC R. WEBB	5
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS ...	3	ALBERT E. JONES... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a Jubilee peal.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, FORDINGTON,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. CHARLES CLUETT ...	...*Treble*	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB	5
HAROLD C. R. VINE	3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's 70th birthday. The Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Bartelot kindly entertained the band after the peal.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRED GALLEY	...*Treble*	HARRY JOYCE	4
*DICK ROAST	2	HENRY SHADRACK	5
*ERNEST ROAST	3	WILLIAM BURGESS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each of Plain Bob and St. Simon, and 2,160 Grandsire, 20 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS R. MOGG ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCEFIELD ...	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	2	EDWARD S. RUCK...	5
†LESLIE C. SMITH	3	EDWARD J. DIXON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of King George V. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Molly Newton, the conductor's twelve-year-old granddaughter, and the 40th anniversary of the marriage of the conductor and Mrs. Ruck. The conductor has now completed the circle as conductor in the tower. The same band made an attempt on Jubilee Day, but came to grief after one hour and three-quarters' good ringing.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire, with ten callings and eight changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*EDWARD A. R. PALMER	...*Treble*	HAROLD E. BROWN	4
CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	5
CHARLES E. J. WATT ...	3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by all except Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. S. Roberts (captain of the tower) on the occasion of his marriage.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*R. A. KNIGHT	*Treble*	J. WALLIS	4
*A. G. WELCH	2	†A. F. CHEESLEY	5
F. J. SANDERS	3	H. R. THORPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

BIGBY, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ERNEST BRITTAIN	*Treble*	MRS. J. BRAY	4
GEORGE W. MOODY	2	JACK BRAY	5
FRANK LORD	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Mr. J. Bray has now 'circled the tower.'

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following: Felkirk Delight, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL COOK	*Treble*	CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD	4
DANIEL SMITH	2	ERNEST CUTT	5
MOSES PERRY	3	HAROLD CHANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.

ARNESBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and St. Dunstan's, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb.

*Dr. F. STEDMAN POOLE	*Treble*	HENRY FAULKNER	3
RONALD RUSSELL	2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	4
ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CHARLIE BLAIN	*Treble*	CHARLIE J. BALL	4
STANLEY GRAVESTOCK	2	PERCY TOMPKINS	5
JOHN CHURCH	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal and first attempt.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of (1) Stamford; (2) Rossendale; (3) Wells; (4) London; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN.	*Treble*	ALBERT RELFE	4
THOMAS FULLER	2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN.	5
JAMES BASSETT	3	BERTRAM J. LUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Jose.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT BELLS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDS WELDING.

At a recent Visitation, the Archdeacon of Ludlow (the Ven. H. T. Dixon) uttered a warning against the employment of steeplejacks by church authorities without the advice of the diocesan committee. He quoted the report of the National Council for the Care of Churches on this matter and also on the subject of church bells.

Serious damage, said the report, might be done to the structure of the tower by incorrect or unscientific methods of hanging bells, and it was essential that no work of this kind should be undertaken without the supervision of an architect of experience, or the advice of the diocesan committee.

The Archdeacon said that the report also pointed out that there was an increasing number of cases where cracked bells had been satisfactorily welded instead of being recast. In this way ancient bells had been preserved and needless expense avoided.

DEATH OF MR. W. MEAD.

FOUNDER OF CLUN RINGERS' SOCIETY.

The death has occurred at Clun, Salop, of Mr. William Mead, who will be remembered by his ringing friends for the work he did in connection with the augmentation and restoration of the bells of Clun, and the restoration of the tower, carried out in 1914, at a cost of about £1,300. He formed the St. George's Society of Ringers and remained captain as long as his health permitted. He filled many offices in the parish, was a member of the choir and of the Parish Council, of which he was at one time chairman.

Mr. Mead, who was 72 years of age, was a native of Yorkshire, and had lived in Clun for 50 years.

The funeral service was choral and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrison), assisted by the Rev. F. B. Massey. Among the wreaths was one from St. George's Society.

COMBINED MEETING AT LYDD.

A quarterly meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association was held at Lydd on Saturday, June 15th, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild. Ringers were at first slow in putting in an appearance, but the number gradually increased until there were about thirty present from eleven towers. A short service (with equally short address) was conducted by the Rector, Canon P. A. Collins.

At the business meeting two new members were elected, the election of one non-resident life member confirmed.

It was proposed to hold a by-meeting at Willesborough, between now and September, providing a suitable date can be arranged.

The Romney Marsh Guild arranged to hold a combined meeting with the Hastings Guild at Tenterden in July.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, and afterwards good use was made of the bells.

A VETERAN SERVICE RINGER.

One of the oldest active ringers in the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. G. Andrews, of Ash—he still rings regularly for the Sunday services—was 85 years old on Whit Monday. To celebrate the event 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by Mrs. H. W. Ogden 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, W. H. Viggers 3, E. Sherwood 4, G. Chandler 5, E. Bragg (conductor) 6.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 15th, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob) by T. Tubb 1, F. Cherrett 2, W. J. Norton 3, B. Tubb 4, R. Newman 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6, was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. Warren (captain of the local band) to Miss Woodward. The ceremony took place at New Barnet the same afternoon.

At St. Michael's, Flixton, Lancs, on Monday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Jones 1, J. H. Collier 2, D. Brown 3, P. Williams 4, G. Mason 5, H. Collier 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, R. Thomas 8. It was rung for the wedding of Miss K. Dyson, daughter of a local ringer, and Mr. Porter, which took place at Flixton the same day.

MR. J. G. NASH AND MISS R. E. PAKEMAN.

The pretty little village church of Foxearth, Essex, was nearly full on the occasion of the marriage on June 10th of Mr. John G. Nash to Miss Rosalind E. Pakeman. The Rector of Foxearth (the Rev. G. H. Bassett) officiated at the ceremony. The bride was charmingly attired in Jubilee blue and was attended by four bridesmaids. The best man was Mr. A. G. Bird. As the happy pair left the church the bells pealed forth, touches of Treble Bob, etc., being rung and the bells 'fired.' The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, at which the Rector proposed the health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom. On Thursday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung: S. Gridley 1, T. E. Slater 2, H. G. Herbert 3, A. Taylor 4, A. Maxim 5, J. G. Nash 6, T. Chinery (conductor) 7, S. Evans 8.

HEREFORDSHIRE RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Whit Monday, the wedding of Mr. William J. Beniams and Miss Gertrude Annie Allen was solemnised at the Church of St. John, Stokesay, near Craven Arms, the Rev. S. Z. Edwards, Vicar of Stokesay, assisted by the Rector of Ludlow, officiating. The bridegroom has been a member of St. Lawrence's tower, Ludlow, for the last 15 years, and for several years has been Ringing Master and hon. secretary of the Ludlow and Church Stretton District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The bride is a daughter of Mr. George Allen (captain of the Stokesay ringers) and Mrs. Allen, of Craven Arms. Mr. Jim Price, of Knighton, acted as best man, and the bride was given away by her father.

The reception was held in the Railwaymen's Club Room, Craven Arms, immediately after which, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Jersey.

As the bridal party left the church the bells were rung to Grandsire Doubles and 'fired.' A peal was later rung to mark the event.

The bride and bridegroom were the receipients of many presents from friends, ringers and otherwise, including a canteen of cutlery from the best man.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beniams have the best wishes from their ringing friends, far and near, for their future happiness.

THE YOUNGEST LADY CONDUCTOR.

Miss Doris Coles, of Portishead, proves to be the holder of the record as the youngest lady peal conductor. She called a peal in 1915 when 15 years 6 months 19 days old. Miss Rene Redpath, who conducted a peal on May 17th last, was then 15 years 8 months 10 days old. There is only a 'short head' in it. Miss Redpath asks us to thank our Portishead correspondent for her good wishes.

'LAMINATED' OR 'CONTAMINATED'?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. James Hunt's suggestion that certain spliced peals should be described as 'laminated,' may I suggest that peals in which Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal are spliced could more appropriately be termed 'contaminated'?

Alperton, Middlesex. WILFRED G. WILSON.

BOB MAJOR AT PATTINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the footnote to peal of Bob Major at Pattingham recorded in 'The Ringing World' last Friday, I desire to inform Mr. Bert Horton that the first peal of Major was rung at this church on Sunday, July 10th, 1892, conducted by James E. Groves, the 6th being rung by myself; see 'Bell News,' Vol. 11, page 192.

JAMES GEORGE.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AND HOW TO CALL IT.

There are many young ringers who would like to take up the calling of touches. As has already been pointed out in this column, there is a great deal of difference between merely calling bobs and conducting. The latter requires experience as well as study, the former can be done with a little practice. It should, however, never be the ultimate end of the young ringers' aspirations. He should aim at making himself a competent 'conductor,' but most beginners in this direction have to be content at first with just calling the bobs.

In an eight-bell tower the calling of Grandsire Triples is often the first step, and it is a very interesting method from the conductor's point of view. It is different from most other methods, in that a bob affects all the working bells but one. That one is the bell that is going to make 3rd's place, after passing the treble in 1-2. You can get a touch of 350 changes by calling a bob every time your bell comes into this position.

Call the bob when you pull off at your handstroke lead. You will know beforehand when this lead will occur. Not only have you the fact of dodging in 4-5 up in the previous lead as a guide, but the treble will turn you from behind and course you down to the front.

This, too, if you are observant, will enable you to call this touch with some other bell than your own as the observation bell. When, as you hunt up, you meet the treble immediately after your 'observation' you know the bob must be called when the latter leads.

Five bobs like this make up the complete touch. You need not, unless you like, count them, for the return of the 2nd into the hunt will tell you when the last bob has been called; and the 2nd will go into the hunt when it comes down from behind immediately in front of your observation bell,

How many leads you will have to ring, after the last bob is called, before the bells come round, depends upon which bell you have made your 'observation.' If it is the 3rd, the bells will come round at the same lead end, if it is one of the others it may be anything from one to four leads—but always it is when the 2nd is in the hunt, and you should also, of course, know which it is by the position of your own bell. For instance, if you are ringing the 6th, the bells come round at the lead you came into 6-7 down.

The only thing you cannot do is to call a touch in this way from the 2nd, because the 2nd is in the hunt at the start, and, therefore, cannot be brought into the right position at the first bob.

A bob called when the observation bell is going to make 3rd's is known as a bob 'Before,' because this bell is hunting before the treble.

We will deal with other calling places in Grandsire Triples next week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Rippingale bells, for the restoration of which an appeal was made in these columns last year, have now been thoroughly overhauled and are to be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m.

The unusual occurrence of the opening of two peals of bells in one county on the same day took place in Devon on Saturday week, when the restored and augmented ring of six at Throwleigh and the restored ring of eight (including three trebles recast) at Highweek were dedicated. The work in each case was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and further details will be published next week.

Some of the members of the Central Council, after their duties on Tuesday week at Shrewsbury, enjoyed relaxation at Coalbrookdale on Wednesday, when a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on this fine Whitechapel ten.

By the way, was 'Kate' responsible for the telegram which reached one well-known ringer at lunch after the peal?

Ringing comedy followed by tragedy occurred during the Shrewsbury gathering. A party of eight well-known ringers went for a peal of Double Norwich at Condover. It took them 3 hours 40 minutes. It was not until some time later in the day that they, the conductor included, discovered they had rung, not 5,024 as they had thought, but 5,472! It was a good joke and duly appreciated. The 'figures,' it appears, had been jotted down about 11 o'clock the night before by someone else. The hour may have accounted for those extra courses creeping in.

The tragedy was discovered the morning after the peal. The extra courses made the peal false! The 'Someone else' had a bad quarter of an hour when he realised it; but the look on his face was nothing to the looks on the faces of the other eight when they heard the news. But it *was* a bit of bad luck, wasn't it?

Shere, reputed to be one of the prettiest villages in England, will be the venue of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Summer Festival on July 13th. Ringers who want a half-day in glorious surroundings should make a point of attending this gathering.

Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, on Whit Monday rang the treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Worksop, Notts. Fifty years ago, on Whit Monday, May 25th, 1885, to be exact, he took part in the first peal on the bells.

Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen. and jun., have rung 200 peals together. The late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., rang 236 with his son. Mr. Groombridge, jun., would like to know of any more fathers and sons who have rung 200 peals together.

CHURCH BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE OPINION DIVIDED.

The subject of church bells was one of the things that came before the first annual meeting of the Anti-Noise League held last week.

A woman member asked if the Council were still considering the noise of church bells and the tinkling of bells on ice-cream carts, which were heard continuously in the suburbs.

Lord Horder, the chairman, said complaints were being catalogued, according to the number received, but he could not say how far down the list church bells were.

'It was never intended that individual citizens who are annoyed should unload all their annoyances on to the league, which is hoping to make the country "noise conscious" so that people will make efforts themselves to stop needless noise,' he said.

The view was expressed by another member that church bells were among the loveliest sounds which still remained.

A resolution was passed urging the Executive Council to approach the authorities to stop all unnecessary noises.

JUDGE AND CHELMSFORD BELLS.

On Whit Monday, the subject of bellringing was brought to the notice of Mr. Justice Hawke presiding at Essex Assizes at Chelmsford. The Shire Hall, where the Court sits, is next door to the Cathedral, where ringing was taking place in connection with the annual meeting of the Essex Association, and the bells could be plainly heard in Court.

When asked if the bells should be silenced, Mr. Justice Hawke, having ascertained the occasion for the ringing, said he would not have the bells stopped. It was Bank Holiday, it was the ringers' annual festival, and he would not interfere with their pleasure.

Mr. Justice Hawke told counsel and witnesses to speak up, observing, 'There appears to be some sort of celebration, which I should be sorry to stop. I understand that it has been going on on Whit Monday for some 50 years.'

When Mr. Whitmee (counsel) was addressing the jury, his words became somewhat inaudible in parts of the Court, and the Judge observed: Please speak up. There is a rival entertainment (laughter).

A JUBILEE PEAL.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S LETTER FROM HOME SECRETARY.

A copy of 'The Ringing World' containing the report of the peal at Oakham, in which he took part for the Jubilee celebrations, was sent by Mr. James George to H.M. the King, through the Home Secretary. Mr. George has since received the following reply: 'I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that your letter informing His Majesty that you took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Oakham when aged over 81 has been laid before the King.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SHREWSBURY MEETING.

'The Ringing World's' Special Report.

The third session of the fifteenth Council (43rd annual meeting) was held in the Council Chamber at Shrewsbury Castle on Whitsun Tuesday. The President presided over the business meeting, at which 90 members were present and received a welcome from the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

The 51 associations affiliated to the Council were represented as follows:—

	Associations.	Members present.	Members absent.
Fully represented ...	20	43	—
Partly represented ...	19	37	30
Unrepresented	12	—	18
	51	80	48
Honorary members ...		10	5
		90	53

At the outset of the proceedings, the Lord Bishop, who was warmly received, said he had to welcome the Council in a double capacity, because the Mayor of Shrewsbury, much to her regret, was unable to be with them, and in her name he had to welcome the Council to that beautiful town of Shrewsbury, as well as in his own name to welcome them to the diocese of Lichfield. He was particularly glad to be able to address a meeting of bellringers, because it had been his privilege to be in charge of churches where there were fine peals of bells, and he realised the value of their services. While bellringing was an art founded upon an exact science, they were to-day recognising more fully than ever that that art was allied to the work for God. Our God was the God of beauty and the God of truth, as well as the God of goodness and of love, and everything that ministered to beauty in sight or sound was of God and might be dedicated to God. As their presence there showed, they regarded the art of bellringing, and rightly regarded it, as an art connected with the worship of God, and it was rather a significant fact that in England, almost everywhere, the tower which contained the bells was part and parcel of the church itself, and those who ministered to God by the art of bellringing were closely associated with the worship of God in the church. His own experience had shown him how bellringers could, in the true sense, help the worship of God. His great-grandfather, continued the Bishop, was Vicar of a church in Gloucester, his father was Vicar of Whitmore in Somerset, where they had a fine peal of bells, his father was Vicar of Trumpington, near Cambridge, and since his own ordination he had had a variety of experiences of churches with peals of bells, among them Gateshead and St. Nicholas', Liverpool. Therefore, he knew something about the immense help bellringers could be to the services of the church (applause). Bells were a reminder of God's presence with them, and were associated with their national life, both in rejoicing and sorrow. Those who had assembled there that day represented a great and a beautiful art, an art closely connected with the worship of God, and he most heartily wished them Godspeed in their work and that God's blessing would rest upon them and upon every company of men and women whom they represented (applause).

THE BISHOP THANKED.

The President, in expressing thanks to the Lord Bishop for his cordial welcome, said he was in Liverpool when the Bishop first went to that city, and he had the unique distinction of having a peal of twelve bells and a peal of ten in his care. The peal of ten at the old Church of St. Peter were hanging in a tower that had been condemned by the city surveyor, and the bells were not allowed to be rung. He (Mr. Lewis) had just made a confession to the Bishop, that by the merest accident one night a 720 was rung on the front six (laughter). At that time St. Nicholas' bells were not rung, and he thought probably because the ecclesiastical authorities did not take sufficient interest in their ringers. That had been changed, and, as they all knew, there was now a very flourishing band at St. Nicholas', but St. Peter's had been pulled down. The Council, Mr. Lewis proceeded, very much appreciated the opportunity of coming to that beautiful town of Shrewsbury, which was famous for its bells, as well as for many other things. It was a place of many happy memories for him. About 29 or 30 years ago he had the happy lot to ring on the back ten bells of St. Chad's his 50th peal, and he would make a confession of having done something which ought not to be done by a president of that Council. There was the nucleus of a keen band of change ringers in the town, and one night four of them went to St. Alkmund's, where the bells were 'clocked,' and chimed the first part of Holt's ten-part (laughter). He did not think any of the bells were cracked as a result. In conclusion, the President thanked the Bishop for his welcome and his address.

The Bishop having offered prayer, the President stated that he had received a letter from the Mayor of Shrewsbury expressing regret at her absence, as she was away from home; and an apology from the Bishop of Hereford, who was attending the consecration of the new Bishop of Truro.

Proceeding, the President said the Standing Committee suggested the sending of a congratulatory telegram to H.M. the King upon his Jubilee. The terms of the message were read and approved.

The message, together with His Majesty's reply, were given in our last issue.

The President added that, talking of Jubilees, he believed that on the previous day the Bishop of Lichfield had completed 25 years of office as Bishop of the diocese, and he was sure they would all offer his lordship their congratulations (applause).

THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP.

The Council then began their long agenda. The hon. secretary reported that the total membership of the Council was 143—128 representatives of 51 associations and 15 honorary members. That was one more than last year, because they filled the remaining honorary membership at the last meeting. Two subscriptions were still unpaid, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the North Staffs and District Association. With regard to the applications made for these subscriptions, two notices appeared in 'The Ringing World' and he had also written to the secretaries of both associations.

The President pointed out that under the rules, representatives of these associations, if present, were neither allowed to speak nor vote at that meeting.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the retiring hon. members, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. A. Walker. The Council at once agreed.

Five new members were introduced to the president, and the following apologies for absence were received: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, Ancient Society of College Youths; W. J. Davidson and J. W. Parker, Durham and Newcastle Association; E. Guise, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; J. Phillips, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; D. G. Clift, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; W. Pickworth, Middlesex County Association; O. E. Borrett and F. Nolan Golden, Norwich Diocesan Association; the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, North Notts Association; Messrs. R. T. Hibbert, Oxford Diocesan Guild; R. G. Black, Peterborough Diocesan Guild; Gwyn Lewis, Swansea and Brecon Guild; H. G. Bird and J. D. Johnson, Worcester and Districts Association; W. J. Nevard, Essex Association; J. H. Cheeseman, Kent County Association; T. H. Taffender, London County Association; A. Coppock, Society of Sherwood Youths; S. H. Symonds, Suffolk Guild; F. W. Perrens, Warwickshire Guild; H. Baxter, Peterborough Diocesan Guild; J. Clark, Hereford Diocesan Guild; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts and C. Dean, hon. members.

MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH.

The President said that during the past year they had lost the following members by death: Mr. J. Cotterell, who represented the Yorkshire Association from 1918 to 1934, and who had attended eleven meetings during that period: Mr. William Pye, who represented the Middlesex Association from 1912 to 1923, and who attended four meetings. He was well known throughout the country as probably the most prominent ringer they had ever had. His special qualifications for ringing heavy bells were well known to them all, and he need not enlarge upon them, but he was sure they would feel his loss in the Exercise as much as they would that of any member they had ever had. Mr. G. R. Fardon, representative of St. James' Society from 1906 to 1911, attended three meetings, and in later years was demonstrator of the Carter Ringing Machine, to which he paid very great attention. Mr. E. P. Debenham represented the Hertford County Association from 1894 to 1902. He was also very well known for the good work which he did for his association. He was very pleased to be able to be present at the Jubilee of his association last year, but he only survived it for a very short time. Mr. F. F. Lindley represented the North Lincolnshire Association from 1891 to 1897, and attended one meeting. They had also just heard of the death of Mr. Ernest Bishop, who represented the Gloucester and Bristol Association from 1922 to 1928, and from 1932 to the time of his death. In that time he had attended four meetings.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed on the motion of Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reported that the Council's message of greeting to the ringers of Australia, passed last year, was duly conveyed by the ringers who went out from England to the Commonwealth. The message was beautifully illuminated on vellum by Miss Kathleen Hughes, and received with great pleasure by the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. The presentation of the address was made by a lady member of the Council, Mrs. Richardson, and he had been asked to bring to the Council the thanks of the society and their cordial greetings and good wishes. At every tower which was visited copies of the Council's publications were distributed and gratefully received. There was no doubt that in some of the towers these would prove of great value. The collections of photographs of cathedrals and churches, which were so readily contributed to by the associations and guilds of the British Isles, developed into very handsome and valuable volumes, and both at Melbourne and Hobart, where they were presented, were received with great interest and appreciation (applause).

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked whether the hon. secretary had in hand the scheme for a census of ringers and whether anything further had been done?

The Hon. Secretary said the big trouble was to find time for such an undertaking. He suggested that Mr. Atkins should take the work in hand. He (the hon. secretary) would give him any assistance he could, but at the moment he could not undertake any extra work.

A GROWING LIBRARY.

The honorary librarian presented the following report: There has been no trade depression in this department; the record of the last year's sales has not quite been reached, but the demand for all publications has been good. The new book of Triples methods has been published and seems to have met with a good reception. The method sheet of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court has been reprinted in a smaller size, more suitable for carrying in a pocket. Reprints of 'Laws' and 'Rules for a Model Company' are needed. The value of the books sent as a gift to Australian towers was £5 2s. 6d. and carriage 2s. 6d.

For the library proper I have to record the following additions: By purchase: 'Church Bells of Essex,' 'Church Bells of Northamptonshire,' 'Church Bells of Bedfordshire,' 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' 'Church Bells of Staffordshire,' 'Church Bells of Somerset,' 'Cathedral Bells of Exeter,' 'A Book About Bells.' By gift: From Mr. C. T. Coles, 'The Church Bells of Guernsey, Jersey and South Pembroke'; from the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, 'Hampshire Church Bells'; from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 'The Ringing World,' Vol. 29. A complete catalogue of the library will soon be available.

The number of publications disposed of during the year was 1,818, of a value of £35 13s. 6d. These included 1,182 copies of 'Hints for Instructors,' 193 methods sheets, and 89 copies of the new book of Triples methods. The receipts were £36 3s. 8d., and there was a balance on the year of £24 10s. 4d. The value of the stock on hand was £193 12s.

In moving the adoption of his report, the Hon. Librarian said the past year had been one of activity, and the sales had gone on steadily throughout the year, quickening at the end when the new book on Triples methods came out. They had made several additions to the library by purchase, and they hoped shortly to make others. They had had several gifts, and only that morning Mr. Sharman, of the Bedfordshire Association, had put into his hands for the library a copy of 'Campanologia,' probably the third edition published in 1713 (applause). In addition, Mr. Trollope had handed to the Council his manuscript volumes on the Surprise Major methods to be deposited in the library. The catalogue of books was complete and would be in the hands of the members of the Council fairly soon. He would like to emphasise the fact that members of the Council and responsible ringers could borrow books from the library by payment of the carriage one way. Hitherto little use had been made of that privilege, but if the library was to be of real value it should be made use of. He was also making arrangements with one of the local ringers to carry out a limited amount of searching, if it were required. If a ringer wished to have information about any peal that had been rung or about any bells that appeared in any of the county histories they happened to have, it could be supplied without the expense of the books being sent to them. He hoped ringers would avail themselves of that service, although if there was to be a very long search, he hoped some small remuneration would be made to the local ringer who undertook it. Of course, if the person preferred it, he could have the books and make the search himself. The librarian added that he would welcome further gifts of any books connected with ringing which could find a place in the Council's library (applause).

The adoption of the report was seconded by Canon Elsee and agreed to.

BOOKS TO BE REPRINTED.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the pamphlet on the 'Laws Affecting Church Bells' be reprinted, after referring the matter to Alderman Pritchett, with particular reference to the question of the insurance of ringers who are entirely voluntary. On this subject there was no ruling laid down in that book, and he thought it was well that it should be made clear. The Standing Committee also recommended that the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' should be reprinted, after revision by the Methods Committee. The stock of that book was getting very low.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if, when the pamphlet on 'Laws' was reprinted, the leaflet relating to faculties would be incorporated.

The Librarian: We can put that to Alderman Pritchett.

The recommendations were adopted.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts, audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles, was presented. The balance in hand at Whitsun, 1934, was £64 11s. 9½d. Receipts: Affiliation fees, 1933-4 arrears 10s., 1934-35 £31; hon. members' subscriptions, £2 2s. 6d.; interest on £71 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock, £2 9s. 8d.; on £63 0s. 9d. 4 per cent. Consols, £2 10s. 4d.; sale of publications, £24 10s. 4d.; total £127 14s. 7½d.

The cost of new publications was £32 7s.; additions to the library, £4 1s. 9d.; donations to memorials voted at the last meeting, £13 13s.; Carter Ringing Machine fees, 10s. 6d.; gift publications to Australia, £5 5s.; other items, £13 2s. 2d.; balance at Whitsun, 1935, £58 15s. 2½d.; total £127 14s. 7½d. The investments have a book value of £100, but a present market value of £149 2s. 8d.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. A. Hughes) reported that from visits of inspection made in regard to the machine, they were satisfied that it is running normally and kept clean.

The demonstrator, Mr. Sharman, informs them that he had had it running and made some small adjustments. The question of another demonstrator being appointed in place of Mr. Fardon, deceased, was referred to the Council.

Mr. Young, who proposed the acceptance of the report, referred with regret to the death of Mr. Fardon, and said it was very desirable that they should have someone qualified to fill the position. In appointing a colleague for Mr. Sharman, they had to bear in mind that it was desirable they should have a ringer and someone who understood small mechanisms and electrical contrivances governing that machine.—Mr. Hughes seconded.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended the payment of the usual fee to Mr. Sharman for testing the machine and that the appointment of a second demonstrator be left in the hands of the trustees, who would endeavour to find a suitable person. The appointment was not a thing to make in a hurry.—This was agreed to.

Canon Elsee said they had hoped to have Mr. G. F. Woodhouse with them that day to demonstrate his ringing machine, but when leaving home, at Sedbergh, to come to the meeting, Mr. Woodhouse, while looking round to see that he had everything with him, backed his car into a gatepost and damaged it so much that he could not proceed. He had been looking forward for a year to demonstrating the machine to the Council, and he was very sorry indeed to disappoint them. Canon Elsee added that he was sure the Council were also very sorry, both for the accident and for Mr. Woodhouse's disappointment and for their own (hear, hear). He suggested he should write and express the Council's great regret and telling Mr. Woodhouse that they shared his disappointment (applause).

The President said he was sure the Council would like Canon Elsee to write to Mr. Woodhouse on the lines suggested.

The formal report of the Standing Committee stated that they met on the previous night and again that morning to consider the agenda, and recommendations had or would be placed before the Council, when the various items to which they related came up for discussion. The 'Pamphlet on Variations' had been received and would now be printed, and the committee recommended that it be sold at a price of 1s. per copy.

The President's proposal that the report and recommendation be adopted was agreed to.

A COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS.

The adoption of the report of the Peal Collection Committee was proposed by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher. It was as follows: A good collection of compositions has been made, and the committee are now in the midst of making their selection. We had hoped to have been through with this, so as to present the complete work to this meeting, but owing to the time that it takes in passing these things round to all the members of the committee, we have found it quite impossible. Our collection of Grandsire Triples contains at present about five times as many peals as are authorised. It has been suggested that it might add to the popularity of the work if a larger quota of these compositions were allowed by the Council.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the Peal Collection Committee be given power to increase the number of compositions in any one method, if they so wished, but to keep the total number of compositions to the prescribed limit.

Mr. G. R. Newton said he had been allowed to have a small share in this work, but Mr. Lindoff had borne the major portion of the work. It was a colossal task, and no one would envy him. He (Mr. Newton) felt that he was responsible for Mr. Lindoff having to carry the burden of it. When he first suggested there should be a register of compositions, his friend, the late Mr. Harry Wilde, said he could not have anything to do with it, for the simple reason that he knew it would involve such a lot of work that he would not be equal to it. He (Mr. Newton) could say now that Mr. Wilde was perfectly right in what he said.

The report and recommendation of the Standing Committee were adopted.

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THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR

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The date of publication will be announced later.

TRURO CATHEDRAL BELLS.

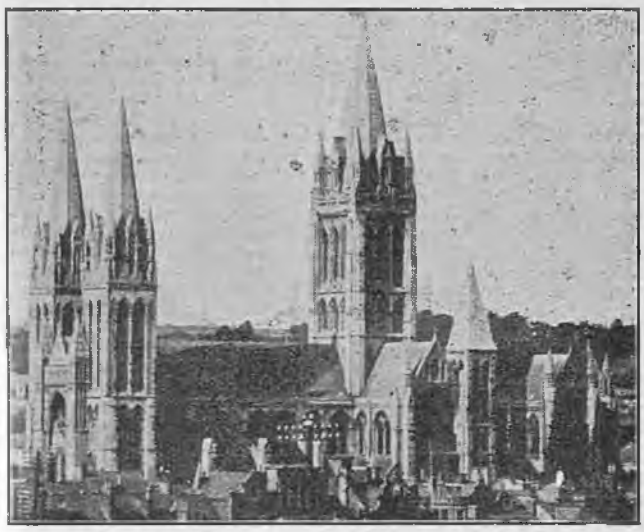
THE SILVER JUBILEE.

Story of a Fine Peal.

Twenty-five years ago to-day, on June 21st, 1910, the dedication took place of the ring of ten bells which hang in the North-West Campanile, dedicated to Queen Alexandra, of Truro Cathedral. It is difficult to imagine the thankfulness which must have been felt on that great occasion by those who were directly responsible for the provision of such a magnificent ring of ten bells.

The instigator of the whole scheme was the late John Claude Daubuz, of Killiow, St. Kea, who, when deliberately maintaining that bells should be provided, discovered that no provision had been made in the western towers then being built. Alterations were hastily made, and, as can be seen, a solid stone and granite foundation forms the base of the bell chamber, so that the north-west tower contains only two-thirds of the number of louvres compared to the south-west tower.

The provision for bells having been made, a definite scheme was planned and various donors for the ring of ten were found, each bell, except the treble, which is 'the Children's Bell,' being a personal gift. The plan is not yet completed, for the Nunc Dimittis is reserved for the Bourdon bell, which, it is hoped, will some day be placed in the south-west tower. In all his plans Squire Daubuz was helped by the practical knowledge of the beloved president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Dr. J. Symons, who only last month declared to 120 ringers, assembled for a branch meeting at Camborne, 'I was here 53 years ago for the opening of these bells, and now I must congratulate you on the recent rehanging.'



TRURO CATHEDRAL.

June 21st, 1910, was the great day. The bells were officially opened by a representative band of Cornish ringers, of which the present Master of the Cathedral company, Mr. W. H. Sleeman, was one, and by a band of life members of the Truro Guild from various parts of England. Numerous visitors attended, including the Rev. J. F. Hastings, the Rev. E. V. Cox (now president of the Devon Guild), Messrs. J. R. Newman (Worcester), C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield) and those two brilliant young London ringers, Bertram Prewett and Robert Staverf, who were cut down in the Great War.

Over a quarter of a century visitors have been numerous, but one is outstanding in the person of the late William Pye. In 1913 he brought a touring band to Cornwall, but a misunderstanding prevented a peal at the Cathedral. However, 21 years afterwards, in September, 1934, his desire was fulfilled, for he turned in the tenor to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, which proved to be his last peal on ten bells, for he was soon after stricken down by illness and in March he passed away.

The peals to date have been as follows: December 26th, 1910, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 45 minutes; September 17th, 1926, Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3 hours 31 minutes; April 27th, 1927, Grandsire Triples, 3 hours 19 minutes; November 11th, 1927, Grandsire Triples, 3 hours 26 minutes; May 3rd, 1929, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 22 minutes; May 29th, 1931, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 22 minutes; Whit Monday, 1932, Stedman Caters, 3 hours 46 minutes; August 6th, 1933, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 39 minutes; July 27th, 1934, Bob Major, 3 hours 28 minutes; September 18th, 1934, Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3 hours 46 minutes.

In all the peals of Grandsire, except the first, and the Bob Major, members of the local band have taken part, and this shows a live

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THE LATE MR. ERNEST BISHOP.

A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.

As already briefly recorded, the death has occurred at Swindon of Mr. Ernest Bishop, for many years a well-known figure in the Exercise.

The passing of Ernest Bishop, writes a correspondent, leaves one with a sense of irreparable loss, and his presence will be greatly missed. Of a kindly and courteous nature, he was beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was an excellent ringer and had conducted many peals, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Caters. A complete list of peals in which he had taken part is not available, but they were probably about 300 in number. The last peal in which he rang was at Cheltenham on March 9th, and he had done very little ringing since then, although his health did not give rise to any grave anxiety. His sudden collapse came as a great shock, and sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bishop in her great loss.

Mr. Bishop was born at Horton, near Ilminster, and learned to handle a bell prior to moving to Bury, Lancs, where he followed up ringing. While still a young man he removed to Reading and became a member of St. Lawrence's tower. He went to Swindon about 1887 and had been associated with the Parish Church from then until his death, having been Master of the tower for nearly 40 years. The late Mr. O. W. Laing was already in Swindon when Mr. Bishop joined the band, and it can safely be said that these two gentlemen were the pioneers of change ringing in Swindon. The present fine peal of ten is a constant reminder of Mr. Bishop's interest and initiative in bells and ringing.

Several peals in which the deceased took part are worthy of note, such as the first peal by a band of Freemasons and the veterans' peal at St. Olave's.

Mr. Bishop was a member of many ringing societies and represented the Gloucester and Bristol Association on the Central Council.

Mr. Bishop had attained high rank in Freemasonry and had recently been appointed to hold office in Grand Lodge, but was not well enough to attend the investiture. He was also a past president of the Swindon Rotary Club.

The funeral took place on Friday, June 7th, and an exceptionally large gathering assembled to pay their last respects. The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege approached the church and also after the interment, which took place in the shadow of the church he loved so well. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Gilbert), and the Masonic oration was delivered by P.M. J. J. Gale, Chaplain of Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 355, of which Mr. Bishop was a Past Master.

Amongst the visiting ringers were Messrs. W. A. Cave, A. Prince and L. A. Wilson, while the local band were all present to show their respect to a gentleman and a friend. The Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Messrs. Trueman (chairman) and W. B. Kynaston (secretary), while Mr. H. Hatton represented St. Mark's ringers. Amongst the beautiful wreaths was one in the shape of a bell from the Parish Church ringers, also one from the Swindon Branch. There, in the old churchyard, within sound of his beloved bells, we left Ernest Bishop 'until the day dawns and the shadows flee away.'

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interest amongst the band for method ringing and progress. Since the war the band has had its ups and downs; in fact, Mr. W. H. Southeard is the only pre-war member who remains. But definite progress has been made since 1927, and at present the company can boast of several most capable ringers. Youth seems to predominate, which should greatly aid future prospects. It is hoped that to-day's celebrations will be worthy of the occasion, that the benefactors of a quarter of a century ago will be remembered both in thanksgiving and personal message, and that Cathedral Chapter, ringers and friends may unite to commemorate a day long gone by, but which is still perpetuated by the sound of the bells themselves.

A member of the Cathedral company has marked the occasion by presenting a silver bell inkstand to the tower, and Mr. E. Denison Taylor is remembering his firm's work by providing a patent balanced clapper for the tenor bell in this Silver Jubilee year. A. S. R.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

Need for 'Missionary' Work.

On Whit Monday, the 56th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford, where there was a gathering of members from all parts of the county. The result of a referendum of members on the proposition that the name of the association be changed from the Essex Association of Change Ringers to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild was announced. The vote resulted: For retention of the present title, 412; for the alteration, 178. The title of the association thus remains unchanged, as it has been for 55 years.

In the morning there was service at the Cathedral, at which the ringers' form was used, and the address was given by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester. Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the association, read the lesson. Luncheon was served at the Golden Fleece Hotel, and the business meeting followed in the Cathedral Hall.

The Master, who presided, referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death that day of Mr. William Lincoln, of Chelmsford, who had long service in the association, and was a supporter of the belfry at Chelmsford Cathedral.

The members stood as a mark of respect.

The Master presented his report, which recorded a successful and interesting year's work. The number of subscribing members during 1934 was within six of the highest ever reported, and constituted a large increase on the figures for 1933. West Tilbury had ceased to be affiliated, and the number of towers in union was 109. Divisional meetings had been attended by an average of over 50 members. There was a sharp decline in the number of peals rung in 1934, the total being 95, of which 14 were on handbells. The conducting of peals was shared by 33 members, Mr. W. Keeble, as for many years past, heading the list with 44 peals. Seven members rang their first peals as conductors. Death had created a number of gaps in the ranks, notably that of Mr. William Pye, Master of the Middlesex Association, who resided in Essex all his life, and no other ringer made a greater contribution than he to the advancement of ringing. With the Silver Jubilee an unusual amount of bell restoration and augmentation was put in hand. A completely new peal of six had been installed at Wanstead to replace the old steel bells. At Fobbing a treble had been added to make six, while Pebmarsh, Purleigh and North Ockenden had been similarly augmented. The peal of five at Little Waltham had been rehung and a treble added. The bells of Hatfield Broad Oak had been tuned and rehung. The financial position of the association was satisfactory. The total income for the year was £70 0s. 6½d., against £62 15s. 8d. Only one grant, £2 2s. to Pebmarsh, was made from the fund, which stood at £51 16s. 6½d. The total expenses were £71 0s. 8½d., against £65 16s. 6d., the increase being almost entirely attributable to the expenses of the referendum. The balance in hand was £26 15s. 3d. and assets £275 7s. 2d. Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden, who for 14 years had faithfully discharged the duties of hon. general secretary and treasurer of the association, had intimated his intention to relinquish office. He had rendered splendid service, particularly during the last two years, in which period came the severe illness of the former Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, and the work of referendum.

Mr. Duffield was unanimously re-elected Master, and, in accepting the post, said he did not think it well for one to be Master for an undue length of time.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow said he was obliged, owing to disability which prevented him getting about as he would wish, to retire from the office of hon. secretary and treasurer. Both numerically and financially, the association was stronger than when he took office 14 years ago. He should continue to take the keenest interest in the association.

Mr. Leslie J. Clark, Chelmsford, was appointed to the position. Messrs. G. R. Pye, H. T. Wilson, G. Green, W. Keeble and F. Dench were elected on the committee, and Mr. L. Wiffin (Braintree) was chosen for the new office of secretary to the Peal Committee.

Messrs. C. H. Howard and W. J. Nevard retired from the Central Council, Messrs. E. P. Duffield and L. Wiffen being elected in their stead.

Messrs. J. Day (Dagenham) and H. Street (Walthamstow) were elected members.

Mr. A. Pye proposed and Mr. G. W. Faulkner seconded that an entry of appreciation of Mr. Pitstow's services as hon. secretary and treasurer to the association for 14 years be entered on the minutes, and this was carried with applause.

Mr. Pitstow thanked the officers for the assistance he had received since he succeeded the late Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. Mr. Pitstow called attention to the rule providing for funds to train beginners in the art of bellringing, and said very few first peals by new members had been recorded in the past year. The Essex Association had ample financial means, and what the money was being saved for he could not understand. There were some ringing towers in the remote parts of Essex which were standing practically dormant for want of someone to ring the bells. Old ringers were dying off and new ones were not brought in to fill their places. During the 14 years he had been hon. treasurer, not one penny had been spent from the funds to train beginners in the art of change ringing. No one could learn ringing from a book. He favoured expert ringers being sent out as missionaries to the 'wild parts of Essex' to teach the young, and he

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DEATH OF AN ESSEX STALWART.

MR. W. LINCOLN'S 50 YEARS OF ACTIVITY.

The death occurred on Whit Monday, at Chelmsford, of Mr. William Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln, who was in his 69th year, was working up to Easter, when he was taken ill. Deceased was well known and highly esteemed in Writtle, being a native of the village, and gardener at the Vicarage for upwards of 50 years, leaving that employ in 1927. Over 40 years were spent in the Service of the late Canon T. L. Papillon, and one of Mr. Lincoln's treasured possessions was an inscribed marble clock presented to him by the Canon at the end of 40 years. He also served under two other vicars. Deceased resided at The Bungalow, Church Lane, for 31 years, and on the death of his wife went to live with his son at Chelmsford. He continued to cycle backwards and forwards to Writtle, attending to various gardens.

For over half a century Mr. Lincoln was an enthusiastic bellringer, and for many years was conductor of the Writtle band. He was a member of the general committee of the Essex Association, and at the annual festival of the association at Chelmsford on Monday, the members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. He was well known throughout Essex, having taken part in over 200 peals in various towers. Since leaving Writtle he had rung regularly at Chelmsford Cathedral. Mr. Lincoln was also a member of Writtle Parish Church choir for over 40 years. Deceased leaves two sons.

The funeral took place on Thursday, June 13th, a service in the Chelmsford Cathedral preceding the interment in Writtle Churchyard. Provost Morrow, warden of the Cathedral ringers, conducted the service, which was attended by a number of ringers and others. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. William Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lincoln (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. J. N. Milner (sister), Mr. and Mrs. A. French, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarke (brothers-in-law and sisters). Mr. L. J. Clark, Master of the Cathedral Ringers, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack, district secretary, represented the County Association; and other Cathedral ringers attending were Messrs. H. Allen, R. C. Thrift, A. E. Saltmarsh and Miss K. Meadows. Those also present were Miss A. E. White, representing the ringers of All Saints', Springfield; Mr. C. Gentry, a former Cathedral ringer.

The Rev. J. H. Upton, Vicar of Writtle, took the committal service in the churchyard, and Provost Morrow was also at the graveside. The deceased was laid to rest in the grave of his wife, which had been tastefully lined with evergreens and flowers by Mr. Ben Bond. Those present around the graveside included Messrs. W. Emery, H. Kirton, H. Devenish, T. Lincoln, E. J. Runter and F. Radley, all members of the Essex Association. There were several floral tributes, including those from the Chelmsford Cathedral Ringers' Guild; five old fellow-choirmen of Writtle; friends and neighbours of Henry Road; and former employers.—After the service, with muffled bells, 504 Grandsire Triples were rung by W. Emery 1, H. Allen 2, H. Kirton 3, H. Devenish 4, L. J. Clark (conductor) 5, R. C. Thrift 6, T. Lincoln 7, F. Radley 8; followed by further ringing, in which Messrs. E. J. Runter and T. B. Fairhead took part.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

At Woodbridge, Suffolk, on June 3rd, in honour of His Majesty's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. C. Willis 1, C. V. Grayston 2, C. J. Trotman 3, A. S. Woodard 4, W. A. Woods 5, F. G. Woodruffe 6, F. L. Fisher (conductor) 7, R. Malster 8.

In honour of the King's birthday, on Monday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) was rung at High Wycombe, Bucks: G. White 1, G. Hinton 2, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 3, R. Coles 4, F. Hayes 5, G. Twitchen 6, S. Goodchild 7, F. Boreham 8, D. Boreham 9, E. Coles 10. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples—70 changes representing the King's age in years.

At the Parish Church, Cannock, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Beech (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bradbury (conductor) 2, T. Benton 3, W. Benton 4, T. Fowell 5, F. Bate 6, A. Williams 7, H. Bailey 8, in honour of the King's 70th birthday.

PUBLICATIONS.

'GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AND TRIPLES, Simply Explained'; also 'Bob Minor and Major, Simply Explained,' for beginners. 6½d. each, post free; 5s. 9d. a dozen post free; from I. Roe and M. Broome, Byways, Hurst, Berks.

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warmly recommended this course to the committee (hear, hear).—It was agreed to make a grant of £2 2s. towards restoring the bells at Little Waltham.

During the day the bells at the Cathedral and churches in the district were rung, the methods ranging from Cambridge Surprise Maximus to Grandsire Doubles.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts which was to have been held at Bigby to-morrow (Saturday) HAS BEEN CANCELLED.—H. Mingay, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th, *St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Ferriby, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6), recently rehung and augmented, available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, 1s. 6d. per head.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Meopham on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Cathedral from 3 till 3.45, and again after the general meeting; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wade Street. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. A lecture on Samuel Pepys is being given by the Rector at 3 p.m. All welcome. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Will all ringers make a special effort to attend.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — First quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, at North Wingfield. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet in Schools 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (two towers of 8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will also be welcome.—S. Shipp, Dis. Sec., Wilburton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) & LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 9d. each. A good muster is requested. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, Great Central Street.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Wath on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Special preacher, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church House, at 1/3 each. A very hearty welcome is extended by the Vicar and ringers of Wath to all ringers of the various associations to try out the new peal of 8. It is hoped a good attendance will be recorded.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—A ringers' service will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, at 3 p.m (25th Anniversary of Opening of Peal). Bells from 2 p m. and after Service. Tea arranged for those who notify by June 21st. A hearty welcome to all.—R. Clark, 33, Hamilton Road, Bishopstoke.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—An evening meeting at Orwell on Friday, June 28th. Bells (5) available at 6.30 p.m.—K. Willers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 to 5.30, followed by service and tea. Please advise me for tea by June 26th; 1s. each will be charged. Nearest station Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross. Willesden bells open from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—The Archdeacon of Lincoln will dedicate the bells on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify Mr. S. Laxton, The Post Office, Rippingale, Bourne, Lincs., not later than Wednesday, June 26th. The peal has been restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern division will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (plain 1s., salad 1s. 3d.). Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d)., allowed to this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Purleigh on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 26th, certain, so that adequate arrangements can be made for tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, June 29th. 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 the 26th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bistol 5.

HOYLANDSWAINE.—St. John's Church.—Six bell ringing contest (open). (Short test piece, rise and fall.) Each company to have *four* regular service ringers in band. Entries, 7s. 6d. per band, will be taken up to Tuesday morning's post (June 25th). Teas not guaranteed if not applied for. Contest to take place on Saturday, June 29th.—E. Brooks, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Horsell, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Come prepared for ringing a fresh method. A welcome to all. A card for tea, please, by Wednesday, 26th.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly notify me by June 26th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District).— Meeting at Croft on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (1s.) and meeting. All ringers invited.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service probably at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors kindly let me know not later than the 25th inst.? — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead. Please note change of address.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The annual festival of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m. (tickets 1s. 6d.). Service 6 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, 27th inst.?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —Branch meeting at Mobberley on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. S. Duckworth, 11, Hall Bank, Mobberley.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The annual meeting at Brabourne to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Rector, at 5 p.m. Kindly notify me of your intention to be present, by June 26th.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Idle Parish Church on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m., the Right Rev. Bishop C. R. Duppuy will dedicate the new ring of 12 bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Hagger's Cafe.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Newmarket.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 29th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 50, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Banbury (10) and Deddington (6) bells available after. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify before Wednesday, July 3rd.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea free. Half fares (up to 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting. So that satisfactory arrangements may be made for tea, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present notify Mr. Frank W. Brenchley, 21, Green Lane, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, not later than Thursday, July 4th.—P. W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea notify Mr. H. Grundy, Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosham on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing to commence 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Miss Collins' Tea Gardens 4.30. Those requiring tea should write Mr. J. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Chichester, not later than Wednesday morning, July 3rd.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Duscombe's Café. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me regarding tea not later than July 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, July 6th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), at Railway Hotel. Business meeting to follow. Half fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will take place at Tring on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let me know by July 3rd if you require tea. Subscriptions for 1935 are due.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham on July 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Ringing afterwards till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by July 2nd.—G. A. Card, 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W. 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrington on July 6th. Bells available: Wrington (10) from 2.30 p.m.; Congresbury (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Blagdon (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at Benhilton, Sutton. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Rendezvous Café. All are welcome. Please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, re tea by Monday, July 8th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 1s. 3d. each. Numbers must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 9th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., on Saturday, July 13th. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

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ALBERT DISERENS	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	8
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	9
OLIVER SIPPETTS	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	.*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT	...*Treble*	JOHN W. WARD	5
ALFRED J. BULL	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	*REGINALD L. G. LATHBURY	7
CECIL NICE	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
KEITH HART	2	CECIL NICE	6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS...	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ..	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS...	2	EDWARD F. CHARMAN... ...	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE WIGGENS ...	...*Treble*	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	5
HENRY STALHAM	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MADGWICK.
* First attempt in a Treble Bob method.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ...	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ...	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER	6
*WILLIAM CROSS	3	PERCY MERSON	7
†CLAUDE TARR	4	JACK ROY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. MERSON.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS	...*Treble*	JOHN HAYES	5
*FRED HARTMAN	2	*STANLEY RICHARDSON ...	6
JAMES SWINDLEY	3	THOMAS GUEST	7
SAMUEL JONES	4	PERCY SWINDLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal of Major.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*S. R. L. DEARLE ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ...	5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	6
*A. J. ADAMS	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
RICHARD V. FULLER	4	DANIEL D. COOPER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal in the method.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ...	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	LUTHER HONESS	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	WILLIAM GORRINGE	7
HARRY BAKER	4	JAMES G. POWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.
Birthday peal for A. Stevenson.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

HARRY PARKES	...*Treble*	H. RICHARD FRENCH	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	GEORGE BUTCHER	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

H. RICHARD FRENCH ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BUTCHER	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ALEC RICHARDSON	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
HARRY HOVERD	4	HARRY PARKES	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
WILLIAM J. THYNG	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ...	7
WALTER ALLWOOD	4	THOMAS E. LEE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
The composition (No. 261) is rung for the first time.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALEC RICHARDSON ...	...*Treble*	HARRY PARKES	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	GEORGE BUTCHER	7
H. RICHARD FRENCH	4	HARRY HOVERD	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. HOVERD.
First Surprise peal as conductor.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

NELSON C. BOURNE	...*Treble*	LESLIE W. JARVIS	5
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ...	2	WILLIAM BUTTON	6
PERCY PAGE	3	JAMES G. POWELL	7
HARRY BAKER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR P. CANNON.
Composition No. 40, Central Council Collection (shortened).

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST F. POPPY	...*Treble*	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ...	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ...	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	6
JAMES ROSE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	7
*PERCY L. JOHNSON	4	JOHN EUSTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL
* 50th peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT	...*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
ROBERT GARDENER	2	ROBERT BARBER	6
FREDERICK LAMBERT	3	WILLIAM FLATT	7
ARTHUR TOOKE	4	CHARLES LOOME	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*ROBERT WALMSLEY ...	...*Treble*	FRED READ	5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ...	2	WILFRED HALLIWELL... ...	6
ARNOLD BRUNTON	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY.. ...	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.
* First peal of Major.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	...*Treble*	JOSEPH ATKINSON	5
*JOHN W. HOBSON	2	WALTER GODDARD	6
DEREK M. SHARP	3	*ARTHUR E. WEST	7
JAMES W. GODDARD	4	†COLIN HOPPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. GODDARD.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal on tower bells.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

EDWARD F. CHARMAN...	...*Treble*	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
KEITH HART...	2	WILFRED WILLIAMS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.
This peal is now rung for the first time.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thursday, June 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ...	2	ALBERT E. WHITING	6
GEORGE PRYER	3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.... ...	7
ERNEST F. POPPY...	4	T. WILLIAM LAST... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by G. WHITING.

HEDON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS...	...*Treble*	WALTER GODDARD	5
DEREK M. SHARP...	2	JOSEPH ATKINSON...	6
HARRY RODMELL...	3	ARTHUR E. WEST...	7
JOHN W. HOBSON	4	LEONARD RODMELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the towerkeeper, Mr. G. Smith. First peal in the method on the bells.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	...*Treble*	*ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	2	*JOHN HALSALL	6
JOHN BOOTH	3	J. L. WRIGHT	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	THOMAS SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	...*Treble*	†EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	6
*MISS MOLLIE REDPATH ...	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	RICHARD A. POST ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by R. A. POST.
* First attempt for Kent. † 150th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Messrs. Groombridge, sen. and jun.'s, 200th peal together.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE WIGGENS	...*Treble*	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ...	5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	6
FREDERICK WHITE	3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY	...*Treble*	LEONARD FIDLER...	5
EDITH K. FLETCHER	2	BARNARD PATMORE	6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	7
*STANLEY A. CARTER... ...	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp

JOHN N. LINDON	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ...	2	WILLIAM C. RHODES	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	7
RICHARD C. INGRAM	4	CHARLES H. COOK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.
First peal by the treble ringer and arranged for his 18th birthday.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LEWIS...	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ...	3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
RALPH HARRIS	4	*MISS F. A. JOHNSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss F. A. Johnson.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

HARRY LEWIS	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
*FREDERICK HARTMAN ...	2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE	6
ROBERT SPERRING	3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	7
*RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	4	PERCY SWINDLEY... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. MORGAN. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HIGHWEEK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS	...*Treble*	EDWARD W. BIFFEN	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
AUBREY L. BENNETT	3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ...	7
A. WILLIAM MYERS	4	ARTHUR H. GOAD... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

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IGHTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. HOLLMAN	...*Treble*	W. SMART	4
REV. L. W. BROWNE	2	F. WOOLWAY	5
H. WOOLLEY...	3	A. HOLLMAN...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WOOLWAY.
Rung for H.M. the King's Jubilee.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(BARLEY SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, May 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 22 six-score of Grandsire, 12 Plain Bob and eight of Oxford Singles. 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.
Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, late Rector of Barley, who was laid to rest there that day.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 16 callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT J. SAYERS ...	...*Treble*	*P.C. FRANK HANSFORD ...	3
GILBERT W. RENDELL ...	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.
* First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells. First peal on a 'backward' ring by all the band. Rung for the Whitsun festival.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK ROWLINSON ...	...*Treble*	HORACE M. DAY	4
JOHN J. JUTSON	2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	5
CHARLES W. WOOD	3	WILLIAM ROSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
Rung to celebrate the 43rd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jutson's wedding. First seven Surprise method peal in Peterborough.

ORCOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*REGINALD T. JONES ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK E. J. REYNOLDS	3
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ...	2	WILLIAM G. ASHFORD ...	4
JOHN J. WEBB	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.
* First attempt for a peal and a ringer at the above church. First peal on the bells.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT L. DIXEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. TOWNES	4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ...	2	ROBERT C. LYON...	5
GEORGE W. LARKIN	3	ALEC M. GENERY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Miss Kathleen M. Courtauld, of Colne Engaine. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the church.

HILLFARENCE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALEC A. WALKES ... ...*Treble*	JACK ROY 4
WALTER H. POOLE 2	PERCY MERSON 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	ARTHUR H. REED... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. REED.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID EVANS ... ...*Treble*	HUBERT JONES 4
JAMES HUGHES 2	ARTHUR NASON 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	RICHARD BALDWIN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

* First peal, at first attempt, and a member of the local band. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of William J. Beniams and Gertrude Annie Allen, which took place at this church previous to the peal.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE A. TRENDALL ...*Treble*	ROBERT C. LYON 4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 2	ALEC M. GENERY 5
GEORGE R. TOWNES 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Sandal, Kingston, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR GILL ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST BROOKES 4
GEORGE LORD 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	ERNEST CUTT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.

THE CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN....*Treble*	DANIEL COOPER 4
ALFRED KING 2	TOM CLARKE... 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents, viz.: (1) Carlisle and Northumberland; (2) Cambridge and Ipswich; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Chester and Munden; and (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN COOKE ... ...*Treble*	JOSEPH LESLIE 4
*FRANK T. PARRY 2	GEORGE L. GROVER 5
ALFRED K. LEATHAM... ... 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN COOKE.

* First peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band, and believed to be the first for the Guild. First peal in more than seven methods by all and in the Wirral Branch. There were as many changes of method as courses in each extent. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Cooke, who kindly stood out from this peal to allow a visitor to ring. Ringer of the fifth from Clandon, Surrey. Remainder are from St. Peter's, Rock Ferry.

DARRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON... ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON... ... 4
HORACE FOX... 2	FRED NEWTON 5
HARRY C. WALTERS 3	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

The second peal on the bells, the first having been rung 34 years ago.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGERS' OPENING OF ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

By the kind invitation of the Dean of St. Albans, the official opening of the recently augmented peal of twelve at the Cathedral was held on Saturday, June 1st, when about 50 ringers assembled from a wide area, including Herts and surrounding counties, to have a pull during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served at Bugler's Restaurant, followed by a business meeting. Mr. Walter Ayre (the president) took the chair. The place of next meeting was chosen, viz., Luton, and this motion brought forth the suggestion from the president that whenever a district meeting of the association was held at an affiliated tower outside the county, an endeavour should be made to make it a combined meeting of the two associations

The secretary of the Herts Association (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) warmly supported the suggestion, as he felt that it would be helpful in every way to both associations. As the meeting seemed unanimous, Mr. Nash was asked to endeavour to arrange with the Beds Association accordingly.

The President gave a cordial welcome to Dr. Madge (a donor of one of the new bells) and to visiting ringers, to which Mr. A. Pye cordially responded in appreciative terms.

A vote of thanks to the Dean was proposed by the secretary, after which the members dispersed, some to the tower again and others home.

Touches upon the handbells were rung to the evident delight of the visitors to the tea rooms, and one felt that this little bit of propaganda was of some service. Mr. C. W. Taylor, one of the honorary members from Watford, was present, and a touch of Grandsire Caters upon his bells, a very musical ring, gave pleasure to everyone.

Of course, every visiting ringer came in the spirit of criticism, and it is safe to say that one and all went away happy in the thought that Hertfordshire is now the proud possessor of a lovely peal of twelve, a result due to the splendid work of the Whitechapel Foundry. It was a pleasure to have Mr. A. Hughes present on the occasion.

G. W. C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEW BRANCH FORMED.

On Friday evening, June 21st, a meeting was held in St. Peter's Hospital (a most historical building), and a new branch named Bristol City Deanery Branch was formed. The Rev. M. Paterson presided and nearly 40 members attended.

Only four business meetings will be held in each year, but each month a combined practice will be arranged.

Mr. H. Burt was elected chairman, Mr. F. G. Leaker upon the Management Committee and Mr. Charles Batt branch hon. secretary. It was agreed that all subscriptions should be paid by October and that the branch accounts be completed by the end of that month.

To hold a meeting on a weekday evening proved a successful experiment.

A NEW RING OF EIGHT IN KENT.

A SPECIALLY DESIGNED TOWER.

The fine tower of the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, Kent, was completed in 1930 and was specially designed for a ring of bells, the architect collaborating with Canon Coleridge in designing the tower. One of the features is the 'open roof' and no side openings to the bellchamber. At present there is only one bell in the tower, but Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have now been commissioned to cast seven bells which will complete a fine ring of eight, tenor 1 ton, the present bell being No. 5 of the new ring.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HOPE OF UNION WITH DEVON ASSOCIATION.

Speaking at the 61st annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild at Ilfracombe on Whit Monday, when nearly 200 members attended, the President (the Rev. E. V. Cox) said although such a scheme was as yet only in the suggestive stage, he still hoped to bring together the Devon Association and the Guild, as he thought two such large bodies should not be working in watertight compartments.

A service in Holy Trinity Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary H. M. Johnson), the two hymns being heartily sung with organ accompaniment. The Vicar addressed the congregation on a theme from the lesson for the day, Revelations v., 13: 'Every created thing on, over and under the earth and in the sea gives glory to God.' These things, he said, were silent and often invisible witnesses, but our church bells were audible witnesses with equal force and the ringers were God's messengers.

Members subsequently assembled at Southcombe's Restaurant for dinner, and at the meeting which followed, the Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected president, and the ten vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Preb. Johnson.

The general treasurer, general secretary and auditor were all re-elected, also Messrs. Laver, Marsh and G. Woodley as representatives on the Central Council, the Rev. E. V. Cox being elected in place of the Rev. E. S. Powell.

Sidmouth was chosen as the place for the annual meeting in 1936.

On the proposition of Mr. E. W. Marsh, it was resolved that the South-West Branch should be extended to include the Deanery of Woodleigh.

In returning thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success, the President mentioned that he was much encouraged in noticing the keenness of the younger members of bands he had visited.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE ABOUT CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

In endeavouring to explain the calling places in Grandsire Triples, we dealt last week with that known as 'Before,' because it is, or should be, the easiest for the beginner to find. A call 'Before' is when the observation bell makes 3rd's place. Each of the other places into which the observation bell may fall also has a distinctive name.

Into the hunt and out of the hunt, known as 'In' and 'Out' respectively, speak for themselves. An 'In' must always be followed by an 'Out,' although the number of leads that may elapse between the two bobs may vary from one to five. The two calls are generally bracketed together and become 'In and Out' at whatever number of leads there are between—thus 'In and Out at 2,' if the observation bell is called into the hunt and out again two leads later.

If you are ringing the observation bell and want to call yourself into the hunt, you call the bob just as you are about to pull off in 2nd's place, before treble. It is easy to know when that is going to occur, because at the previous lead you will have dodged in 6-7 up, and in hunting down you will have had following you one bell (the bell that will make the ordinary 3rd's place, in other words the bell that will be called 'Before') and then the treble.

If you want to call touches by this means, there are many in which you need call bobs only to put the observation bell into the hunt and out again at one or more leads. Either the 2nd, 4th, 6th or 7th can be called 'In and Out at 1' three times to produce a touch of 168, remembering, of course, that with the 2nd you must begin by calling it 'Out' and finish after the third 'In.'

Similarly you can produce a touch of 350 by calling one or other of these same bells 'In and out at 2' five times. With these calls of In and Out you can introduce bobs 'Before,' and a touch of 168 can be obtained by calling a 'Before' either before or after an 'In and Out at 4,' and it will be good practice if you prick out some of these touches on paper.

In actual ringing, if you have not got the observation bell, remember that this latter courses down in front of the treble when it is coming 'Before,' and when it is to be called 'In' it is coursing down with one bell between it and the treble. Always look for the bell in front of the treble (i.e., the bell coming 'Before') to time your call by. Call the 'bob' as he pulls off at his handstroke lead and all your bobs will come at regular intervals. If you rely upon your own position and call it when you pull off at handstroke, you will be a trifle later sometimes than others, as, when you are in 6-7, you are about a half-stroke behind the bell that was leading.

The other calling places in Grandsire Triples will be explained next week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Have you ordered your copy of the forthcoming book on the Australian and New Zealand Ringing Tour? If not, you should do so at once. There will be only a limited edition. The price will be 2s. post free, and the book will be obtainable only from the Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey.

Eight grandfathers rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Great Baddow, Essex, on June 22nd.

One of the ringers in a peal of Bristol Surprise at Petersfield, Hants, on Saturday, revisited the tower for the first time for 37 years. On the former occasion a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung—the first peal of Major on the bells. There are only three survivors of that band.

Mr. James George now informs us that a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Pattingham Church on September 19th, 1885 (recorded in 'Bell News,' Vol. 4, page 205). He, therefore, withdraws his claim to having taken part in the first peal of Major on the bells.

In addition to the peal mentioned by Mr. George, Mr. Bert Horton points out that another peal of Superlative was rung at Pattingham in September, 1886. Both these peals were conducted by Mr. J. Griffin.

Mr. Edwin Breeze, who took part in his first peal of Surprise Minor on June 15th at Eastham, Cheshire, is 70 years of age. Before he was 69 he had never struck a blow in any Surprise method. After the peal, which was specially arranged for Mr. Breeze and Mr. R. E. Parry, the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Parry.

The heavy ring of eight at Wigan Parish Church, Lancs, is to be tuned and rehung with new fittings in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

RINGING IN CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your permission, I would like to reply to the letter of Mr. Hibbins, as I was the one to criticise the action of the Branch Committee of the Ely Association, NOT for ringing a peal on Jubilee Day, but for losing a golden opportunity of showing that the association can be of use to the various towers which are affiliated to it.

Although a suggestion was put to them two months previously, no action was taken to find out if any towers wanted help on Jubilee Day, which should have been our first thought. After that a peal attempt by all means. Honest criticism is good for any association and does not in any way show that a 'green-eyed monster' was at work. It is no good sign when one sees 'visions.' As regards Cambridge ringing, it is a more disgraceful affair when a ringer of his ability stands aloof, instead of helping his fellow-ringers to attain better ringing. I am sorry to think your correspondent rejoices more in our failures than our successes. F. HURRY.

Sawston, Cambs.

LEADERSHIP AND LOYALTY.

Dear Sir,—On several occasions reference has been made in these columns to Cambridge ringers and ringing. As my name is on the roll of the Ancient Society of Cambridge Youths, I think it a step in the wrong direction for people to write discouraging letters through 'The Ringing World.' Members can give their views at meetings or in writing to the secretary. Perhaps I may be allowed to make a few suggestions for their general benefit.

It is essential in all societies that hope for progress and fame to have a leader whom you have sworn to follow and who has tact and personality to make the team work of enthusiasm and success. It is not necessary that the leader be an expert, but the greater the knowledge the easier the ideal. His views, which he will use for the general benefit, must be consistently followed. As soon as any conflicting arguments or undercurrents are introduced, it will mean disaster. I am very much afraid that Cambridge ringers have never learnt this essential rule which I have gained from experience.

Much has been written of how to form a company, but very little of how to keep one together.

As regards paid ringing, it should be a help towards those social enjoyments of a company which go to create more unity. A good many companies run their outings and social functions on money collected, which is much easier than finding it themselves. As far as I can see, round about Cambridge there is plenty of talent if it would only get down to it, and with its isolation broken down by buses, etc., it should not be a difficult matter to assure success.

Saffron Walden. F. DENCH.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH AND REDISTRIBUTION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Halewood. A service was conducted by the Rector, and the lesson read by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. I. Davies). The result of a discussion at the meeting on the suggested revision of the association's branches showed clearly the wish of the members of the Liverpool tower to remain as they are and that the whole of the diocesan towers be divided between the Liverpool and Wigan Branches.

It was resolved that a letter be written to Canon F. Child, of St. Helens, cordially welcoming him as the new Warden of the Guild.

Nominations were made for the association offices of vice-president, ringing secretary, auditor, Central Council representatives and hon. treasurer.

Mr. C. I. Davies, the local branch secretary, intimated his desire to retire, but the unanimous wish of the meeting was that he should retain office. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

A Heavier Peal and Choice of Rings.

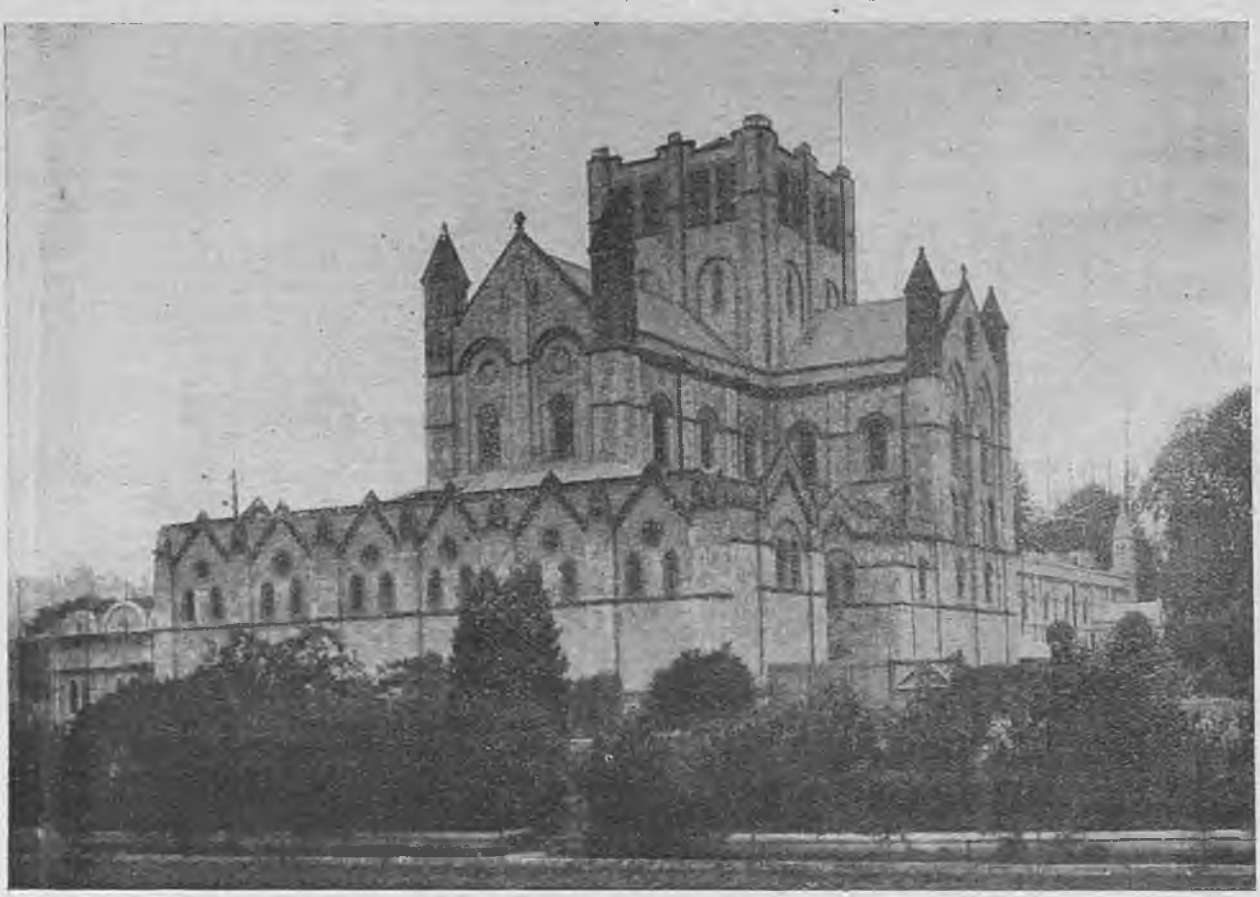
The bells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, are to be remodelled on a very much finer scale, and the work, which is now in progress at Loughborough Bell Foundry, comprises a scheme of greater magnitude than any of its kind since York Minster bells went through the same foundry in 1926.

As previously announced, an order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor for a Bourdon bell of nearly 8 tons. This bell is already cast and is a fine specimen of the founders' art. Richly ornamental Gothic lettering and the armorial bearing of the Lord Abbot have been beatifully executed upon the bell, giving it an appearance after the style of bells by the old Continental founders.

What, however, will no doubt be of greater interest to the ringing fraternity is the ringing peal. The whole of the present bells are being recast into a peal of twelve, tenor 2 tons in C, the two semitone bells also to be hung for ringing, which will produce numerous combinations of peals.

Hitherto the bells have been housed in a temporary position in the only partly completed great central tower of the Abbey, and have been rung from a narrow gallery 'midway 'twixt the earth and sky.' Those who have had the opportunity of ringing at the Abbey in the past will know the difficulties created by the long distance of one ringer from another on the opposite side of the tower and also the disconcerting depth of the empty space below the gallery. All this, however, is to be altered. The tower, as we have said, is now rapidly being carried to completion, and will eventually be increased in height some 40ft. or 50ft. The bells will be raised to their permanent bell-chamber, and the ringers will be accommodated in a fine ringing room, with a circle of ropes of normal dimensions and arrangement.

Their many ringing friends will be delighted to know that this great work is in the hands of the famous house of Taylor.



BUCKFAST ABBEY.

The present Abbey stands upon the site of a former building, whose foundation goes back at least to the latter half of the ninth century, but which disappeared at the Dissolution. The new edifice, the first stone of which was laid in 1907, is now rapidly approaching completion. The work has been carried out by members of the community, which was transferred from France in 1889, and everyone admires the spirit of faith that initiated the enterprise and the perseverance that has carried it on until final achievement lies near at hand. The central tower is rising to completion and soon the work of nearly thirty years will be finished. At present there is a ringing peal of twelve bells, tenor 28 cwt., with two semitone bells hung dead.

With the completion of the tower in sight, a great improvement scheme in regard to the bells is to be carried out.

YOUNGEST LADY CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My eldest sister, Miss E. M. Johnson (now deceased), called a peal of Doubles in four methods in April, 1913, at the age of 12 years 9 months 5 days: Doubles in five methods on the eve of her 14th birthday; and Grandsire Triples on the eve of her 15th, all on handbells from 1-2.

J. D. JOHNSON.

'LAMINATED' OR 'SPLICED.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the recent meeting of the Central Council, Mr. James Hunt said that certain spliced peals were really 'laminated.' My dictionary states that the meaning of this word is, 'Formed of, arranged in, thin layers.' So we ring peals in thin layers!

Isn't it wonderful what ringers can do? And really clever what some ringers think of?

C. T. COLES.

DOVER'S JUBILEE RINGERS.

Early in January a band of young ringers was formed at St. James' Church, Dover, from members of the choir and chimers, their aim being to ring for the King's Silver Jubilee. They were tutored at St. Mary's until April 9th, when their bells were patched up and a new set of ropes installed, but when the bells were raised it was found that it was unsafe to ring them, as several clappers were loose and the tenor was moving in her bearings, causing her to strike the frame. This was eventually altered and the lads accomplished their aim on May 6th.

The bells for eight years had only been chimed. Mr. C. Turner, who has instructed the band, has been presented with a large framed photograph of the ringers as an appreciation of his help, which enabled the bells to be rung again by an entirely new band for the royal occasion.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 398.)

PREPARATION OF BOOK ON SURPRISE METHODS.

When the Methods Committee's report (which was printed in our issue of June 7th) came before the Council, the hon. secretary read a letter from the Rev. E. S. Powell, tendering his resignation from the committee.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in moving the adoption of the report, said, with reference to the proposal to reprint the Doubles and Minor Collection, the committee were very gratified to know the book had had such a good sale. They had suggested in their report that the next edition should be a smaller and cheaper book, which would contain a selection of the most popular methods and would deal with the simpler ones in greater detail. If there were any ringers interested in six-bell ringing who had suggestions to make he would like to receive them, so that they could be considered in preparing the new edition. With regard to the Triples book, he reminded the Council that it was designed for the less advanced bands, and he asked those members of the Council who had influence in their associations to do their best to get the book into the right hands. It was not merely desirable to sell the book; what they wanted was to get it into the hands of those who would benefit from it. If they had a few copies on sale at their meetings, people would probably buy a copy who would not go to the trouble of sending for it.

The next thing they had in hand, said Mr. Trollope, was the book on Surprise methods, and the task was a very much greater one than anything they had yet attempted—the ground to be covered was so tremendous. The number of Surprise methods possibly ran into millions—he would not tie himself down to a dozen or so (laughter). All this was complicated by the question of false course ends. They had been working on this matter for a great number of years past, and during the last twelve months a good deal of intensive work had been put in. Mr. Stephen Wood had devoted himself to one section in which he had worked out the combinations of places, which had given 151,200 methods. Out of these the good methods ran to over 8,000, and he was prepared to identify any method they liked to send him in this class. These were the methods produced by backstroke places, like Cambridge, Superlative, etc. Mr. Turner and he (Mr. Trollope) had made a general survey of the whole subject, and had put the result of their work into the two volumes now handed to the Council for the library. They really felt, therefore, that they were now in a position to go forward with a good book on Surprise methods. The book which they suggested would be a little more ambitious than the other books, and would run to 200 pages or rather less. There would be roughly 50 pages of methods, that was 150 methods, and about 40 or 50 pages of compositions, and 60 pages of letterpress, index and so forth. Towards that book a very substantial amount had been done. A selection of methods had been made, the false course ends checked and rechecked, compositions had been worked out; the letterpress draft had been made, revised and rewritten, and copies were in the hands of the committee. What remained was to put the whole thing together, cross the t's and dot the i's and write the preface. There was still a fair amount of work to be done, but there was no reason why they should not be able to hand the book over to the officials of the Council some time during the autumn. The thing to which the committee had given a great amount of thought and care was the selection of the methods when there were so many worth ringing. They could not possibly print them all. They could easily get a collection of 50 or 60, almost, he thought, from those that had been already rung or published, but the lines on which the committee worked were rather different. They were aiming not merely at a collection which should contain good methods, but a collection which should be thoroughly representative, and to do that they had tried to put themselves in the place of the actual ringer and to give them what the ringer of the future will require. Every one of the diagrams of the whole 800 methods from which the final selection was made was in the books, in addition to the figures, which, as a guide to a method, were often fallacious (applause).

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

Mr. Stephen Wood, in seconding, said with regard to the subject of the definition of a Surprise method, mentioned in their report, the committee did not suggest making any alteration. The present definition had stood since 1906, but the committee wanted to point out the limitation of the definition. Some Surprise methods were a great deal easier to ring and less complicated than, say, some plain methods, and, as they saw in the report, it was particularly important on twelve bells, where the best methods, from the point of view of music they produced, were not Surprise methods at all, but plain methods. With regard to the vexed question of composers' names being attached to peals, the committee asked for and was given permission to publish anonymously compositions produced by members of the committee, but he wanted to make it very clear they were not trying to lay down the law about this; it was not their job to do so and it was not their desire; still less had they any desire to take away any credit which attached to a man who had composed a peal. The point was just how much credit did attach to a person. If he had done something which his predecessors were not able to do, then he was entitled to all the credit possible, but when they saw in 'The Ringing World' a peal of, say, Bob Major, composed by somebody, possibly a fresh name, did they say to themselves, 'This is a bright young person with some fresh idea,' or did they say he had just strung a few courses together and produced a peal, and, although it might be quite a good peal, it would be somewhat strange if somebody had not already produced it, perhaps 300 years before. If peals were just compiled in that way, they could not claim any originality. When the committee produced peals for the methods published in the collections they did not try to produce new peals or cunning peals, but they tried to produce the best composition they could for the method; often they were existing compositions, sometimes they were variations or reverses, sometimes they were new, but as they tried to produce only the best compositions, that was the reason they left out their names, because they did not claim the peals to be original.

In regard to methods they had no hesitation in saying that no man had a right to call himself the composer of a method. The Council had heard that during the last year they had worked out a large number of methods. Mr. Trollope had said that he (Mr. Wood) had worked out about 8,000. For every method he had written out, Mr. Trollope and Mr. Turner had written out about twenty, so the Council would get an idea of what they had done. They were not claiming those methods as their methods, and no one who wrote them out in the future could claim them. They were written out by formulæ, and did not belong, therefore, to any other person. Mr. Trollope had told them that he (Mr. Wood) would be prepared to identify any method which was sent to him, of the class on which he had been working. The suggestion of a register of compositions had been absolutely ruled out as impracticable, but a register of methods was a practical thing. The Records Committee had a record of all the methods that had been rung. They had been card indexed, and such a system would enable the committee to keep a complete index in the future, so that it could be looked up at any time, and there could be no dispute about it, or any duplication. As a matter of fact during this last year one method had been rung twice by different bands and given two different names, and in each case was stated to be the first peal in the method. That was the kind of thing that could be avoided, if the Methods Committee co-operated with the Records Committee and they could produce some kind of index on those lines.

REV. E. S. POWELL'S QUESTIONS.

The Rev. E. S. Powell asked how many and which experts in Surprise methods had been personally invited by the committee to assist them in the preparation of the Surprise book?

Mr. Trollope: What is the definition of an 'expert'? If you mean have I asked anybody who is a good Surprise ringer, I haven't. If you mean how many letters have I written deliberately to any person asking for specific information, the answer is 'None.'

The Rev. E. S. Powell: At the time the majority report of the committee was signed, how many members of that committee had been given the opportunity of studying the collection of 600 methods referred to in the report?

Mr. Trollope said the whole of the committee had the opportunity of studying the report if they had taken the trouble to ask for it. If Mr. Powell meant into whose hands had he placed the book, then it was only Mr. Turner who saw it. The other two members lived too far away.

The Rev. E. S. Powell: That compels me to ask another question. Was there any member of the committee to whom that collection was refused?

Mr. J. A. Trollope: You were refused a sight after you had declined to sign the report, but not before.

AN AMENDMENT.

The Rev. E. S. Powell then proposed as an amendment to omit from the report of the committee the paragraph relating to the work done on a book of Surprise Major methods and the last paragraph of the report stating that it was proposed to ask the Council for authority to proceed with the publication of a book on Surprise methods during the coming year, and to substitute for this, 'That it be an instruction to the Methods Committee to prepare a MSS. collection of 500-800 Surprise Major methods, which shall include an adequate proportion of methods representing the most recent research, and that this collection be made available to members of the Central Council through the library for their suggestions and criticism, with a view to the ultimate publication of a book containing 100-200 representative Surprise Major methods.'

Mr. Lindoff seconded. He said he did not wish to be drawn into any quarrel, but he would like to point out the importance, in making compositions for all these methods, of studying very carefully the kind of bob they were going to use. Good methods, like Mr. James' Silchester, might be quite useless with an ordinary 4th's place bob, but, given a 6th's place bob, it was possible to use up the 60 course ends. In some methods he (Mr. Lindoff) had got, a 4th's place bob only allowed him to get peals with the 6th not more than six times in sixth's or fifth's place, but he used another bob and could now get the whole of the sixty course ends. He had not seen the work which the committee had prepared, but he did think the question of the bob work in these methods wanted looking into. A little more consideration would be for the good of the Exercise.

The President said they could not very well propose the omission of a part of the report: they must adopt it or refer it back, unless they had the consent of the committee to remove the paragraphs to which exception was taken. The second part of the resolution was in

order, because the Council could give the committee what instructions they liked.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he was quite prepared to withdraw the first part of the amendment.

The President said in the report the committee said they proposed to ask the Council for authority. It was for the Council first of all to adopt or refer back the report. They could then pass any resolutions they liked arising out of the report, either agreeing with the suggestions of the committee or any other instructions. They had been trying for years to separate these recommendations from the reports as far as possible, so as to get things into a more businesslike way.

COMPOSERS' NAMES.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, referring to the suggestion of the committee that compositions should be published without the composers' names, held the opinion that one of the things that encouraged young ringers and ringers growing into experience to experiment in composition was the appearance of their names in connection with anything which they ultimately produced. They were proud of it; whether others had the same estimate of their work was another matter. He could see that in some things it was possible to reduce compositions to a formula, but from the point of view of advantage to the Exercise and of cultivating the knowledge of the ordinary ringer, he felt it would be a very bad thing to turn composition into a kind of mechanical operation, and drop what had been the long established practice of the Exercise, not because they could not, by scientific principles, reduce to a minimum the amount of skill required to produce compositions, but because they would undoubtedly curb the interest and enterprise of growing ringers and composers. The present system might be unsatisfactory in some respects, but it had worked fairly well up to now, and he should hesitate considerably before agreeing to alter the procedure.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed that the report be received, but not adopted. He disagreed with what was said in the report about the authorship of methods and peals, not because he disagreed with the arguments which were put there and in the new book of Triples methods, but they were ringers, and as ringers they wanted to know what it was they were ringing and the authority for it; therefore, what they wanted was to have the name of the composer or something by which they could identify the composition and be sure of the truth of what they were being asked to ring. Only on the previous day, he was told, one of the peals rung turned out to be false ('Shsh, shsh!' and laughter). The Council should do what it could to make things like that less possible in future, even if it could not be entirely obviated. If they acted on the principle put before them in the report, instead of going forward they would be going backward. If they rang anonymous compositions there would be more false peals foisted upon them. They must have some system of approval for the compositions that were published. In the Triples book, although some of the peals were anonymous, they were vouched for by the committee, and any peals rung might be identified by their numbers. Before they dropped the system, which, as Mr. Johnson had said, had worked very well in the past, they should adopt some other system to identify peals so that there might be some assurance that when they rang a peal it would not be a false one.

Mr. Johnson seconded Mr. Drake's amendment, which Mr. Trollope accepted on behalf of the committee. There was no intention, said Mr. Trollope, of committing anybody definitely to anything that was in the report. These things were put in so that people could use their brains and think about them (laughter). The Council might pass rules and they might get the Exercise to abide by them, or they might give arguments and induce the Exercise to follow them. In his view, the second was the better plan, and that was the intention of the report.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: If we pass this amendment, does that give the committee authority to get on with this book?

The President: No, that is to come up separately.

Mr. Pulling said when they gave Mr. Trollope authority they all knew what happened (laughter). He should vote against it on principle. Mr. Wood had said that it was the committee's duty to pick out the best compositions for music. Would he say if the peals of Stedman in the Triples book were the best compositions for music?

Mr. Wood: Any peal of Stedman Triples must have all the music.

Mr. Pulling said the committee was falling over itself to get them to ring all the 5-6's at backstroke in Minor; what about the 6-7's in Triples? he asked. And with regard to compositions, was the Council going to send round and tell people not to go on composing touches or peals, because it was all going to be done by Hitler and his companions? (loud laughter). If they passed the report, nobody could compose anything in the future; it would all be done by machinery.

THE COMMITTEE'S DIFFICULTY.

Mr. Wood said he must apparently apologise to the meeting for being so misleading. Although Mr. Johnson and Mr. Pulling seemed to have misunderstood him, he wanted to make it clear that the committee did not want people to stop composing, neither did they want people to ring anonymous compositions. What they said was that they found it difficult to know whose names to put to certain compositions, and presumably other people had found the same. A member of the committee composed a peal for the proposed Surprise

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RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

KING'S JUBILEE CELEBRATED.

Peal Tablet Unveiled at Hobart.

In Sydney, on May 6th, to celebrate the King's Jubilee, ringing took place at St. Mary's (R.C.) Cathedral. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung with 4-6-8 covering. The time occupied was 55 minutes, and nine different callings were used. The ringers were: E. B. McDonald 1, J. W. Smith 2, Mrs. Lumley 3, A. Bennett 4, T. O'Neill 5, R. H. McDonald 6, A. R. Botting 7, J. Holbourn 8.

J. W. Smith is from Winslaton, Co. Durham, England, Mrs. Lumley from Reading, Berks, and A. R. Botting from Betchworth, Surrey. The rest are Sydney ringers.

The band at St. Mark's, Darling Point, have got the assistance of Mr. Tom Scammell and Messrs. A. Pearce and White, and are making quite good progress in change ringing. They rang St. Mark's bells for the King's Jubilee celebration and 'fired' them 25 times. It rained most of the day in Sydney, we are told, but everyone was out to witness a review in the morning and fireworks at night.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, the local ringers celebrated the Jubilee with ringing under the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Quarmby). Only call changes were rung on this occasion, but change ringing has been taken up and is being practised.

On Anzac Day the bells were rung half-muffled at 9 a.m.

A tablet recording the two peals rung by the English tourists during their visit last November has been erected in the belfry and was unveiled by the president of the Holy Trinity Society (the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood) on May 2nd in the presence of some 40 parishioners, including the Rev. A. A. Bennett, Vicar of St. George's, Hobart, and formerly of Gloucester, who took part in the peal of Bob Major.

The President said what a memorable visit it was and how proud they were of all the tablet stood for.

The Rev. A. A. Bennett replied on behalf of the English visitors.

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book. The method had nine false course ends, so they could understand it was a difficult business to get a true peal, but a true peal was produced, and he believed he was right in saying it was the only possible peal, but in looking up an old Treble Bob book they found exactly the same figures for a peal of Kent Treble Bob over Mr. Henry Johnson's name. Would they describe that peal, in a method with nine false course ends, as a peal by Henry Johnson, who composed it for Treble Bob and knew nothing about the new method? Yet when it appeared in the book someone would probably at once get up and say, 'That is a peal by Henry Johnson, published in 1876.' That was the committee's difficulty. If they put a peal together they did not feel justified in claiming it as their own; and if they could not do that, what could they put? That was why they suggested leaving the composers' names out in such cases. But it was their desire to insert them wherever they could. Last year he suggested that what they wanted in a peal report was not the composer's name, but an idea of what was rung. If it was from a Council 'collection' they could give the number, which was better for the purposes of identification, because more often than not the composer's name did not indicate what composition had been rung. If they put the reference it would not be rung anonymously. The committee did not want to discourage people from composing peals; they had never called themselves experts and they did not like being called 'Hitler' either.

The Council agreed that the report be received.

DEVON'S DOUBLE EVENT.

TWO REOPENINGS ON SAME DAY IN ONE DIOCESE.

The reopening of two rings of bells in the same diocese on one day is a rare thing. But it happened in Devon on Saturday, June 8th. The two rings are at Throwleigh and Highweek. Throwleigh's tower roof had become very leaky and rain soaking through had, in combination with the ravages of woodworms and faulty louvres, reduced the oak framework, carrying five bells, to a dangerous condition. A friend of the Rector (the Rev. H. Leslie Drew), on becoming acquainted with the circumstances, provided, in strict anonymity, £300 for the purpose of reconditioning the tower roof, inserting special louvres for keeping out rain, rehanging the bells in a new iron cage, increasing them to six by a new treble, recasting the old third and fourth, equipping them with entirely new fittings, and extending the chiming apparatus. The roof and incidental repairs have been carried out locally; the bell contract was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. All the five old bells were cast by Pennington, in 1763. Their inscriptions (preserved in the recasts) are, from treble to tenor: 'When I call, follow all'; 'God preserve the church'; 'God save the King.' 'Thomas Milman, C.W.' (churchwarden); 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave I summon all. John Baddeley, Rector.' The new bell is inscribed: 'A.M.D.G. and in honour of Our Lady and S. Monica, A.B.Y., 1935.' The weight of this is 3 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.; the tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.; total weight of the peal, 1 ton 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

The dedication of the new and recast bells and rededication of the others was performed at a special service by the Rev. H. B. Burnaby (Rural Dean and Vicar of Sampford Courtenay). The congregation included the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Bramford Speke (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), and Mr. Silas Hill, of Kingskerswell, who has been a ringer for 73 years, and is an uncle of Mr. R. Hill, captain of the Throwleigh ringers. Mr. T. Hill (Kingsteignton), brother of Mr. S. Hill, and other members of the family were also amongst the ringers.

After the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (translated from a German 17th century composition), the Rural Dean proceeded to the belfry, where the new bell was dedicated and the rope handed to the Rector, who rang the Angelus. Meanwhile, doves were flying around the church from their cot in a recess of the south wall.

The address was given by the Rural Dean.

After the service, Throwleigh ringers and visitors rang the bells, and general approval was expressed of the way in which the work had been carried out.

THE RESTORATION AT HIGHWEEK.

The work at Highweek, Newton Abbot, has consisted of the recasting of the first three bells in a ring of eight and the rehanging of these and the old back five after tuning, and in a new iron and steel frame, with fresh fittings throughout. Prior to 1919, there were only six bells, all cast by Pennington in 1781. Two bells (treble and second) were added in 1919. The total weight of the whole eight is just over 2½ tons; the tenor is 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Inscriptions reproduced or retained are: (1) This bell was given in memory of John and Caroline Segar, of Ringslade, by their children, 1919; (2) In memoriam, John Kendall Lloyd-Downes, churchwarden, 1907-1918; (7) William Drew and Richard Coysh, C.W.; (8) Christopher Beeke, Vicar; Saml. Segar Feoffee. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, did the recasting and rehanging. The expense is being covered by parochial effort.

A special service was held for the rededication, which was performed by the Archdeacon of Totnes (the Ven. J. L. Cobham). The Rector (the Rev. J. M. Key) said prayers, the choir led singing, and there was a large congregation. Among the visiting bands of ringers who handled the bells during the afternoon and evening were Kingsteignton, Wolborough, Bovey Tracey, Upton (Torquay), Ipplepen, Ashburton and Buckfastleigh. Some very fine striking was heard. Tea was provided in St. Mary's Hall by the Parochial Church Council.

The Rector said he was much concerned when he took up duties at Highweek a year and a half ago to find the bells in a bad and dangerous condition. He acknowledged the kindness of Kingsteignton and Wolborough ringers in welcoming Highweek men at their towers between then and the present time.

Mr. Brackenbury said that, as an engineer, he had watched the restoration work, and regarded the frame and fittings as wonderfully efficient, while the tuning of the bells was excellent.

Mr. Elsworthy (captain of Highweek ringers) said the opinion of all his ringing friends was that the 'go' of the bells was perfect. The tuning was a revelation.

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NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—An evening meeting at Orwell on Friday, June 28th. Bells (5) available at 6.30 p.m.—K. Willers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 to 5.30, followed by service and tea. Nearest station Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross. Willesden bells open from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Nominations are invited for Association Officers. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—The Archdeacon of Lincoln will dedicate the bells on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Purleigh on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Horsell, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Come prepared for ringing a fresh method. A welcome to all. —F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — Meeting at Croft on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (1s.) and meeting. All ringers invited.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The annual meeting at Brabourne to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Rector, at 5 p.m. — F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

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SUFFOLK GUILD (Mildenhall District) AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Haggar's Café.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Newmarket.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 29th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 312th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday next, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. each, at 4.45 p.m. — Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday), June 29th, at Hawkhurst. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome. —C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 4th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW, Newcastle-on-Tyne, July 2nd to 6th.—Visitors will be welcome at the following belfries: Monday, St. John's, Newcastle, 8 bells; Tuesday, Newcastle Cathedral, 12 bells; Thursday, All Saints', Gosforth, 10 bells; St. Mary's, Gateshead, 8 bells; Friday, SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, 8 bells. All practices at 7.30. Peals will be arranged for if seven days' notice be given to Mr. J. Anderson, 1, Salter's Road, Newcastle.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., Durham and Newcastle Association, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Banbury (10) and Deddington (6) bells available after. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify before Wednesday, July 3rd.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea notify Mr. H. Grundy, Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosham on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing to commence 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Miss Collins' Tea Gardens 4.30. Those requiring tea should write Mr. J. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Chichester, not later than Wednesday morning, July 3rd.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 50, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea free. Half fares (up to 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting. So that satisfactory arrangements may be made for tea, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present notify Mr. Frank W. Brenchley, 21, Green Lane, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, not later than Thursday, July 4th.—P. W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) available 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh (bells 8) on Saturday, July 6th. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh. (Cup Contest August 17th.) — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will take place at Tring on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let me know by July 3rd if you require tea. Subscriptions for 1935 are due.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham on July 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Ringing afterwards till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by July 2nd.—G. A. Card, 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W. 6.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broughton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 6th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. A. Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than July 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, July 6th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), at Railway Hotel. Business meeting to follow. Half fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Duscombe's Café. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me regarding tea not later than July 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting will be held at Wrington on July 6th. Bells available: Wrington (10) from 2.30 p.m.; Congresbury (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Blagdon (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (8), Bramley (6), Church Oakley (6), Sherborne St. John (6). General meeting in Church Cottage 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please inform Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke, by Thursday, 4th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Donington on Saturday, July 6th. 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 3rd?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clements on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. to 4.15, and after meeting to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in the school, at a moderate charge for those who send in their names by July 3rd to the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby.—H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge, Wilts, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome; for tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special quarterly meeting for discussion of two very important items will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Monday, July 8th, at 8 p.m. Meetings for practice: St. Clement Danes', July 8th, 6.30 p.m., and July 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary's, Lambeth, July 30th, at 8 p.m. Sunday service ringing, St. Clement Danes', July 7th, at 10 a.m., and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, July 28th, at 5.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at Benhilton, Sutton. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Rendezvous Café. All are welcome. Please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, re tea by Monday, July 8th. —Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 1s. 3d. each. Numbers must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 9th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., on Saturday, July 13th. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Slaugham (recently augmented to 8) on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by July 10th. Half rail fares.—O. Sippetts, Hon. Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual shield contest will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, July 13th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entrance fees (6s. per band) and voluntary subscriptions to prize fund to reach me by July 6th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, July 13th. Ringers to meet at Christ Church 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells will also be available. Tea at C.W.S. Café. Please let Mr. H. Hall, 90, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn, know if you require same. This meeting is specially requested by the officials of the association, and a hearty welcome will be given to ringers of other districts. Will all ringers who can possibly attend do so and help to make the meeting a success? — F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Newland on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) open 3.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know on Wednesday, July 10th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—At the special request of the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, the date of the summer meeting to be held at Chiddingstone will be Saturday, July 13th, instead of July 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me of attendance by Tuesday, July 9th. — Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1935, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham, Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. All applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, should reach general secretary not later than Wednesday morning, July 17th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. Ringing as usual. The G.W.R., L.M. and S. and L. and N.E. will issue cheap tickets to Oxford for that day from any station not more than 60 miles rail journey.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North and South Norfolk Branches.—Preliminary notice. Meetings have been arranged at Elveden (joint with Suffolk Guild) on Saturday, July 27th, and at Upper Sheringham on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Please note, and make every effort to attend.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

SATURDAY, July 20th, RICKMANSWORTH, Herts. Particulars later.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Snowdon Anniversary Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 6 p.m. Full details later.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — The address of Mr. Joseph Hawkins is now 36, Gledstaines Road, West Kensington, W.14.

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BEAMISH. — On Monday, June 24th, at Nuneaton Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, the gift of a daughter.

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LATE NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Tea may be had at a cafe close to church. Subscriptions due.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 6th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

DEVON'S DOUBLE EVENT.—Continued from page 416.

Mr. S. R. Roper, on behalf of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, expressed appreciation of the compliments, and thanked the secretary of the Church Council for his courtesies.

Mr. Kenyon said as an engineer he had accompanied Mr. Brackenbury to the tower at Highweek. He was impressed by the fine mechanical adjustments for the bells and congratulated Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on their skilful and courteous workmen.

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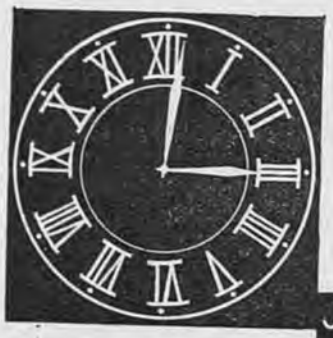

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CONSIDERATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

As a result of references to church bells at the recent Anti-Noise League Conference and the resulting publicity which was gained, a good deal of newspaper correspondence arose, not only in the daily but in the local Press. The arguments were not all on one side, and, as in the Anti-Noise League meeting itself, it is obvious that among the public the bells of our churches still hold a warm place in the hearts of the people, who look upon them as one of the rapidly diminishing ancient English possessions left to them. As we have so often pointed out, a few objectors can appear to make a great stir; the risk is that a noisy minority may stampede or harass those in authority into making some wholly objectionable regulation which might irretrievably silence the bells of this land. It is to avert any such action as this that ringers must be ever on the alert. Usually, if left alone, newspaper propaganda against the ringing of bells soon fizzles out, showing, for one thing, that there is not a very strong or voluminous body of opinion against it. At the same time organised ringing cannot entirely afford to put aside such opposition as there is, as of no account.

Do not let us imagine that under no circumstances is there ground for complaint. There are far too many cases where the bells are much too noisy in the immediate vicinity of the tower—not only too noisy for those members of the public who are not specially interested in bells, but too noisy for the enjoyment of anyone, even the enthusiast. Even in the country villages the noise may be overbearing in the neighbourhood of the church; in towns it becomes, under such conditions, almost, if not quite, intolerable, and it is probably cases such as these which drive the objectors to call for active repression.

Where bells are really noisy near the church, even though there are no complaints, it is the serious duty of church authorities to take steps to modify the sound, and in every case where common sense demands it the ringers, in their own interests, should press home this necessity. The modification of sound can be done at comparatively small cost, and there is no question that, in those instances where it has been effected, it has been appreciated by the public. It is far better to do a thing like this voluntarily in the interests of all concerned, than to do it as a concession to public expressions of annoyance. We say in all seriousness that at every church where the bells are over noisy in the immediate neighbourhood, steps should at once be taken to minimise the sound. It can be done in various ways and we refer elsewhere to the practical steps which can be taken.

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MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	5
MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	LESLIE W. BACON	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT	3	GEORGE E. FOSTER	7
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ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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GEORGE CORNWALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM POSTON	5
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*FREDERICK E. J. REYNOLDS	3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	7
*VICTOR C. PREECE	4	WILLIAM T. WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

WALLACE COUSINS	*Treble*	*JOHN BUCKENHAM	5
ALFRED E. BACON	2	*FRED WIGMORE	6
CLAUDE COUSINS	3	*EDWARD BARKER	7
*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*SHELFORD SPARROW	*Treble*	*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	5
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Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

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On Sunday, June 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	ARTHUR S. BOAR	6
GEORGE M. EASTMAN	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
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THOMAS LANGDON	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
WILLIAM J. NORTON	3	JOSEPH MARKS	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 4¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR HAWES	...Treble	FRANCIS E. MAY	5
*SAMUEL HOUNSLOW	2	JOHN P. PELLOE	6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT	7
GEORGE HORWOOD	4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOE.

* First peal in the method.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	...Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER	5
FRED WILFORD	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE	6
MISS EVELYN STEELE	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
C. ARTHOR MANNING	4	FRANCES BALL	...Tenor

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Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	...Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	REGINALD CHANCE	6
*DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	ROGER W. DANIELS	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	THOMAS HEMMING	...Tenor

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DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	*FRANK E. HAYNES	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
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JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells, also by the ringer of the 4th.

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On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
ROBERT J. DAWE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	...Tenor

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WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	TONY PRICE	...Tenor

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*CHARLES H. SHEPHERD	...Treble	*LAWRENCE P. COOK	5
LIONEL H. PAGE	2	*FREDERICK W. STEMP	6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	3	*CECIL L. GUY	7
*GEORGE W. BARTON	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	...Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	5
ALBERT PLOWMAN	2	HARRY PETTITT	6
HORACE PLOWMAN	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
MISS EVELYN STEELE	4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL	...Treble	HAROLD V. FROST	5
ARTHUR DAY	2	BEN JARMAN	6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	3	FREDERICK J. SPICER	7
HENRY JARMAN	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	...Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. First peal in these two methods spliced on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN	*Treble*	GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ...	5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	2	WILLIAM J. ELLIOT	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	WILLIAM CHALK	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR A. SAUNDERS... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

All the above are grandfathers, and it is believed to be the first grandfathers' peal rung for the Essex Association.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ROBERT W. COOKE	*Treble*	*ROGER CADAMY	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE A. COOKE	6
GEORGE T. BUNNING	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
A. MAURICE LOVELL	4	JOHN A. GODFREY	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN

* First peal in the method.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

PERCY L. HARRISON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
JOHN P. PELLOE	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	3	FREDERICK ROE	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER... ...	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

The above and the two handbell peals were arranged for Mr. J. P. Pelloe, who was on a visit to Leicester.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)
On Monday, June 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BAVIN...	*Treble*	BERRY WAYMAN	5
MANSFIELD GINN	2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	6
*ROBERT SMITH	3	ARTHUR J. GINN	7
FRED C. GINN	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First of Cambridge Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Mansfield Ginn, son of the local captain, Mr. A. J. Ginn.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

WILLIAM WARD	*Treble*	ERNEST E. POPPY...	5
FREDERICK J. TILLETT ...	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT... ...	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	4	CHARLES CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	GEORGE M. KILBY	5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	2	JOHN H. BOTHAM	6
EDWARD LANKESTER... ...	3	†HARRY KILBY	7
*WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ...	4	JAMES H. RIDING	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. J. Lock, who was prevented from taking part at the last minute.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON...	*Treble*	FRED NEWTON	5
ARTHUR WALKER...	2	CHARLES BROWN	6
HARRY NEWTON	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HORACE FOX...	4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD P. REED	*Treble*	REGINALD A. REED	5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL... ...	2	ERNEST W. WHITEMAN ...	6
†REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	3	WALTER LINTER	7
S. EDWARD WILSON	4	‡HUBERT COMPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. FAITHFULL.

* First peal (aged 13). † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal at first attempt. First peal of Triples as conductor.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOM SAUNDERS	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
CHARLES H. SONE	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
HARRY BAKER	4	THOMAS E. SONE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ROBERT BROWN	*Treble*	*JAMES SHARPE	5
†HERBERT CONNELL	2	JOHN H. CLARKE	6
*SIDNEY JESSOP	3	FRANK DEWEY	7
ARTHUR DIXON	4	FRED WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal, aged 70 years. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS	*Treble*	J. GORDON WHITTAM	4
JAMES E. BROWN	2	NICHOLAS NEWBY	5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ...	3	THOMAS METCALF	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. NEWBY.

First peal as conductor.

STOKE ABBOTT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE	*Treble*	HUBERT SMITH	3
*GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ...	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	4
*FRANK PRICE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal on the bells.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Combined Oxford and Kent, 720 each of Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	...Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON	4
ALBERT L. WARD	2	WILLIAM NEAL	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3	HORACE M. DAY	...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
First peal in five methods by ringers of 1, 2 and 3, for whom the peal was arranged. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WEYBROW	...Treble	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	4
MANSFIELD GINN	2	*ERNEST WAKELING	5
*STANLEY G. SHIPP	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY WINGROVE	...Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
GEORGE MARTIN	3	TONY PRICE	...Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
First peal in more than one method on the bells.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Alnwick, Carlisle, Chester, London, York and Beverley. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*ROBERT E. PARRY	...Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE	4
†EDWIN BREEZE	2	WILLIAM DEAN	5
JOHN COOKE	3	ALFRED K. LEATHAM	...Tenor

Conducted by A. K. LEATHAM.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT H. DOWNES	...Treble	ERNEST SALMONS	4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES	2	WILLIAM DUGGAN	5
WALTER EVANS	3	FRANK DOWNES	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DOWNES.
First attempt as conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*ALFRED HUTCHINGS	...Treble	HENRY J. PARKER	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
MANSFIELD GINN	3	HERBERT FIELDS	...Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON
* First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 30th peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First Surprise on the bells. Mr. and Mrs. Lack kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 2,520 of Plain Bob and 2,520 of Grandsire.

*HILDA TRAVILL	...Treble	TOM TEBBUTT	4
*EDNA TRAVILL	2	HARRY ENGLAND	5
*GEORGE TANNER	3	*LESLIE CURTIS	...Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHBURGA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Containing four extents of Plain Bob and three of St. Clement's, each called differently and rung alternately. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*J. SPENCER WILLIAMSON	...Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING	4
FREDERICK RIX	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	...Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First attempt for a peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently.

*ROY WALTER	...Treble	SIDNEY WALTER	4
JABEZ WALTER	2	†EDWARD WOOD	5
HARRISON SMITH	3	STANLEY WHITE	...Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the third has now rung peals on all the bells in the tower. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Walter on the occasion of their silver wedding, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Laker, Bridgwater, Mass., U.S.A., eldest daughter of Mr. Harrison Smith.

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LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS...	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal 'in hand.'

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. W. BRINKLOW.

Umpire—Arnold Brunton.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

HAROLD JACKSON	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY...	5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Barnes.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, June 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Size 13½ in E flat.

*HORACE L. WAITE	1-2	WALTER AYRE	3-4

*†WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5-6

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Mrs. W. AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor. First peal 'in hand' by the district.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 98, EVESHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS...	1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	JOHN P. PELLOE	7-8

FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. WILSON ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE...	3-4	*JOHN P. PELLOE...	9-10
GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS...	5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First handbell peal of Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BOURNEMOUTH.—On June 30th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks): W. Shute 1, Miss F. Child 2, Miss M. White 3, E. T. Griffin 4, A. G. Rose 5, E. W. Biffin 6, H. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS ENTERTAINED

GUESTS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Central Council at Shrewsbury, a reception was given to the party who last autumn made a ringing tour in Australia, and, some of them, in New Zealand. The Council broke off from the discussion in which they were engaged in the morning, and the tourists were welcomed by the president, to whom they were introduced by their organising secretary, Mr. W. H. Fussell. All were present except the Rev. E. Bankes James, who was prevented by scholastic duties. Those who attended were, in addition to Mr. Fussell, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their daughter Enid (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. Sharpies (Blackpool), Mr. J. Hardcastle and Mr. R. Maude (Bradford), Mr. W. Linter (Fareham), Mr. G. Martin (Maidenhead) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

The President said the Council would remember that last year Mr. Goldsmith mentioned at the meeting at Warwick the proposed tour to Australia, and asked the Council to use the tourists as a means of sending their greetings to the ringers of Australia, and offering to take out some literature for them. They all now knew of the Australian tour and of the wonderful things that were done. The Standing Committee of the Council thought it would be nice if the Council could say, 'Thank you,' to the tourists for what they had done for them. That was why they had asked Mr. Fussell and his fellow-travellers to come there that day so that the Council could officially receive them and have lunch with them. On behalf of the Council, therefore, he welcomed the tourists back and thanked them for what they did. They, as a Council, recognised fully the great missionary effort which the travellers carried out (applause). The tour was, perhaps, the greatest effort that had ever been made to spread the art of ringing in the British Dominions, and they all appreciated what the tourists had done. They thanked them, too, for having taken the messages, on behalf of the Council, to their brethren in Australia (applause).

Mr. Fussell, in reply thanked the Council most heartily for their welcome and for their kindness in allowing the tourists to join them that day. They appreciated the honour which the Central Council had bestowed upon them. The tour was rather a risky undertaking to start with, but, thanks to the kind co-operation of the members who comprised the team, they had been and returned, and that reception was the crowning feature of their journey round the world. As a body of churchworkers, and as bellringers in particular, they felt they had done a little to interest their brethren overseas in the old English art of ringing. It seemed strange to those who lived in the motherland, where there were towers and bells centuries old, to go out to a new country where they were just celebrating their centenary. They were warmly welcomed and treated most hospitably, and although they did not expect to bring back a big bunch of peals, they were successful in seven of their attempts (applause). On behalf of the Australian tourists he thanked the Council for their kindness that day (applause).

The tourists were later entertained to lunch by the Council at the Lion Hotel, the company numbering about 110. Afterwards the toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the President then proposed the toast of 'Our Guests.' He said they very much appreciated the wonderful effort they made. From all accounts they had a very good time, and the Council were pleased to see them back, all of them looking very fit and all the better for their journey (applause). They were all sorry the Rev. E. Bankes James was unable to be with them.

'A WONDERFUL VOYAGE.

Mr. Fussell, in replying, added the regret of the rest of the tourists at the absence of their 'chaplain.' They heartily appreciated the welcome and kind expressions extended to them at the gathering. Looking round that room he felt pretty sure that everyone there read 'The Ringing World,' therefore they knew a good deal about the tour. It would take too long that day to go through all their experiences. With regard to the whole journey they were greatly blessed with wonderful weather, and for himself and Mr. George Martin he could say they were never poorly on the voyage (laughter). They never missed a single meal and could always walk the decks in comfort. It was an extraordinary voyage right round the world, and when they read of the storms and disasters that sometimes preceded and followed them through the different seas, sometimes only a day after, they seemed to have been blessed with the finest passage possible. He could not stress too much the kindness that everyone showed to them throughout the whole journey and the heartiness with which the party was welcomed. They wanted them to go here, there and everywhere to see the various sights, but, unfortunately, they were not there for six months and had to deny themselves of a great deal of pleasure; in fact, he had to remind some of the officials that they were bellringers and out to ring bells; their object was to encourage the church authorities in each of the towers they visited. The one great point of the whole tour was the ringing on November 11th. Australia knew how to commemorate Armistice Day quite as well as we did in the homeland, and when the Duke of Gloucester dedicated the Shrine of Remembrance an Anglo-Australian team rang a twelve-bell peal, and on that day, also, the people of Melbourne heard muffled bells ring in the same manner as they are rung in the mother country. In Sydney they visited the old Church of St. Philip, the first Christian foundation in the whole of Australia and a most historical site, although its history went back little more than 100 years. They could

not ring the bells at St. Philip's, because the tower was unsafe, but the loss was made up to them by the authorities of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, who placed their bells at their disposal and hoped they would give them a good English peal, which they did. The Duke of Gloucester landed at Farm Cove, about half a mile from the Cathedral, and as he drove round the city the bells were ringing, and just as he passed the church they were 'fired,' and it was said by onlookers that he looked up at the tower and saluted. It was a curious coincidence that a team of English ringers were ringing bells in English fashion in that distant tower when the son of King George was passing. Unfortunately, after visiting Sydney, most of the party had to return home, but the rest went on to New Zealand and put in a very happy ten days there. At Christchurch there was a peal of ten bells in the Cathedral tower, and these were placed at their disposal and they were encouraged to do what they wanted, but, unfortunately, they were not successful in ringing a peal. They returned across the Pacific Ocean and almost the whole way home the sea was calm, and the journey was almost like a river trip up the Thames. They wanted a good rest to make up for a lot of lost sleep while they were so busy ashore, and they got it. The whole journey was unique and they could not have gone but for the shipping companies encouraging people to travel by issuing very cheap tickets. The proposal cropped up in a friendly correspondence with Mr. Savage, of Melbourne. At first they were limited to six men, but when he pointed out that they ought to have at least eight, the Australians agreed, and they were also able to take a reserve man in case of illness, and it was lucky they did, for, although in Tasmania Mr. Goldsmith was laid up for five days with influenza, they still had a band. Some wise providence was behind them all the time. He did not take much credit for himself. He felt, when the invitation came, that if it were to be done, that was the time to do it, and the whole scheme turned out far more successfully than anyone would at first have believed possible. If they had rung three peals he would have been pleased, but instead—well, they knew what the result was. While they were in Australia and New Zealand they met ringers from many parts of England who had settled out there, and they asked all about their friends in the homeland, while many people who seldom heard a peal of bells came to listen to the ringing, and because, perhaps, their fathers had been ringers in England, took the deepest interest in the ringing. He could not help thinking that, as soon as the return of prosperity allowed it, the authorities in the Dominions would improve their towers and go in more for the English art of ringing and put in proper peals of bells. A great deal depended on the churches as to what was done in the future for the art of change ringing.

Mr. Fussell concluded by again thanking the Council for their kindly reception and hospitality, and the proceedings then terminated.

FOR BEGINNERS.

TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

In addition to the calling places in Grandsire Triples already described, there are three others, called respectively 'Wrong' (6-7 down), 'Home' (6-7 up) and 'Middle' (4-5 up), and if you are relying upon calling the observation bell into one of these positions you must not forget that a bob in Grandsire brings the bells above 4th's place (or 4-5 down) to one dodging place short of where they would reach if no bob were called.

If, for instance, you make 3rd's place, at the next treble lead, if no bob is called, you would dodge in 4-5 down; but if a bob is called you are stopped in 6-7 down, where you have a double instead of a single dodge. Again, if you have been in 4-5 down, a bob at the next treble lead keeps you in 6-7 up, instead of going on to 6-7 down, as you would if no bob were called. If your last dodge was in 6-7 down, a bob next lead will bring you to a double dodge in 4-5 up; and a bob the lead after you have dodged in 6-7 up puts you into the hunt, instead of going on to 4-5 up.

You must remember this peculiarity of Grandsire, otherwise your calling will go astray. Although you may be calling your touch by these positions of the observation bell, look always for the bell that is coursing down before the treble (the one that is going to make the undisturbed 3rd's place), and make the actual call at the moment he leads at handstroke. A little practice will soon enable you to do this. Having made up your mind that you are in the right lead for the bob, you will know which bell to look for, because, in hunting up, you will have passed him immediately before you passed the treble.

You can get a touch of 168 by calling any of the bells three times Wrong (except the 2nd or 4th) or Home (except the 2nd) or Middle (except the 2nd, which, of course, cannot be brought into any of these positions by one call). You may also call 3, or 5, or 6 five times Wrong and Middle, or Middle and Wrong, as the case may be, for a touch of 210, in which case you get two bobbed leads to one plain lead.

But what the beginner should also aim at is to make himself independent of the calling places, and learn to conduct his touches and peals by the bells Before, supplemented by a knowledge of those going into the hunt. We have explained how he may know which bell is coming Before. Let him try this touch: Call the 5th Before (which is calling the 2nd out of the hunt the first lead), then call the 4th Before three times, the 6th twice and the 4th four times (which will bring the 2nd into the hunt again). One lead later the bells will run round, at the end of 518 changes, and you will have rung the first part of Holt's ten-part peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

P.S. Peter Crook, hon. secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, has received the King's Jubilee Medal. Is this honour unique amongst ringers—police or just ringers?

A meeting of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association was to have been held at Old Warden to-morrow, but since the arrangements were made the church tower has been found to be unsafe. The meeting is, therefore, transferred to Sandy.

The meeting at Newland, Glos, has been cancelled for a similar reason.

Petworth tower (Sussex), with its tall spire, has also been found in need of repair, and ringing there has been temporarily stopped.

Ringing is also held up at Kingston-on-Thames, where the condition of some of the bells is unsafe.

The ring of eight bells of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, London, is shortly to be tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co. The regular ringers at this church are all members of the Metropolitan Police.

How is this for enthusiasm? Three members of the St. James' band, Poole (Dorset) cycled from Poole to the Dorchester Branch meeting at Upwey and to the towers available for ringing, and with the journey covered a total of about 86 miles in a temperature of between 85 and 90 degrees. They arrived in the Wyke Regis tower on the stroke of 9 p.m. just in time to have a very short touch and help lower the bells in peal.

Because in his opinion the tone of the village church bells was mournful, a Woodley (near Reading) bridegroom declined to have them rung at his wedding.

He arranged for a wireless gramophone record of a joyful wedding peal to be played as the bridal couple left the church.

Life in the old boys yet! Eight grandfathers rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Great Baddow, Essex, on Saturday week.

Mr. Herbert Connell rang his first peal last Saturday. He is 70 years of age.

A GIFT FROM MELBOURNE.

AUSTRALIAN CITY HELPS ENGLISH NAMESAKE.

A message from Melbourne, Australia, states that a sum of £100 has been contributed from that city towards the restoration of the bells of Melbourne, Derbyshire, where the ring of eight have got into a dilapidated condition.

An appeal made by the Vicar and churchwardens to the Lord Mayor of Melbourne resulted in £100 in Australian currency being given by Councillor and Mrs. T. S. Nettlefold and £25 by the 'Sun' newspaper; £125 in Australian currency being equal to £100 sterling.

B.U.R.G. TOURING WEEK.

Thirty-two ringers from 19 different counties are taking part in the week's motor-coach tours, August 12th to 17th inclusive.

The tours extend over 500 miles, and the bells in more than 30 towers are available for ringing.

Buckfast Abbey will be one of the places visited and will probably record the 'last pull' on the bells before they go to the foundry.

The coach is a super de luxe of the Bristol Tramway Co., and has actually been built since the order for the tours was placed in February.

RINGERS WEDDED.

L.-SGT. E. J. BRAGG AND MISS G. B. DENYER.

In the presence of a numerous assembly of friends and well-wishers, the wedding took place at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on Saturday, of L.-Sgt. Edward John Bragg, Grenadier Guards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, of Sharnbrook, Beds, and Miss Grace Beatrice Denyer, elder daughter of Mr. William Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, of Aldershot.

Both bride and bridegroom are ringers, the bride being one of a family of two daughters and three sons who, with their father, are members of the Aldershot Parish Church band. Sgt. Bragg's ringing has been done in many towers, according to the exigencies of his service.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Le Fleming), and was fully choral. The bride, who was attired in white silk, was given away by her father and attended by four bridesmaids, who wore pink costumes and pale blue crinoline hats. They were the Misses Nancie Denyer and Edna Southby (both ringers at Aldershot) and the Misses Joyce and Doris Kennedy, of Sharnbrook. The best man was Mr. Richard Bragg, brother of the bridegroom. L.-Sgt. Bragg was in full military uniform.

The bridal pair left the church through the belfry under the crossed ropes held by the ringers, who immediately after set the bells going in a touch of 560 Bob Major.

At the reception, subsequently held at St. Michael's Parish Room, the ringers presented the happy pair with a canteen of cutlery. There were a large number of other presents.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bragg left for their honeymoon in Devonshire, they departed to the sound of handbells violently jangled on the railway platform.

ASTON'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

DEDICATION OF RECAST AND AUGMENTED RING.

After a silence of ten years, Aston Parish Church bells spoke with a new voice on Saturday. These bells, celebrated in ringing history, have been rejuvenated by recasting, and augmented by the addition of two trebles, given as a Jubilee thanksgiving offering, to make a ring of twelve, and the ancient church, a centre of religious life for ten centuries, has been enriched thereby.

Previous to this restoration the ring consisted of ten bells, the tenor weighing 22 cwt., and for the last few years the condition of the peal has been so bad that ringing had to be discontinued—several of the bells had become cracked, the wooden frame weak and decrepit, and the working parts of the fittings had reached a dangerously worn state.

In the early part of this year it was decided to go ahead with a complete scheme of restoration, and the work done has included the recasting of the entire peal, which has been increased in weight so that the tenor bell now weighs nearly 25 cwt. In addition, two new bells have been added to make a peal of twelve, as a thanksgiving for the Jubilee of King George's reign. The peal, therefore, now comprises a magnificent ring of twelve bells, in the key of D natural, perfectly tuned on the 'Taylor true-harmonic' system.

The peal is now hung in a strong and massive framework mounted upon a grillage of steel girders capable of carrying a load of 200 tons. The design and construction of the frame and girders includes an efficient system of bracing so that the stresses of the swinging of the bells are absorbed in this structure and the amount of strain placed upon the tower is negligible. The bells are equipped with the latest and most up-to-date type of fittings throughout and swing in heavy duty ball bearings.

The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the recast bells with the addition of 'Recast 1935.' The new treble and second, which were provided by funds raised by a house-to-house appeal in Aston, bear the following words:—

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This ring of ten bells was recast and rehung in the Jubilee year of 1935. Henry McGowan, M.A., Vicar. H. Platt, E. M. Roberts, Wardens.

The peal was rededicated on St. Peter's Day, 1935.

To the glory of God the two largest bells of this peal were recast and rehung as the gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1935. Emma Barron, Founder. F. Hopkins, C. M. Walrond, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.

The dedication of the bells was performed on Saturday (St. Peter's Day) by Dr. C. R. Duppuy, Canon of Worcester, formerly Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, and curate of Aston from 1904 to 1909. The impressive service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Henry McGowan, to whose energy the restoration has been largely due, and was attended by hundreds of parishioners.

During the service the Bishop, followed by the Vicar, wardens and clergy, walked in procession to the tower, where the ringers and bellfounder were assembled, while the choir sang Milton's 'Ring out, ye crystal spheres.' Receiving from the bellfounder the rope of the tenor bell, the Bishop sounded it ten times, and afterwards sounded a Jubilee bell.

Bishop Duppuy took as his text the words from Psalm xix., 4: 'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them. Their sound is gone out into all lands and their words into the ends of the world.'

'The bells of this mother church of Aston, from which within living memory have sprung 35 daughter churches, have sounded out,' he said, 'through many a long century and then for ten years they have been silent. Now, to-day, they are singing out again and two new bells have been added. England is richer for its bells. The bells of England take us back through the long past and speak to us of a glorious heritage. The bells at Aston certainly carry us back to very early years. From Saxon times there has been a parish here. This parish has behind it a thousand years of service. It is certainly one of the oldest institutions in the city of Birmingham.

'Ten times I sounded out the tenor bell, once for each century of worship offered in the church in which we are sitting now. Eight hundred years ago the monks of Tickford Priory assumed control of this parish, rebuilt this church and perhaps installed the first bells. Four hundred years ago, at the time of Edward VI., we know for certain there were five bells in the tower. Just before Waterloo, in 1814, a ring of ten bells was completed. Now in this Jubilee year the ten bells which had become worn and unsafe have been recast, a steel frame has been provided for them in the tower, and two new

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A WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

NATIONAL APPEAL TO BE MADE.

It was announced at a meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Kingsbury on Saturday that a scheme had been formulated for providing a suitable memorial to the late Mr. William Pye and that a national appeal for funds would be made.

Mr. Pye was such a national figure, so well known throughout the British Isles wherever bells are rung, that there must be hundreds of ringers who will wish to be associated with the memorial.

Speaking at the business meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, the district vice-president (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reminded members of the decision come to at the annual general meeting of the association to put up a suitable memorial to the late Master. The Central Committee, to which the matter had been referred, had met to consider this question, and had reached the conclusion that the memorial should be a national one. They of the Middlesex Association were apt to regard William Pye as just the Master of that association, but ringers throughout the country looked upon him as having been the greatest ringer this generation had produced. It was, therefore, fitting that the memorial should be of a national character. Of many schemes discussed, the committee had adopted the suggestion to augment to an octave the six bells at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, in the parish in which Mr. Pye lived for upwards of 30 years. Canon Brown, the Vicar, and the Leytonstone ringers all supported the scheme, which had also received the approval of the committee of the Essex Association, with whom they hoped to collaborate. A fairly large sum of money would be required, and Mr. Fletcher asked the meeting to start the fund with a donation from the district.

After a short discussion the sum of £15 was voted, with an addendum that, in certain circumstances, this amount should be increased to £20.

The scheme itself met with general approval.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor on Whit Monday. About forty members were present, representing Llandudno, Rhyl, Abergele, Wrexham, Llangollen, Buckley and Bangor, and among the visitors were Mr., Mrs. and Miss Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne) and Mr. R. Sperring (Chester).

A service was held in St. David's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Jones).

At the business meeting which followed the retiring officers were re-elected, with the Rev. T. J. Rowlands, Llandudno, vice-president in place of the former Rector of Llandudno, who is now the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

The secretary presented a satisfactory report, which stated that the membership was increasing, and the district secretaries were doing splendid work in arranging practice meetings and instructing new ringers.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Buckley on the last Saturday in September, and the next annual meeting at Wrexham.

A splendid tea was partaken of by the members and their wives, kindly provided by the Vicar and the local ringers, for which they were accorded a vote of thanks.

Prior to and following the meeting, the visitors and members rang several good touches in different methods on the bells.

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bells have been added, upon each of which has been cast this inscription: "Given by the people of Aston in thankful commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of King George and Queen Mary, 1910-1935."'

But if the bells of Aston spoke of a rich heritage that had come down to them, the Bishop proceeded, they also marked vast changes in human lives. The bells he had dedicated were Jubilee bells. They spoke of a quarter of a century of immense change. Perhaps in all history there had never been a quarter of a century of greater change. It was just 25 years since he left Aston parish. Recently he had been privileged to take confirmation services for the Bishop of Birmingham, and he had seen the immense changes that had taken place and how vast were the problems that confronted those who were concerned with the spiritual welfare of this place. He was impressed by the courage with which they were facing their problems. Looking back over a quarter of a century he was impressed by the courage and also by the constancy of the people of Aston. The bells talked of a quarter of a century of change, but also of a quarter of a century of constancy.

The bells were rung immediately after the Blessing by members of St. Martin's Guild, beginning with some good rounds and afterwards to five excellent courses of Stedman Cinques. Later the ringers were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, while visitors from Manchester, Bolton, London, Loughborough, Derby, Leicester, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Walsall and the towers round Birmingham kept the bells going. Everyone expressed delight with Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s work. There is an excellent circle of ropes, and it is hoped that St. Peter's Church, Aston, will come once more into its old prominence as a centre of bellringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

When the Council resumed after lunch, Mr. E. C. S. Turner formally proposed the recommendation of the Methods Committee: That the Methods Committee be authorised to prepare a book on the Surprise Major methods and to hand the same to the honorary secretary; and that the honorary secretary be authorised to take the necessary steps for publishing the same. Mr. Turner said Mr. Trollope had already explained what it was proposed to put into the book, and added, with regard to the point raised by Mr. Lindoff, that in some cases 6th's place bobs should be used in 2nd's place methods, that if a peal could not be produced in a method by 4th's place bobs they would endeavour to produce it with 6th's place bobs, and if the method was considered good enough, it would be put into the book.

Mr. Stephen Wood seconded.

In a speech of nearly 40 minutes' duration, the Rev. E. S. Powell moved his amendment (printed in our last issue). He said the Council would recognise that he was in some difficulty in criticising the committee's book, which had that day been laid before the Council, and which, as they had already heard, he had never seen. Some members may have considered it strange when he drew out, during the morning session, that he had not seen the book; that, as Mr. Trollope had confessed, the sight of it had been refused to him, and that, at the time the report was signed, only two of the four members of the committee had seen the contents of the book. He did not think, however, that it could be denied that that book of two volumes was based primarily and chiefly upon a collection of methods which Mr. Trollope made, or, for lack of a better word, composed himself several years ago. The only information he (the speaker) had was contained in a confidential memorandum circulated among the committee last July, but he thought he might be allowed to say this, that in addition to what he had already mentioned, there had been, as there was intended to be, a considerable amount of work on the variation and improvement of methods which already existed, and the addition, of course, of those methods which had been rung and published, or those which were considered worth while. He thought that would be accepted as the broad lines on which the book had been prepared. At any rate, those were rather the lines on which the committee were told it was going to be prepared. If that were true, he said without fear of contradiction that any book published on those lines alone would be out of date before it was printed. Surprise methods consisted of three main classes. One class had a place made in each section between the second and third rows. Those were the class which had the places 'right.' In addition there were, of course, the places made between the sections. From the theoretical point of view these were undoubtedly the ideal Surprise methods. In their best form, they produced alternate Cater and Triple changes, and some of the older members of the Council would remember that in the latter part of the Victorian age there was a school of purists who were inclined to accept those methods to the exclusion of all others. They even thought that just because London Surprise did not come into this class, London was not, strictly speaking, a legitimate method. But they were now past the Victorian age, and there was no one present that day who would say that London was an illegitimate method. The chairman of the committee had tried to impress the Council with the importance of the class mentioned, and they were the methods to which he got Mr. Wood to devote so much labour, whereas the better brains in the Exercise were beginning to turn away from them. It was the conservatives like Mr. Trollope who were pressing their importance. There were no two names, in his opinion, better known or respected for their work in producing Surprise methods than those of Mr. Bankes James and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. It was interesting to see how many of this particular type of method they had published in the last 15 years. Mr. Lindoff had published two and Mr. James none of them. That seemed to him a somewhat significant fact.

BILLIONS OF METHODS.

In the second class of methods they had places made between the first and second rows of some sections, instead of the place between the second and third row, and, to preserve truth, they had a place made between the third and fourth rows. That was a very large and popular group and would probably be adequately represented in the Collection to be brought out by the committee. When he came to Class 3, which consisted of places made both 'right' and 'wrong,' he was dealing with a group of methods which, he said, was only just beginning to get its head above water, and he personally believed it to be a class of Surprise methods not of to-day, but of to-morrow. If the proposed book was to be worthy of the reputation of the Council and of the Methods Committee, they did not want a book which contained a selection of methods which brought them just up to where they had got to-day. They wanted to use imagination so that they would include methods which would be in demand to-morrow. It was going to be an expensive business to bring out this book. It would be a book for the few, and the Council would only see its money back at the end of a very considerable period. Therefore, they wanted to bring out a book which would be a book not only of to-day, but of to-morrow. That was why he was particularly anxious to see in this book a really adequate representation of methods in Class 3. Mr. Trollope had told them that the Surprise methods ran to millions, but Mr. Law James once said that they ran into billions, and he (the speaker) had looked into it sufficiently far to be able to say that Mr. Law James' statement was no exaggeration. Against the 360,000 methods in Class 2, Class 3 contained millions of millions of methods to choose from. No one for a moment would ask the committee to work out the formulæ for all that enormous number of methods, but he thought some serious work should have been done upon it, and there was no evidence before the Council that any serious work had been done on Class 3 by the Methods Committee. Mr. Powell went on to enumerate the methods in this class which had been published, such as Guildford, Northampton, Crofton, Surrey, Elstree and others unnamed, and in some cases they had been found as intricate to ring as London. He also gave the results of a careful examination which he said he had made of this type of method, not in order to find the actual methods, but to investigate the possibilities of getting good methods. He also worked out the false course ends, and the thing that surprised him most was to find that, although he did not find one with a clean proof scale, probably half of them would produce a peal of 5,000 changes. He did not know how many methods with these composite places the committee had included in their book, but he did know that it was impossible for two men, one of them a busy business man, to have made a really exhaustive and sufficient examination of the 15 groups of methods which were included in Class 3, so that whatever the committee might tell them of the contents of the book, whatever Class 3 methods had got into it must have got there almost accidentally. They ought to have a numerically stronger committee. Last year he did all he could to obtain it himself, and Mr. Trollope knew he nearly resigned then on that particular point. If his amendment was passed they could set to work to get a larger and stronger committee so that this further investigation might be undertaken. What he suggested was that they should mobilise the best brains of the Exercise both inside and outside the committee in getting something as a real basis for the work. If that were done, he believed the result would be that they would have a collection of about 600 methods with less than 100 Class 1, probably 200 to 300 Class 2, and they would certainly have at least 200 of Class 3. There could not be anything like a representative entry of Class 3 in the present book: there had not been sufficient number of hours in which to do the work.

'LACK OF IMAGINATION.'

If the Council passed the amendment, they would, as he had said, proceed to strengthen the committee, who would first proceed to examine the two volumes now before the Council, and if, for the sake of argument, they were perfectly satisfied with the book and found that it contained a thoroughly representative collection, all that would have happened would have been twelve months delay, and that was not a very serious matter in the circumstances. Mr. Trollope would then come again next year and tell them that his judgment had been vindicated, and that he (Mr. Powell) had been proved to know nothing about the subject, and he would take it smilingly and perfectly cheerfully. That was the worst that could happen. But supposing they turned down the amendment, what then? The Council must not think that by voting against the amendment they would be voting a vote of confidence in the Methods Committee. They would be doing nothing of the kind. When he wrote to Mr. Trollope and asked for the manuscript collection, he was told it was the personal property of Mr. Trollope and Mr. Ernest Turner, and that, although they proposed to hand it over formally to the Council Library, they strictly reserved the copyright. Their sympathies, continued Mr. Powell, must be with the other member of the committee, Mr. Wood. It was a humiliating position for one who had been allowed to do a big slice of the work. Of course, that statement on the face of it was only bluff, and it was a bluff that they called, because whether the report of the committee was or was not the report of the committee as a whole, it had been presented to the Council as such and accepted as such, and the book had been accepted by the Council. Therefore, it was now the property of the Council. The copyright might be that of Mr. Turner and Mr. Trollope—that he would not deny—but the book was the property of the Council, and the Council could show it or use it in such way as they pleased. Mr. Trollope had also referred to it as 'my MS. book'—this time it was not even Mr. Turner and Mr. Trollope, but they could agree that both statements were undoubtedly true because they knew perfectly well that Mr. Turner had been carefully brought up from his youth by Mr. Trollope (laughter), and while the hands might be the hands of Mr. Turner, the voice was undoubtedly the voice of Mr. Trollope (laughter). He did not mean that in any way offensively; if it was thought to be offensive he would withdraw it. The point he wanted to make was that Mr. Trollope's attitude prevented the book being available for study by members of the Council before publication. He had spoken rather stringently, and he did not withdraw a single thing he had said, but he would like to add that all of them—no member of the Council more than he—had a very high opinion of Mr. Trollope's abilities, but he thought there was one quality in which Mr. Trollope was lacking, and that was the quality of imagination. In the bringing out of this book they had missed Mr. Law James to an extent that it was perhaps difficult to realise, unless they had worked with Mr. Law James as intimately as he (the speaker) had done. To bring out that record peal of London, to

bring out that wonderful splicing of the Surprise Major methods which Mr. Law James thought of, was not done just by hard work. There was in it just a spice of something else—they could call it flair or genius; he preferred to call it imagination. It was, he felt, the absence of imagination which was the explanation of both the way in which the committee had been run in recent months, and also the reason why people like Mr. Bankes James, Mr. Lindoff and others were not approached, and why efforts were not made to work out the class of methods to which he had referred. It was in order to try and ensure that this book should be as representative as it could possibly be that he moved the amendment.

A QUESTION OF 'REVENGE.'

Mr. Trollope said he did not propose to answer everything that Mr. Powell had said. What the Council was asked to vote upon was not a question whether the committee should be strengthened or a much better Surprise book published, but simply whether a man, who for some reason took a personal dislike to one member of the committee and could not have his own way, so left the committee, should get his revenge by trying to smash the committee. He was sorry to put it so brutally, but that was what was intended by the amendment. The committee had no quarrel with Mr. Powell, it was Mr. Powell who had quarrelled with them. They had been willing to work with Mr. Powell, but he had refused to work with the committee. Mr. Powell had suggested that he (Mr. Trollope) had treated him in some way other than he treated the rest of the committee. He had done nothing but observe the ordinary routine of their committees. He sent out an invitation to the committee to co-operate on this Surprise book at the beginning of July, but Mr. Powell did not reply until November, when he refused to co-operate. As he refused to co-operate, the other members of the committee got on with the work without him. Mr. Powell had told them about methods in Class 3. He (Mr. Trollope) knew all about the methods in Class 3. They could talk of millions of methods, but if they thought of examining them they would never get out a Surprise book. They must bring other things into consideration. They had taken the experience of the Exercise and their own experience, and for the last twelve months he had put in three or four hours per day, and he defied anyone, whether expert or anything else, to say it was not a representative book. If they liked to hang it up and appoint a committee of archangels, they could not do more than had been done, but if they did hang it up for a year the committee would lose touch with things and probably make mistakes. The committee were quite surprised at the attitude Mr. Powell had taken up; it was quite unjustified.

The President: Can you say roughly how many of the methods to which Mr. Powell has referred are in the Collection?

Mr. Trollope: Every method Mr. Powell has mentioned is in the Collection, and of Class 3 methods there are altogether about 50, I should think.

The Hon. Librarian said while Mr. Powell had been making a long speech he had been reading the book (laughter), and as a result he knew a great deal more about Surprise methods than most of the Council (laughter). A more comprehensive work than that it would be impossible to imagine. Mr. Powell quoted a method called Guildford. 'It is here on the page in front of me,' said Mr. Drake. 'There is a lead in figures, the diagram, the false course ends worked out and a note when the first peal was rung, by what association, by whom conducted and the date, while in the corner there are references to other sections of the book which even I can understand. I think the answer to Mr. Powell's objection is, "Look at this book!"' (hear, hear).

Mr. C. T. Coles: If this amendment is carried, are the committee to be instructed to prepare another collection? If so they would only be doing the same work over again.

The President: I think that would be the case.

Mr. Coles: If I were a member of that committee and were instructed to do what I had already done, I should turn round and say, 'Get on with it yourself' (hear, hear).

The amendment was then put and defeated by a large majority, and the recommendation of the committee was carried.

PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mrs. Fletcher proposed and Mr. G. R. Pye seconded the adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee (published in 'The Ringing World' on May 17th), and this was adopted, Mr. Pulling suggesting that the reference to the peal of Minor by the Chester Guild in 39 methods deserved a better description than that of merely a 'fine performance.' In his opinion it was a wonderful performance (hear, hear).

THE STRESSES ON BELL TOWERS.

The following report of the Towers and Belfries Committee was presented: Since the last meeting of the Council the members of the committee have reported on 16 towers which have been referred to them individually. In ten of these cases the question was one of rehanging; in three cases additional bells were desired; there was one problem of sound modification, and in the remaining tower there was a desire to preserve an old frame which was probably of the same date as the tower, but which was beyond further use. In this last instance an attempt was made to get the frame preserved as a museum piece either at South Kensington or at the County Museum. Neither

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museum would accept it for lack of space, and it will probably be preserved in the tower itself by raising it above the new frame which is to be installed.

During the year the accuracy of the calculations as to horizontal and vertical forces exerted by bells was called in question by a letter in 'The Ringing World.' It was pointed out that no allowance was made for the amount by which bells are tucked up. It might be as well to point out that 'tucking up' was fully dealt with in the calculations which have been in the Council's Library for the past 20 years. For instance, it is there shown that the vertical force exerted by a revolving body can vary from the weight of that body to five times the weight of the body, but it is also pointed out that these figures 'go far beyond the limits of practical bellhanging.'

During the past year these figures have been rechecked and also the figures have been worked out for all reasonable limits of ringing bells. As an example, the coefficient, which must be multiplied by the nett weight of the bells to obtain the maximum vertical force, varies from 4.25 for a 4 cwt. bell to 3.10 for a 3 ton bell hung as the tenor of a peal of 12. The corresponding coefficients for the maximum horizontal force are 2.33 and 1.45. The figures which have been formerly used of 4 for the maximum vertical force and 2 for the maximum horizontal force remain serviceable for all ordinary purposes when considering the strength of a tower or frame.

The President proposed the adoption of the report, and, in seconding, Mr. E. A. Young referred to the value of a rope wound round the newel of spiral steps leading to ringing chambers. It was, he said, very useful, and had on many occasions prevented accidents. It was of more use, he considered, round the newel than on the outside of the stairs. Most towers, however, had not got such provision, and he would like to see it adopted more generally.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the committee, in connection with the modification of the sound of bells, had gone into the question of the use of silencers, such as they had heard of lately, and whether these fittings were on the market? If they could be recommended, the committee might issue a leaflet on the subject which could be usefully sent to the clergy: and Archdeacons and Rural Deans, and even the Church Assembly might be asked to do what they could to influence the reduction of sound in cases where the bells were really a nuisance. It was a serious matter for ringers, and he thought it would be more serious in future. If they did not take some steps themselves in this matter, steps might be taken for them which they did not like. He thought the committee might take this matter into consideration during the coming year.

The President said a good deal had already been published about sound modification in the Central Council's publications, but the committee would bear Mr. Drake's suggestion in mind.

The report was adopted.

(To be continued.)

DEFINITION OF A SURPRISE METHOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Why are the Methods Committee unwilling to alter the definition as to what constitutes a Surprise method?

Is it because their formula, which will produce thousands of so-called Surprise methods, IS USELESS for explaining many intricate Treble Bob methods?

I, and others, will be interested to learn if this is the reason.

OWEN KAY.

NOISY BELLS.

HOW TO MODERATE THE SOUND.

The important question of modifying the sound of bells in the immediate neighbourhood of a church is one which receives all too little attention. At a time when there is propaganda abroad to reduce noise—however delightful the sound of well-rung bells may be, and is, to many people—it is extremely desirable that church authorities should anticipate any serious objection by taking the initiative. It is in the interests of bellringing that the ringers themselves should, if necessary, move in the matter. Indeed, there are towers, at which ringing has already been stopped, that might be reopened if steps were taken to effect a modification of the sound.

We refer to this subject in our leading article, and practical suggestions as to how the reduction of sound can be effected will be found in the handbook on 'The Preservation of Bells,' which can be obtained from the Central Council's librarian for ninepence, post free.

Among the suggestions made in this book, and the one stated to be the most effectual, is to block up almost entirely the sound windows in the bell chamber with 9in. or 14in. brickwork (according to the width of the windows) up to the spring of the arch-heads; in the case of a square-headed window, to within a foot of the top.

Another remedy is to board up the window space behind the louvres nearly to the top with 1in. boarding; line with some sound resisting material such as Cabot Quilt. Unlined boards are useless.

If there is an opening in the roof of the tower by which the sound can escape, the bell chamber windows can be entirely blocked up, either permanently, or by a means which enables them to be opened if required.

Where the sound can be directed upward, not only is the noise in the street below mitigated, but the bells are heard further off than otherwise.

Unless the church is entirely surrounded by houses, the desired end can often be attained by blocking up only two or three of the windows on the sides desired.

BELLS' SILVER JUBILEE.

CELEBRATION AT BISHOPSTOKE.

The silver jubilee of the bells at Bishopstoke, Hants, was celebrated on Sunday, June 23rd. The day was kept as 'Ringers' Sunday,' and in the afternoon a special service was held. Many parishioners and others were also able to make their first inspection of a belfry and see ringing in actual operation.

Bishopstoke possesses three 16th century bells. They are inscribed: 'In God is my hope, 1589'; 'Give thanks to God, 1598,' and 'Seek the Lord, 1600.' Two other bells were added in 1910, the gift of Mr. Henry White, and were first rung on June 22nd of that year. It is the jubilee of this event that has just been celebrated. The octave was completed in 1920, when three tenors were added as a war memorial. The sixth is inscribed, 'Peace'; the seventh, 'Thanksgiving'; the tenor, 'Victory.' The tenor, it is interesting to note, was cast from the old clock bells from the railway carriage works at Eastleigh, and were presented by the directors of the old London and South-Western Railway Co. as a memorial to the men of the L. and S.W.R. who fell in the Great War.

There were ringers present at the jubilee service from Bishopstoke, Basingstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Dibden, Gillingham (Dorset), North Stoneham, Southampton, Winchester, Upham, Owslebury, Winchester and Uckfield (Sussex). Among those present were three who took part in the opening of the ring of five 25 years ago, Messrs. C. Ayliffe, G. Grant and W. T. Tucker. Three ringers also took part in the service, viz., Mr. V. H. Harris, diocesan lay reader, who read the lesson; Mr. R. C. H. Connolly, of North Stoneham, who was at the organ; and Mr. G. Griffin, of Bishopstoke, who acted as organ blower. The address was delivered by another ringer, the Rev. E. Bankes James, whose text was 'There go the ships' (Psalm civ., 26).

Both before and after the service touches of Cambridge Major, Double Norwich, Kent, Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire were rung.

NINE-YEAR-OLD RINGS TENOR.

A meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Whitnash on June 15th, and those who were brave enough to dodge the showers were given a hearty welcome by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Gleave) and the local ringing captain, Mr. Hawley.

Nine-year-old Master Billy Male, of Warwick, was put through several 120's of Doubles and showed great promise, and immediately before tea a 720 of Bob Minor was rung which enabled one of the local band to ring his first 720.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Gleave and local ladies, and votes of thanks were expressed by the ringers to the Rector for the use of the bells, the ladies for preparing the tea, and to Mr. Hawley for looking after them so well in the belfry.

After tea several other ringers put in an appearance, and Billy Male again showed his skill by ringing the 11 cwt. tenor in masterly style to some rounds.

The bells were lowered in peal soon after 8 o'clock, thus bringing to a close a good meeting, at which the younger members were in a clear majority.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION AT MIRFIELD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held in delightful weather at Mirfield on Saturday, June 15th. The bells of St. Mary's (10), recently rehung, were used to good purpose and about 70 members representing 25 towers, and including visitors from Rotherham were present. The preacher was the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Hall), to whom the visitors were indebted for the bounteous tea provided free and served in the Parochial Hall. During the intervening time between the tea and the meeting visitors were able to see the splendid panoramic view of Spen Valley. Group photographs were taken in the surrounding grounds.

The business meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupying the chair. The Vicar had to leave suddenly, as one of his sons had been involved in an accident, and hope was expressed that it might not prove as serious as at first thought.

Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and for the cordial welcome extended was voiced by the chairman and seconded by Mr. F. Seager.

A vote of thanks to the local company for making the arrangements was accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. A. J. Hughes.

Mr. A. Robinson in his own breezy style replied, and expressed the hope that now the bells are in good condition they would be visited again in the near future.—Any member desirous of obtaining photographs of either the group, committee or handbell team can have same on application to the secretary, Mr. W. Ambler, 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, postcard price 3d. each. Any other size can be obtained by special order.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at North Ferriby, a Humberside village at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds, on Saturday, June 22nd, on a lovely summer day. About 40 ringers were present from Beverley (Minster and St. Mary's), Cottingham, Eastington, Goole, Hull, Howden, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, North Ferriby, Pontefract, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, Withernsea and Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire.

Choral evensong was held in church, the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Lloyd) giving an address, in the course of which he heartily welcomed the association to Ferriby.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, and at which three new members were elected—Messrs. W. Barker, of Hull, A. J. Hopper, of Cottingham, and H. Turgoose, of St. Mary's, Beverley.

A suggestion, put forward by Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, to hold the September meeting at Pocklington, was unanimously carried. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company, choir, organist and ladies serving at tea, were warmly accorded. The methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the excellent job made in retuning and rehanging the bells, one or two of which are of pre-Reformation date, and a treble which was put in the tower in 1897, but until now was not hung for ringing.

The secretary appealed to those present to support the publication of the Australian Tour Book about to be issued, and several promises were made.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea notify Mr. H. Grundy, Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 50, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea free. Half fares (up to 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting. — P. W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh (bells 8) on Saturday, July 6th. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh. (Cup Contest August 17th.) — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Duscombe's Café. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrington on July 6th. Bells available: Wrington (10) from 2.30 p.m.; Congresbury (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Blagdon (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. to 4.15, and after meeting to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in the school. — H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Tea may be had at a cafe close to church. Subscriptions due.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 6th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (8), Bramley (6), Church Oakley (6), Sherborne St. John (6). General meeting in Church Cottage 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Donington on Saturday, July 6th. 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clements on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge, Wilts, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome; for tea please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Short notice. A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special quarterly meeting for discussion of two very important items will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., on Monday, July 8th, at 8 p.m. Meetings for practice: St. Clement Danes', July 8th, 6.30 p.m., and July 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary's, Lambeth, July 30th, at 8 p.m. Sunday service ringing, St. Clement Danes', July 7th, at 10 a.m., and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, July 28th, at 5.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at Benhilton, Sutton. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Rendezvous Café. All are welcome. Please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, re tea by Monday, July 8th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, North Shields, on Wednesday, July 10th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All members of the association in the district cordially invited.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 1s. 3d. each. Numbers must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 9th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Jewry, London, E.C. (next Guildhall) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by meeting in the Vestry. Tea at 5.30 at the "Quiver," Bow Lane. Those desiring tea must notify me by Thursday, July 11th.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Slaugham (recently augmented to 8) on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by July 10th. Half rail fares.—O. Sippetts, Hon. Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all members desirous of contributing to the Testimonial Fund please do so at once, as the closing date for same is July 13th? Contributions to be sent to A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The committee meeting will be held at Adlington, near Chorley, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Ringers not on the committee are invited.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester 11.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Dibden bells after tea. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 11th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13th, at Hatfield Board Oak at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Those who require tea please notify the honorary secretary by July 10th. Good bus service from Retford. Good attendance requested, as we hope to encourage change ringing in this district.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District and the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will hold a meeting for combined practice at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—At the special request of the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, the date of the summer meeting to be held at Chiddingstone will be Saturday, July 13th, instead of July 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me of attendance by Tuesday, July 9th. — Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next, July 10th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weldon (6), on Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 9th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ightham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by special invitation, at the Rectory, which is about ten minutes' walk from the church. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. Make it a success, and please send in names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this fine ring. Tea can be arranged.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting to follow. A good attendance, please, for the president.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of Southern District will be held at Brancepeth on Saturday, July 13th. The bells of Brancepeth Castle Church (8) available for ringing from 3 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 10th.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 13th, from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Members, please note, that a tour of towers not usually visited is to be made on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing as follows: Market Bosworth (5 bells), 3 to 3.30; Congerstone (5), 3.45 to 4.45; Sheepy Magna (6), 4.30 to 5. Tea at Witherley (1s.) at 5.15. Ringing (5 bells) till 7 p.m., Mancetter (5), 7 to 7.30; Fenny Drayton (5), 7.45 to 8.15. Arrangements being made for bus to pick up in the district. Fare (approximately) 2s. to 2s. 6d. All wishing to go must notify me not later than the Peckleton meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. For tea please notify by Wednesday, July 10th. — G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Tower out of order at Newland, meeting on July 13th cancelled. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual shield contest will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, July 13th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entrance fees (6s. per band) and voluntary subscriptions to prize fund to reach me by July 6th For tea, please notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, nr. Barnsley by Wednesday, 10th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1935, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham, Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. All applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, should reach general secretary not later than Wednesday morning, July 17th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. Ringing as usual. The G.W.R., L.M. and S. and L. and N.E. will issue cheap tickets to Oxford for that day from any station not more than 60 miles rail journey.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District. — The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseal, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the New Village Hall for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 17th. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers from other districts. Let us have a good meeting in this beautiful village.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hadley on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. Please advise me for tea by July 17th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Denbigh Arms, at 5.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at a charge of 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 16th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Stratton on Saturday, July 20th, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Stratton (8), Bridgerule (8), Kilkhampton (6), Marhamchurch (6), Poundstock (6), Whitstone (6). Service at Stratton 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Replies to Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram before July 10th.—W. H. R. Trewhella, Hon. Sec.

SATURDAY, July 20th, Rickmansworth. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Business after. Tower open till 8.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Martock on Thursdays during July, August and September at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

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A well reasoned plea for making provision, in plans for new churches in new suburbs of large towns, for the eventual erection of towers and rings of bells in selected positions, was put before the Central Council by the Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The amazing growth of new populous areas in every part of the country has presented the Church with a huge problem. In some cases, particularly around London and the larger cities, not only is there the abnormal expansion created by private enterprise to be dealt with, but whole towns have sprung into being at the expense of the community. The secular requirements of the new populace are provided out of the public funds or, in those things from which a return can be expected for the investment, by private effort, but the duty has been cast upon the churches of all creeds to supply the spiritual needs of the people at a capital outlay which is taxing their resources to an unprecedented degree. For the present, therefore, nothing but bare necessities are within reach to meet the pressing demands which are laid upon the religious bodies.

That, however, does not preclude looking to the future. Bells are not only a traditional feature of English churches which we, as ringers, want to see preserved and the use of which we wish to retain as by established custom. Church bells have an important significance of their own which the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards aptly emphasised when preaching on Saturday at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. The question whether bells were necessary in these days of clocks he waived aside as beside the mark. Sunday, he pointed out, is the weekly commemoration of the Resurrection of the Saviour and the ringing of the bells is one of the immemorial ways by which the Church has celebrated this Festival. Therefore, it is the business of those who are responsible for the ringing of the bells to see that they continue to fill their part and to remind the public of the great significance of Sunday. For that reason any step which will help to secure provision for bells in areas where, otherwise, they would never be heard by the public is worth taking. Without a reminder of this desirability, designers of churches, whose chief immediate consideration is the keeping down of the cost of building and furnishing, are likely to give little attention to the future provision of bell towers, but it costs no more at the outset to adapt the design to include a tower at some later date than it does to produce plans which more or less irrevocably preclude the addition of a tower if and when opportunity offers.

As Mr. Edwards pointed out to the Council, it is not necessary that every new church should be provided with

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a tower, but, wherever it is desirable, it is essential that the tower shall be so constructed that it will be able to carry a ringing peal. No one imagines that, while the pressing need for new churches lasts, much consideration can be expected for the provision of bells, but, if the means suggested in the Council's resolution can do anything to keep open future possibilities, then a good purpose will have been served.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	7
*THOMAS HEMMING	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	HECTOR G. BIRD	9
JOHN BASS	4	†CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	10
THOMAS W. LEWIS	5	SIDNEY T. HOLT	11
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. First peal on the bells, increased to twelve by the addition of four bells to the old eight. The band represent eleven different towers.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, July 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	EDWARD R. COLES	6
P.S. CECIL A. SMITH	2	RALPH COLES	7
JAMES W. WILKINS	3	LEONARD STILLWELL	8
FRANK WEST	4	RICHARD A. POST	9
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	5	EDWARD R. CROXFORD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Lewis W. Reynolds, who passed away suddenly on July 1st, aged 79 years. He was for 32 years a churchwarden of All Saints'.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

BENJAMIN COPPIN	*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ISAAC CAVILL	6
JAMES E. DAVIS	3	JOSEPH MARES	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	WILLIAM WHEELER	*Tenor*

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

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. EDWARDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
RICHARD D. DIVALL	2	*ARTHUR J. HART	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	ALBERT RELFE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, also for the birthday of the son of the ringer of the 5th. The ringer of the 3rd has completed the circle in this tower.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. GRACE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	GEORGE HUXLEY	6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	3	EDMOND MOUNTER	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	*EDWARD RYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.
* First peal. A birthday peal for P. J. Spice and I. Emery, and I. Emery's 60th peal on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*R. HUMPHREYS	*Treble*	E. A. G. ALLEN	5
S. J. T. SHELLOCK	2	W. J. WALKER	6
W. SPICE	3	C. E. J. NORRIS	7
*G. NAYLOR	4	F. BELSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. BELSEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the new Rector of Chatham, the Rev. C. A. H. Lowe, M.A.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*MOLLIE REDPATH	*Treble*	STELLA DAVIS	5
ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE	2	FRANCES HUMPHREY	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD	7
EVELYN STEEL	4	EDITH K. FLETCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Guild.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	ANTONY R. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	*Treble*	*HARRY ARGENT	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	GEORGE MORRAD	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	HERBERT AUDSLEY	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. This peal was especially arranged and rung on St. Peter's Day after the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., 35 years Rector of this parish, by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 3, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S (Brook's calling).
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY	*Treble*	PERCY W. WITHAM	5
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	2	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS	6
A. F. MARTIN STEWART	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
CHARLES R. FORFITT	4	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Victor Thornton, of Beckenham, to Miss Millicent Harrocks, of Bournemouth.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	6
*MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN.	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	4	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	*ALEX HUTCHISON	7
FREDERICK W. HILL	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
* First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	*Treble*	JOHN H. BOTHAM	5
CECIL C. MAYNE	2	HARRY KILBY	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	7
JAMES H. RIDING	4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. R. PYE.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	5
JAMES BETTS	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
WILLIAM J. GROOM	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Betts, Poppy, Symonds and Rumsey. The date also coincided with the conductor's silver wedding. It was his 425th peal.

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ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.)
On Thursday, July 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN J. REVELL	*Treble*	HARRY HOPKINSON	5
†EDWIN HOPKINSON	2	THOMAS DENT	6
†ALFRED W. H. BOWLER	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	7
VICTOR E. TAYLOR	4	‡GEORGE H. PAULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal on the tenor. On Sunday, June 30th, 1935, the present Rector of Ashover, the Rev. J. B. Nodder, and his father before him (the late Rev. Joseph Nodder) had between them held the living of Ashover for 100 years, and this peal was rung to commemorate the unique occasion and as a compliment to the Rector on attaining the age of 82 years.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST TOWNSEND	*Treble*	FREDERICK RIDGWELL	5
*HAROLD TOWNSEND	2	JOSEPH JENNINGS	6
†CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to A. Wiffen.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES LOOME	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	GEORGE BAILEY	6
WILLIAM FLATT	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK SEAGER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The composition, No. 407, is rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, different callings. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CHARLES LOWE	*Treble*	WILLIAM FOSTER	4
ALBERT L. WARD	2	REGINALD A. ALEY	5
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	GEORGE T. H. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE T. H. WALKER.
First peal of Kent by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

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WIVETON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*ROBERT J. WISKER	*Treble*	*LESLIE V. PAGE	4
CLAUDE G. W. SIMMS	2	*WILLIAM R. WEST	5
†CHARLES E. COPEMAN	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ERNEST G. SHORTING	*Treble*	GEORGE BAILEY	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	5
A. FREDERICK BOYCE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	MISS K. BURCHNALL	4
*ARTHUR MULVEY	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
*C. RONALD SMITH	3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.
* First peal in five methods. Rung as part of the dedication festival celebrations of the church.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. WILLIAM ATKINS	*Treble*	F. GEORGE BAILEY	4
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
LEONARD P. WARD	3	SIDNEY G. MUNTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY G. MUNTON.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to John W. Hopkins, churchwarden and ringer of the local band.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court and Plain Bob.

DOUGLAS JENNINGS	*Treble*	WALTER SMITH	4
GEORGE PIPER	2	ERNEST TOWNSEND	5
HAROLD TOWNSEND	3	JOSEPH JENNINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. EDBURGHA'S SOCIETY.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	*Treble*	†GEORGE H. TAYLOR	4
*JOHN N. LINDON	2	†WILLIAM MULCOCK	5
WILLIAM C. SCRIVENS	3	†THOMAS H. BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.
* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal and first attempt. This is the first peal of Doubles on the bells, five of which date back to 1653 and 1658.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JACK PARISH ... ...*Treble*	†LAURIE NORFOLK 4
WILLIAM SEEKINGS 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP 5
FRANK WARRINGTON... ... 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal on a working bell.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*ALBERT D. COLLINS ... ...*Treble*	†ERIC E. SPEAKE... 4
*HOWARD HOWELL 2	*HARRY BOSWELL 5
†THOMAS G. MARTIN 3	HOWARD BUTLER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman and first of Doubles. First peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York, Wells and London, and four 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT ... ...*Treble*	DAVID MACKAY 4
E. JOHN TARGETT 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 5
LEONARD DANFORD 3	*RONALD G. BECK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
* 150th peal. First peal in four methods of Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER STORY ... ...*Treble*	†ERIC SHINKINS 4
*HAROLD BURTON 2	†THOMAS BUSH 5
LEWIS BUSH 3	FRED WIGMORE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE BAILEY 4
VICTOR M. ORMEROD 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
A FREDERICK BOYCE 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Arranged for F. Seager, of Bradford.

EPPING UPLANDS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*S. LAW... ... ...*Treble*	*C. WILLBY 4
H. KING 2	C. SAMMS 5
W. WEDLOCK 3	*H. CAMPS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WEDLOCK.
* First peal and first attempt.

CAWTHORNE, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Neasden, Wragby, St. Albans, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER IDLE ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
GEORGE LORD 3	ERNEST CUTT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.
A birthday peal for H. Grossland, who was ringer at this tower for over 60 years. He reached his 90th birthday on this date. First peal of Minor by the treble ringer for over 45 years. He is in his 71st year.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR J. HART 4
ARTHUR F. LEWING 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
FRANK H. HICKS... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
First peal in the method by all except the treble and tenor ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the 5th ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 28, FIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
Umpire—Arnold Brunton.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
FRANK LORD... 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8

*ERNEST BRITTAIN 9-10
Arranged by J. BRAY. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Royal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

RINGING IN CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. Dench's remarks on keeping a band together. May I give my own views, arising out of my own experience, for what it is worth?

It seems to me that the first essential is to have a keen leader or leaders who will come for service ringing on Sundays and for the weekly practice with unfailing regularity and punctuality. Secondly, it is necessary to be always looking for suitable recruits, and, having got them, to put a great deal of enthusiasm into teaching and encouraging them to become useful members of the Exercise. Without a steady flow of recruits every band must dwindle sooner or later. My own motto is, 'Teach and keep on teaching.'

KITTY WILLERS.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

PLACE MAKING AND DODGING.

In an earlier issue we had a talk about hunting, which is one of the foundation stones of change ringing. By itself it will not carry a very big superstructure, and, if we may continue the architectural analogy further, you cannot build more than one storey upon a base consisting only of plain hunting. If you want to raise a building of any pretensions at all you must have at least two other structural essentials, place making and dodging.

We will not go into the argument of which came first, the place or the dodge; in other words, does the place cause the dodge, or does the dodge necessitate the place. To do so would be as profitable as discussing the old problem of the hen and the egg. Let it suffice that if you desire to ring the extent of the changes on any number of bells from four upwards, you can only do it by employing place making and dodging, and, at any rate, in all the simpler methods, one goes with the other. That is to say, if a place is made, other bells must dodge; or, when a dodge is made, one or more bells are compelled to make a place.

We shall see the reason why if we write out that simple plain hunting course. This course is made up by every bell moving one step onward at every half pull, except, of course, when it leads, or lies a whole pull behind. Immediately a bell stops in its onward course and remains a second blow in the same position (which is actually what 'place making' consists of), the rest of the bells, either in front or behind, are checked in their hunting, and unless they, like the place making bell, strike two blows in the same position, they are compelled to step back a place before going forward again. And this is called 'dodging.'

The simplest example is found in ringing the Plain Bob method. This is based on the plain hunting of all the bells in its simplest fashion. By the time the treble has hunted up and got back again to lead, however, the bells will come round, and in the case of Minor, for instance, only twelve of the possible 720 changes will have been rung.

In order to add further blocks of twelves, made up of plain hunting, a device, if you can call it device, is resorted to. When the treble leads for the first time, the third, which it has followed and which has just led in its turn, lies a whole pull over the treble and then leads again. In other words, it makes second's place and goes back the way it has come.

This act of making 2nd's place checks the hunting career of the other bells which had been coursing after the treble in the order 2.4.6.5, and they are compelled to dodge, 2 with 5, and 4 with 6. In effect the 2 comes down from behind until it is stopped by the place making of the 3rd, and has to go one step back before the treble, coming up, passes by and lets it continue its interrupted hunt.

The checking of the second results, of course, in stopping the 4th, the 4th stops the 6th, and 6th in turn stops the onward march of the 5th, and each of the bells steps back a pace. In succeeding leads different bells make 2nds and the others dodge in different pairs.

Exactly where the dodging happens in any method depends upon where the place is made. In Plain Bob the place is 2nd's over the treble; consequently the dodging is in 3-4, 5-6, etc.

The beginner has to know in which place his dodge comes; he cannot expect at first, at any rate, to be able to *see* exactly when the 2nd's place is being made, but must commit it to memory, and the thing is so symmetrical that it should present no difficulty.

The dodges occur in perfect sequence:—

3-4 down (i.e., in 3-4 on the way to lead; or, put another way, having laid the whole pull behind, you pass two bells and then dodge with the next).

5-6 down (i.e., immediately after lying the whole pull behind, the dodge being with the first bell to come to you).

5-6 up (i.e., immediately before lying the whole pull behind, the dodge being with the last bell you meet in hunting up).

3-4 up (i.e., in 3-4 on the way from the lead; in other words, after having lead a whole pull, you pass two bells and dodge with the next).

The second's place which you make when treble takes you off lead comes next, and that completes the plain course.

In the Plain Bob method 4th's place instead of 2nd's is made when the treble leads if a bob is called. That cuts out the dodging in 3-4, but retains it in 5-6. When you have written out a plain course and examined it carefully to understand the place making and dodging, try it with 4th's place instead of 2nd's and observe the difference. You will find the bells will be round in three leads instead of five.

BELLS OF THE 'GARLAND OX'

The members of the Truro Cathedral company of ringers visited the towers of St. Philip and St. James, Ilfracombe; St. Peter, Barnstaple, and Great Torrington during their annual outing on Whit Monday. At each tower touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. On the journey home a stop was made at the Garland Ox at Bodmin, where there is a set of eight handbells belonging to the inn. A touch of 168 Grandsire Triples and some tunes were rung on them. In spite of the weather, a very enjoyable day was spent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HEAT WAVE CAUSES A LOW 'RECORD.'

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, June 22nd, at North Wingfield, when the bells (8) of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon. Only a small number of members took advantage of them, however, doubtless owing to the very sudden heat wave!

It was singularly regrettable, too, that each of the general officers was unable to be present owing to other vital engagements. At the committee meeting, Mr. J. P. Tarlton took the chair, and Mr. E. C. Gobey carried out the duties of the general hon. secretary. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, which was appreciated by all present. After tea in the Schools, the Rector (the Rev. Dr. J. W. B. Worsley, D.C.L.) presided, and gave the members a hearty welcome, remarking that the sudden very hot weather doubtless kept many away who might have attended. Mr. J. H. Swinfield apologised for the absence of the hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, explaining that owing to his new post as Clerk to the Governors of the Select Vestry in Leicester, his duties kept him in office till too late to catch a train in time for the meeting.

New members proposed, viz., 18 ringing, 2 rejoins, 1 life and 7 honorary, were duly elected.

Mr. E. C. Gobey and Mr. J. H. Swinfield gave the members their views on the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for presiding, also for the service in church, to the local company and the ladies, closed what was one of the smallest general meetings of the association on record.

RINGER OF 98 ATTENDS MEETING.

ANNUAL GATHERING AT BRABOURNE.

The meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association at Brabourne, which has now become an annual affair and one eagerly looked forward to, was held there on June 29th. As was explained last year, this meeting was inaugurated in June, 1919, and has been held almost every year since to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty. Glorious summer weather again favoured the gathering of about 40 members and their friends from the surrounding towers. The association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. L. McDowell), Miss Baldock presiding at the organ. The Vicar gave a very interesting address, dealing chiefly with St. Peter, whose day this happened to be.

After the service the company adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where they were the guests at tea of the Rev. and Mrs. McDowall. Mr. Ruck, on behalf of the company, thanked the Vicar for inviting them to Brabourne, for the use of the bells, for the service, especially the address, and for providing such an excellent tea. He also thanked the lady helpers. The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Brabourne. He was, he said, pleased to see such a long range of ages represented, the youngest being 12 years and the oldest 98. It was very gratifying to see so many young ringers, seven or eight of them being under 16 years.—Everyone was pleased to see Mr. C. Slingsby, the veteran ringer of Aldington, who celebrated his 98th birthday recently, and of whom the district is justly proud. Although unable to take an active part in ringing, he is still keenly interested.

During the evening some inspected the delightful grounds of the Vicarage and others returned to the tower to again make use of the bells.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May we point out that the method rung on April 6th at Anstey as Wicken had already been rung on January 10th at Helmingham as Huntingdon. It is rather a disappointment for the second band, but, after all, a method good enough to be rung once is good enough to be rung twice.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE
(J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, S. H. Wood).

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's, Little Chart, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. A. Curtis 1, W. J. Henniker 2, W. A. Oldfield 3, J. R. Wood 4, G. C. Hill (conductor) 5, J. J. Batchelor 6. First quarter for ringers of treble and tenor.

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, on Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hiscock (first quarter of Stedman) 1, C. W. H. Powell (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 2, Mrs. P. Mayne 3, H. G. Keeley 4, the Rev. E. C. Cox 5, C. C. Mayne 6, F. Price 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

At Burnham, Bucks, on June 29th (St. Peter's Day), at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: *R. O'Neill 1, W. E. Taylor 2, E. T. Barrett 3, R. C. Fowler 4, †J. E. Taylor 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, E. Tuck 8.
* First quarter-peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire 'inside.'

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, May 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes): F. V. Sinkins 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, W. E. Judd 3, E. R. Mackrill 4, E. C. R. Turner 5, Miss F. Humphrey 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8, H. G. Miles 9, C. Warner 10. Arranged for Mr. F. V. Sinkins, an old member, on a visit from Southsea.

LADIES MEET AT MANCHESTER.

CHANGES AMONG NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The tercentenary of Sacred Trinity Church, Manchester, was celebrated by ringers of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild when they held their annual meeting, with the Lancashire Association in support. Manchester, bathed in sunshine, proved a great attraction, and drew ringers from Nottingham, Leeds, Sheffield, Cirencester, Bolton, Reddish, Ashton-under-Lyne, Todmorden, Weasley, Worsley, Croston, Rochdale, Middleton, Brookfield, etc., including the local company.

A service, with hearty unaccompanied singing, was conducted by the Rev. Hussy, who, in his address, gave a welcome to the ringers and a short history of the church.

Tea was partaken of in the 'Guild of Youth' Hall (at least it said, 'Girls and Infants' above the entrance door).

Miss Thompson proposed a vote of thanks to all who helped to make the meeting a success, and was responded to by Mr. Brown, who remarked that the Lancashire Association were only too pleased to ring in the sociable presence of the ladies.

At the meeting which followed, the following officers were elected: Miss Bowling, vice-president (Miss Turner retired); Miss E. Dorice Turner, 168, Richmond Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, and Miss I. Thompson, joint secretaries (Miss Cawthorne retired). The other officers were re-elected.

Osset, Leeds, was chosen for the February (1936) meeting, and Handsworth, Sheffield, for the annual meeting. Other meetings will be arranged as convenient.

It was a coincidence with the tercentenary of this church that a band of ladies rang these bells for the first time to a course of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Mrs. East 2, Miss Thompson 3, Miss Renton 4, Miss Collier 5, Mrs. Crabtree 6, Miss R. Bell 7, Miss D. Turner 8.

DEATH OF AN OLD RUISLIP RINGER.

Mr. James Ewer, a lifelong resident and one of the old ringers of bygone days at Ruislip, Middlesex, has passed away at the age of 76 years, and was laid to rest in Ruislip Churchyard on June 27th. He could tell innumerable stories of the days when Mr. James George was a ringer at Pinner and would walk over to Ruislip with some of his friends on a practice night. In memory of the deceased a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the funeral at Ruislip with the bells half-muffled: S. Ewer 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Lovegrove 3, P. Thrift 4, W. Bunce, sen. 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, T. Collins (conductor) 7, F. W. Collins 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COMMENTS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, June 29th. This famous church, with its equally famous bells, was recently moved from Wells Street in the heart of London to the new residential district of Kingsbury, and the beauty of the bells can now be much more appreciated. Ringing, however, had to be limited out of consideration for the occupants of the nearby houses; consequently only those members who came early were able to have a pull. Amongst the visitors were Messrs. C. Gardiner and W. Kynaston, of Swindon, whilst Mr. W. Pickworth, late vice-president of the district, put in a welcome appearance.

Service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Hellicar, who gave an interesting and 'up-to-date' address. Tea, a much needed meal on such a hot day, was enjoyed by all, and the usual business meeting was then held.

Five new members were elected and Hadley chosen for the next meeting on July 20th.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave an interesting report on the recent meeting of the Central Council, and made some pungent remarks on the 'impossible' amendment put up against the resolutions on Spliced peals. He described it as an amendment written out on the spur of the moment, without any thought as to whether it was workable or within the limits of commonsense. All the best composers had found it impossible to include full courses in Spliced peals in Surprise methods, and to insist that such peals should contain full courses was nonsense.

Mr. Coles concluded his report by stating that the Council meeting was most enjoyable and successful, and most of its success was due to the work put in by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), one of their own representatives, who had supplied each member with a copy of all the committees' reports, without which their work could hardly have been completed.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Simmonds) for the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. H. Hellicar for his address at the service, and to the several ladies who had prepared an excellent tea, as well as to Mr. W. F. A. Barrett for making arrangements for the meeting.—The Rev. E. H. Hellicar, on behalf of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, in reply, welcomed the association to Kingsbury.

Later in the evening Willesden was visited. Here the light peal of eight, which *knew* Spliced Surprise so well, were rung for the first time to some real Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, besides many other methods. Thus ended an enjoyable meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent, forwarding the report of a peal rung at Wiveton, says that great credit is due to Mr. W. R. West, captain of the local band, who has fostered change ringing at this tower, and who rang what would normally be considered an unringable bell to this peal.

While giving every credit to Mr. West for his performance, we would ask, is it in the best interests of ringing and ringers to ring a 'normally unringable bell' to a peal? Surely it is far better to tell the authorities that the bell is unringable and so induce them to have it attended to? What logical argument can be put forward for the rehanging of a bell, obviously badly in need of it, when someone, even if by herculean effort, rings it to a peal! To ring it merely for the sake of a peal is, in our view, frankly a mistake.

Mr. West may have earned all the glory imaginable and probably stuck to the job for the sake of others, but these things are best left undone.

After ringing for years from cards placed on the floor, the band at Yardley, near Birmingham, have rung a peal of Grandsire Doubles. The change over to method ringing was no easy matter, and the ringers are to be congratulated upon their achievement. Five of Yardley's six bells date back to 1653 and 1658, and this peal, as far as is known, is only the second rung on them.

With reference to the footnote to the peal at Hanslope rung on June 15th, stating that it was the first on the bells in more than one method, Mr. L. Turner, of Kempston, Beds, and Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Deal, both write to point out that on November 21st, 1931, Mr. Pearl Inskip called a peal there in seven methods.

The conductor of the peal of Minor in three methods rung at Colne Engaine, Essex, on Sunday, June 9th, 1935, was Alec M. Genery and not G. R. Towne as in 'The Ringing World' report on June 28th.

Members of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association are requested to note that the quarterly meeting on July 27th is to be held at Farningham, which is not the place originally selected.

We learn that in the peal at East Ilsley last week the little bells were rung magnificently, and the way in which the three men tackled the 'big 'uns' (the tenor is 8½ cwt.) was remarkable. The 4th and 5th men, we are told, did their best and the result was a good peal.

Mr. F. Wilford, who has been Master since the formation of the Guild in 1924, resigned the office at the annual meeting of the Peterborough Guild, and the Rev. E. S. Powell was elected to succeed him. The other officers were re-elected. The Central Council representatives elected for the next session were the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. R. G. Black, H. Baxter and F. Wilford.

Mr. F. Jones, one of the oldest and most respected members of the Peterborough Guild, was the victim of an unfortunate accident while ringing the tenor (a 25 cwt. bell) at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on the occasion of the annual meeting. The rope caught in a noose round his thumb. This threw him off the box and also pulled off the end of his thumb. He was taken to Northampton Hospital, where an operation was performed. He is now at home again and has the best wishes of all for a speedy recovery.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are recasting the ring of six bells of the beautiful Norman church at Blyth, North Notts. The tower has recently undergone complete restoration, the upper part having been taken down and rebuilt. The peal will be hung with new fittings in new framework, and the dedication of the recast peal will probably take place on September 24th, the date upon which the bells were first dedicated nearly 100 years ago.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, and one of the Midland Counties Association's representatives on the Central Council, has been preferred to the living of East Lulworth with Coombe Keynes, Dorset.

The bells of Rippingale, Lincs, retuned and augmented to six by the addition of a treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln on June 29th, the congregation including about 70 ringers.

A QUARTER-PEAL AT MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIANS' FIRST FOR SIXTEEN YEARS.

For the first time for 16 years an Australian band has rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. This was accomplished, with excellent ringing throughout, on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, for service on Sunday evening, May 19th, the 1,277 changes occupying 52 minutes. It was conducted by Mr. Arthur Savage and rung by *W. G. Waghorn 1, *Miss Frey Shimmin 2, J. W. Spencer 3, F. Boughton 4, J. L. Murray 5, *J. J. Roper 6, *H. G. Ross 7, *A. A. Savage 8, J. T. Trotter 9, *J. Bradley 10. * First quarter-peal of Caters.

The following paragraph from the Melbourne 'Argus' indicates that progress is being made at Ballaarat Town Hall, and the interest in change ringing stirred up in that city by the English ringers has not abated: 'Their interest stimulated by the recent visit of English bellringers to Ballaarat, members of the Ballaarat City Band have taken up bellringing on the Alfred Bells at the City Hall, under the tuition of the Bellringers' Club. After several weeks of coaching they were able this week to produce a pleasing effect in Grandsire Doubles.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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AUSTRALIAN PRESS AND RINGING.

In a lengthy report, the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee said: Publications of various sorts have included several noteworthy references to bells and bellringing. Pride of place is claimed by the visit of English ringers to Australia to take their part in the centenary celebrations. Numerous statements on this subject appearing in the 'Times' and other English newspapers were well written and gave full and accurate information.

The tour aroused an unprecedented interest in bellringing in the Commonwealth Press, and from the moment of their first landing the visiting ringers were the subject of frequent interviews and newspaper photographs, while their activities received considerable prominence and there were articles in the newspapers on the subject of bells and bellringing. In addition, broadcasts of ringing at Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney gave great pleasure to thousands of Australians and special delight to English people who have settled there.

The report gave several extracts from Australian newspapers, and went on to say that, inspired by the visit of the English ringers, one particularly well-informed article on the bells of Sydney, written by Theodosia Wallace, appeared in the 'Sydney Morning Herald,' Sydney's most influential newspaper. It was entitled 'Bells of Sydney, their music and memories,' and reviewed in some detail the origin and history of the ringing peals in the city. Speaking of the art of ringing, the article said: 'A good ear-filling sound from one large instrument is dear to man. There seems to be something satisfying to the soul in it, apart from its utility. No instrument can vie with a cast bell for a sound signal. And there is something soul-stirring in the sight of six, eight, ten or twelve men standing in a circle ringing the changes—all bellringing is voluntary—for pure love of it, more soul-stirring than the robots who now ring the bells of St. Peter's, in Rome, can possibly be.

'Most people are intrigued, if not fascinated, by bells, regarding them, and rightly so, as musical instruments. When a petition was got up by some of the people at Darling Point about 20 years ago to have the bellringing on Thursday evenings stopped, it met with such a hostile reception that it was not carried beyond the first three houses.'

The following little bit of history, retailed in the same article, will probably interest members of the Council:—

'Some of our bells are of remarkable antiquity. Governor Hunter was a great lover of bells, and he imported the first, made by Mears, in 1794. But there was nowhere to put them and they were not rung until ten years later, when he built a brick tower on Church Hill. Two years later the tower fell down, and the bells, fortunately unhurt, were placed in the tower of St. Philip's. Afterwards King George IV. gave some bells to St. Philip's, but they mysteriously disappeared. Three have been found, one in the gaol at Bourke, one at the lightship at South Head and one at Randwick School. They are now in the possession of the Australian Historical Society.'

And one bit more: 'There was a time when St. Mark's, Darling Point, had a team of ringers as good as any in the old world or anywhere else. Among the pleasant social customs was the supper held at St. Mark's Rectory on New Year's Eve for the bellringers and an annual cricket match between the bellringers of St. Mary's and All Saints', Parramatta. The losers paid for the dinner.'

BROADCASTING.

Continuing, the report said the great gathering of some 600 ringers and friends last June for a service of praise and thanksgiving at Milton Abbey, Dorset, was very fully reported in the Press of the south-western shires. The Diocese of Salisbury came again into prominence with the installation of a ring of twelve bells at Trowbridge on St. James' Day, followed by a broadcast from the tower on August Bank Holiday. The fact that the local branch of the Salvation Army provided one of the bells led to a notice in the 'War Cry' as well as in the local Press. It is gratifying to observe that the editor of the 'Wiltshire Times' invited contributions towards the cost of the bells.

After referring to other Press notices in connection with bells, the report went on to say that an outstanding literary event was the appearance of two delightful articles in the 'Daily Herald' by that prince of journalists, Mr. H. V. Morton, who included in his series 'Ghosts of London' an account of a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral belfry on a practice night and of the subsequent proceedings at the Coffee Pot. The technical information gathered by the writer on this occasion was reproduced with conspicuous accuracy and lucidity, and the description of all that he saw and heard, given in his inimitable manner, could not fail to appeal to the imagination of his wide circle of readers. His impressions of change ringing were summed up in the statement that 'a bellringer requires the mind of a senior wrangler, the eye of a hawk, the ear of a musician and the biceps of a healthy human being.' Observing that the books of the Ancient Society contained the names of 'men of every type, age, trade and profession,' he designated it 'a democracy of tintinnabulation,' and ended his narrative of the meeting at the Coffee Pot with the words, 'It is in such simple happy gatherings that London turns her back on vulgarity and keeps faith with her past.'

Concluding with a brief statement on the subject of broadcasting, the report went on to say that the use of a record of Bow Bells as the interval signal is naturally gratifying to ringers and appears to find favour with the vast majority of listeners. A most interesting article in an official publication of the B.B.C. told the story of the adoption of that signal, and the broadcast given in person by the present Master of the College Youths and other well-known ringers associated with him in making that record constituted a notable feature of the series 'In Town To-night.' A splendid broadcast of the new ring of twelve bells at Trowbridge, with the distinguished author and lecturer, Mr. A. G. Street, taking a prominent part in the explanatory dialogue, occupied a place of honour in the Western Regional programme last August Bank Holiday. The magnificent Empire brroadcast arranged for Christmas Day transmitted the seasonable music of bells from various parts of the King's Dominions, beginning with the Bells of Bethlehem and ending by a most happy inspiration with those of a Gloucestershire village. The New Year was also greeted with quite a boisterous clamour of bells, and as for the announcer's assertion that the bells heard included those of St. Paul's Cathedral—a little allowance must be made for imaginative flights of fancy at that midnight hour of romance! The Royal Wedding last November and His Majesty's Silver Jubilee this year were the occasion of most effective broadcasts from the towers of Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, while the bells of St. Clement Danes during the Jubilee procession came floating over the ether in one of the most perfect transmissions ever heard. There have been broadcasts of bells from various churches in connection with religious services, some of them with conspicuously good effect, but it is to be regretted that the bells of Birmingham seem to have been banished from the Midland Regional, while the absence of joy bells from the Easter programmes was a serious omission.

The committee recommended that a letter be written to the B.B.C. congratulating them on the broadcasts given at Christmas and at the royal functions and on the interval signal, but expressing regret at the omission of bells at Easter and at the discontinuance of the transmissions from the Midlands, and chiefly from Birmingham.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who moved the adoption of the report, said it was this year one of exceptional length, but he did not think there was any need to apologise for it, because the circumstances were of special interest. He thought the Council would agree that the quotations from the Australian Press on the subject of the visit of the English ringers were well worth while including. The provincial Press had quoted at considerable length advice given by Archdeacons at their visitations on the care and use of bells, and one referred particularly to the belfry as sometimes a neglected part of the church. He thought that most of the reports that had appeared in the Press had been written by writers who had taken pains to make them accurate. Mr. Edwards added that during the year at least two members of the committee had given lectures on bells and ringing which had aroused considerable interest.

LLANSTEPHEN AND ITS BELLS.

With reference to the bells at Llanstephen, a subject which had been before the Council once or twice, Mr. Edwards recalled that it had been stated that the fine ring of eight bells had not been rung because there was an incumbent who objected to their being rung, in spite of the fact that a lady formerly living in the parish established a legacy for the express purpose of having them rung, and made it clear that they were to be rung and not chimed, and that eight men should be engaged. The bells, it had been stated, had simply been chimed and the money divided up amongst the few people who chimed the bells by an apparatus. He (Mr. Edwards) had entered into this matter a good deal, and last August he had an opportunity of paying a visit to Llanstephen and saw Mr. Morris, who was captain of the ringers when the bells were rung. After a long consultation they drafted a letter to the Bishop of the diocese calling attention to the state of affairs. The Bishop acknowledged the letter and said he would go into the matter, but just the same thing happened that had happened previously. The Bishop wrote to the Rector and told him of the complaint, and the Rector had replied that 'the bells are rung for all the Sunday services.' The Bishop, therefore, added in his reply that the terms of the will were thus complied with. Mr. Morris wrote again and pointed out that the bells were chimed and not rung, and gave quotations from the will, but all he got from the Bishop was an acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter. He (Mr. Edwards) was afraid, therefore, they must give up this case as a bad job, but it was the kind of thing in which the Council should use its influence if ever it could.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in seconding, quoted the report in the morning papers of that day with regard to Mr. Justice Hawke's action in permitting the bells at Chelmsford Cathedral to be rung despite the holding of the Assizes in the adjoining Shire Hall. He said he thought this was more interesting and far more valuable to the Council than the 38 minutes' speech they had had the displeasure of listening to from the Rev. E. S. Powell. He thought it was a shocking thing that the Council's time should have been wasted to such an extent. He hoped for the sake of his congregation that he did not preach for 38 minutes in such a style. If he did he would have no sympathy with him if his congregation dwindled to nil.

Mr. J. W. Jones said they must not blame the Vicar of Llanstephen altogether. The Vicar who was at Llanstephen when the trouble arose was not now there, but he was a most kindly man. The real trouble was that the ringers there had wanted to 'boss' the whole parish, and, he was told, would not turn up to ring for service until

five or ten minutes to eleven, and then expected to ring until ten minutes or a quarter past eleven. The Vicar told him he put up with it as long as he could and then felt it was time to put his foot down.

The report was adopted, and, in moving the recommendation, Mr. Edwards said he gathered it was a mistake to criticise the B.B.C. on points of detail, and, although there had been some criticism that the interval signal consisted of call changes, it would, he thought, be of no use to press that point. The main thing was they had got Bow bells on the wireless as the thing considered by the B.B.C. as the sound most typical of London and, through London, of England.

The recommendation was approved.

This concluded the consideration of the reports of the committees, which were thanked for the work which they had done during the year. This part of the business had occupied the Council until 4.15.

INCREASE OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President moved, in accordance with notice, an alteration to rules affecting the constitution of the Council. It was in the following terms: 'To amend Section 2 of Rule 2 by deleting the word "fifteen" and substituting the word "twenty"; the rule to read, "Of honorary members, not exceeding twenty in number, elected by the Council."'

The President, in explaining the object of the motion, said the number of members used at one time to be 12, and then it was increased to 15, but the number of elected members of the Council had increased in much greater proportion than the number of honorary members. All the honorary members' places were filled and practically every one of them was doing a great deal of work for the Council. There were one or two people that the Standing Committee had in mind who might be exceedingly useful to the Council as honorary members, even though they did not attend many meetings. At present, however, they had no room to put them on. They thought, therefore, it was advisable to add to the possible number, although it did not mean that they would want to elect all five at once. From time to time there was somebody who would be very useful to the Council, and they wanted to be able to elect them as honorary members.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. E. A. Young (a former secretary), and carried nem. con.

PROVISION FOR BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed the following motion: 'That an address be presented by the Council to the diocesan Bishops requesting them to take measures to ensure that the designs prepared for churches to serve new centres of population shall include due provision for the ultimate erection of substantial towers to accommodate peals of bells properly hung for ringing, at such points as to place every group of houses within hearing of a peal of bells; at the same time directing their lordships' attention to the fact that all cause of annoyance from the sound of bells can be effectually eliminated if architects' designs conform to the recommendations of the Towers and Belfries Committee.' Mr. Edwards said it was not intended for a moment that the address to the Bishops should be expressed in the form of the motion, but that the points brought before them should be on the lines indicated. Large new districts were springing up in all parts of the country, and the spiritual needs of the inhabitants of these districts were left to the church authorities to make provision for. Many of the dioceses in the country were actively raising funds to carry out schemes for the erection of churches to serve the new centres of population. When these churches are designed, one of the chief things that had to be aimed at was low cost of building, and furnishing these churches with towers and peals of bells was not a thing that, in most cases, could be contemplated when the churches were being erected. That, however, was no reason why arrangements should not be made for the architects' designs to provide for the ultimate erection of towers suitable for hanging peals of bells to be properly rung, when funds were forthcoming and circumstances permitted. He believed it was Liverpool that used to be rather unkindly called the 'black spot on the Mersey.' But he could mention a 'black spot' on the South Coast of England, and that black spot was none other than the county borough of Bournemouth and its adjacent territory. For the whole of the four miles from Bournemouth to Poole, on one side, there was only one church with a peal of bells; for the whole of the five miles from Bournemouth to Christchurch on the other side there was not a single church with a peal of bells; and the same thing applied to the whole tract of country running inland, where extensive building had taken place and was still taking place. The result was they had a vast area covered with houses where the great majority of the inhabitants lived entirely out of the reach of the sound of a peal of bells. There were abundant churches over a large part of this territory, and he believed most of them were well filled with worshippers, but nearly all of them had only one bell. It would not be desirable or necessary that all these churches should have a peal of bells, whose sound would conflict and clash with one another if they were rung at the same time, but what was wanted in such cases was one church here and another there, in the most suitable positions, in possession of a peal of bells. If the Bishops, or even some of them, could be induced to take that view and ensure that a reasonable number of the new churches thus built in well-chosen positions should be so designed that when funds were forthcoming or some rich benefactor offered, a peal of bells could be installed, it would be an effort well worth while on the part of the Council. There was one essential point, and that was that the architects' designs should be of a practical character. It was no use spending hundreds of pounds in building a tower if it would not hold the bells after all. It would be worth while, therefore, if the Council addressed a memorial of this kind to the diocesan Bishops, expressed in diplomatic and respectful language, calling attention to the fact that it would be a great loss to our English traditions if tens of thousands of people in many parts of the country were permanently to settle right out of the hearing of a peal of bells. They were often told when bells were dedicated that the bells had a wider audience than any clergyman could reach with his voice, that the bells sent out a call to worship to the public, whether they would hear or whether they would forbear; that they were the voice of the Church proclaiming the truth for all to hear. Yet they had growing up these vast districts where there were no bells and ringers had no chance of sending out their message, and children would not know what a peal of bells sounded like except by hearing them broadcast or by going to some other place, where they might hear bells rung as a curiosity. He suggested they might well address a carefully worded memorial to the Bishops on the subject.

Mr. C. H. Jennings seconded and endorsed all Mr. Edwards had said with regard to Bournemouth and parts of Dorset. Thousands of the rising generation were growing up out of the reach of the sound of the bells, and that was just the thing to create an objection to the sound of bells in the future.

Mr. W. A. Cave asked why Mr. Edwards picked on Bournemouth?

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: Because I know it.

Mr. Cave said Weymouth had not a peal of bells at all, whereas Bournemouth had got two peals of bells.

Mr. Jennings said one of the reasons Weymouth had no bells was that the town stood on sand, and it would be impossible to build a tower which would withstand the ringing of bells.

The President said that was not sufficient answer. If they went to St. Nicholas', Liverpool, they would see a church built on a hill of loam sand, and the building was as sound now as on the day it was dedicated.

Mr. R. Richardson said if they came to Surfleet they would wonder why the church stood at all. The spire was 6ft. out of plumb, and when they got down 4ft. they came to quicksilt.

The Rev. Canon Elsee said while they would all sympathise with the object of the motion, and might feel that bells were such a very vital and integral part of English life that it was a pity that great new suburbs and new populous districts should spring up in which the people had no chance of hearing a peal of bells, he doubted the wisdom of couching their address to the Bishops in such terms as those of the motion. Every one of the parishes with which he was familiar were at their wits' end to know how to provide places of worship and schools for the people in the new districts, and he was afraid that such a resolution as was here proposed, if sent in anything like those terms, would be certain to be thrown aside. It was no use talking of building towers for bells when they had got enough to do to try and put up elementary buildings at the present time. At the same time, he did sympathise with a good deal that Mr. Edwards had said. He thought it might be worth while addressing a letter suitably worded to the Bishops. It might be passed on by them to the advisory committees, pointing out that bells had had a very long connection with life in England, and that it was a pity that in great new districts there should be no provision made for the sound of church bells to be heard in the future, and suggesting that, where provision is made for a tower to be attached to a church, care should be taken that it should be of sufficient size and strength to hold a peal of bells. Something like that, he thought, might be of value, but he hoped it would not be put in such peremptory terms as the motion.

The Rev. Ll. Edwards said he entirely accepted Canon Elsee's suggestion as to the lines on which the letter should be drawn up.

On this understanding, the motion was put and carried.

(To be continued.)

WHAT *DOES* HAPPEN?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many years ago my old and greatly valued friend, Mr. Alfred Pulling, made a joke. You may not think it of him, but he did. He told the Central Council that 'we all know what happens when we give Mr. Trollope any authority.' It was not, perhaps, a great joke, judged by the highest standards, but it was his very own, and it earned for him the proper amount of '(laughter).' So, ever since then, as the years roll by and the seasons come and go, he regularly produces it, sometimes varied by allusions to a Dictator or to Hitler and so forth, but always the same old thing.

Now, I am writing in no captious spirit, nor would I do aught to minish the sum of human happiness, but I *should* like to know what *does* happen when we give Mr. Trollope any authority. Something pretty bad, I'll be bound! I can imagine the man grasping at power, and trying to get control of the Exercise, and to reduce ringers body and soul to a state of slavery. But that is only imagination, a quality in which, as the Council was told, I am singularly deficient. And I can imagine how very abhorrent to Mr. Pulling must be the idea of ordering ringers about. It is the very last thing he would do himself. And the first.

But that is neither here nor there. What I want to know is what *does* happen when we give Mr. Trollope any authority?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The village of Wrington, with its famous tower and bells, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and shortly after 2.30 p.m. the tower began to fill with members from Bath, Bristol, St. Albans, Haslemere, Newport (Monmouthshire), Weston-super-Mare, Ilminster, Chewton Mendip, Chilcompton, Nailsea, Kingston Seymour, Long Ashton, Wraxall, Newbury, Yeovil, Doulting, Priston, Taunton, North Cadbury, Kington Magna, etc. The service touch was well-struck Stedman Caters.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Holland, and the members then adjourned to the Golden Lion, where a party of 70 sat down to a bountiful tea, provided by the generosity of the local ringers and their friends. The oldest member in this company was Major J. H. B. Hesse, who was elected a member in Wrington tower some 43 years previously.

At the subsequent business meeting Mr. D. G. Taylor took the chair. Routine business followed, a number of members from the Taunton district being elected.

The Master (the Rev. E. S. C. Lock) was re-elected, and the meeting sent its very kindest wishes and hopes for his recovery after his recent operation.

The hon. secretary and the hon. auditor were also re-elected, as were the four Central Council representatives.

Places for quarterly meetings were chosen, viz., Martock, Bishop's Lydeard and Milborne Port.

An omnibus vote of thanks to Canon Holland and the people who had made the meeting a success was proposed by Mr. D. G. Taylor and carried with acclamation.

Further ringing at Wrington and Blagdon, including a course of Bristol, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT TO INCREASE ITS MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the above was held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, when about 50 members and friends attended. As the meeting coincided with Pepys' anniversary, the Rector (the Rev. T. Wellard) invited the Guild to a lecture on Samuel Pepys and the history of the church, before the ringing commenced at 3.45 p.m.

Various methods were rung from Grandsire to London Surprise, and, after service and tea, the members returned to the church for their business meeting.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mrs. Fletcher took the chair. Three new members were elected, viz.: Mrs. Massey, of Claygate, Surrey, Miss Sargent, of South Woodford, and Miss M. Lidbetter, of Brentford, Middlesex.

The officers were all re-elected.

As the meetings have to be held sometimes in districts where it is difficult for members to attend, it was proposed that the number of meetings held during the year should be extended from four to eight, namely, four north of the Thames and four south of the river. In view of this, Miss K. M. Bradford was elected assistant secretary to take charge should the secretary (Mrs. Cross) be unable to be present.

It was proposed to hold the first meeting north of the river at Harrow Weald, or, failing this, at Isleworth or Heston in August. The southern meeting, at the invitation of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, will be held at Milton, Gravesend, on September 28th.

It was suggested at the meeting that a letter of good wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to the vice-president, Mrs. Deal.

Mrs. Barker proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes for the work the district secretary has done during the past year.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to Mr. H. Willson for making all arrangements, were accorded.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held on June 29th at Purleigh, where a new treble, given by the Rector as a thankoffering for 50 years' ministry, has recently been added to make a ring of six. Although there was not a large muster, those who did attend had a very enjoyable time.

The Rector (the Rev. Canon Macdonald) conducted the Guild service and gave an address. He told the visitors some interesting facts about the church.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Rectory grounds by the Rector, who presided, and a collection towards the cost of the 2nd bell, which has been rehung, amounted to 16s.

The District Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, presided at the business meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch on September 7th if it could be arranged. A coach will run from Chelmsford for this meeting.

The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his hospitality.

Before returning to the tower the visitors took the opportunity of walking round the beautiful garden.

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EARLY MORNING RINGING.

WHY SHOULD THE DEVIL HAVE ALL THE LOUDEST NOISES?

Commenting upon complaints of ringing for 6.30 a.m. choral Eucharist on Ascension Day at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, a writer in the July Parish Magazine says:—

'The merry peal of bells on the morning of Ascension Day caused some acid comment among certain of our neighbours. They were the more enraged because they could not discover any adequate reason for such early and unwonted activity in the belfry. It wasn't a bank holiday, nor even a flag day; therefore, what could it all be about? At last one, better informed than the rest, said, "They call it Century Day," and this weird explanation satisfied all but the most rabid. These last could approve of the peal on Jubilee Day, but could not grasp the fact that St. Augustine's people knew of Someone more important than King George, and were celebrating the anniversary of His Coronation. We have had occasion before to remark that bellringing is the one loud noise made in the world for the glory of God, and we fail to see why the Devil should have all the loudest noises any more than he should have all the best times.'

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting held at Basingstoke on Saturday, all the officers and Central Council representatives were re-elected, and Southampton selected for the next annual meeting.

The preacher at the festival service was the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild).

A fuller report will appear in our next issue.

PRESENTATION TO REV. R. HOWES.

In the lovely grounds of the president of the Towcester Branch, Capt. Grant-Ives, a presentation of a dinner bell and cheque was made to the hon. secretary (the Rev. R. Howes), who is leaving for Beenham, Berks.

The Rev. R. Howes generously gave the cheque to the Paulerspury and Alderton Bell Funds.

Capt. Grant-Ives kindly provided tea, for which thanks were accorded.

AN IDEAL 'RINGERS' PARSON.'

As a prelude to the special memorial service to the late Rector of Woodford, Essex (the Rev. F. J. Albery, M.A.), who died after a protracted illness on May 30th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the local band: B. W. Brighty 1, H. Corney 2, F. Corney 3, J. H. Crampion 4, R. G. Cousins 5, A. G. Bass 6, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, W. Morley 8. The Rev. Albery had spent many years of his life in Australia, but had been Rector of Woodford since 1920, during which time he had always taken a quiet interest in the progress of his ringers. He was well known to neighbouring campanologists as a popular figure at the numerous ringing meetings held at this church. Permission for anything of this nature was always most willingly granted, and he was an ideal 'ringers' parson' in one respect at least, for he never suffered interference with ringing times or practices. The Woodford ringers count themselves the losers of a staunch and respected friend.

NORTHANTS RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE TOWERS.

Once more the Irthlingborough ringers and friends are indebted to their fellow-ringers for yet another happy half-day's outing. This year Lincolnshire was visited, Boston, Surfleet and Pinchbeck being chosen for ringing, and, thanks to the clergy responsible, touches in various methods were enjoyed at these towers. Some of the ringers and friends were fortunate to go out on to the balcony of Boston 'Stump' and enjoyed the glorious view of the fens and distant Wash, and no doubt stiff thighs reminded them of their climb for a day or two. Among the wonderful churches of our land, surely Boston people have a church and tower to be proud of. The great disappointment at Surfleet was in the absence of Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was away upon other ringing activities. One would never think of so small a church possessing twelve bells, and much less being ringable in the leaning tower. At Pinchbeck there is a lovely peal of eight, and a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was much enjoyed by listeners and those taking part. Stamford was reached at about 9.30 p.m., and here there was a 'go-as-you-please,' with handbells, etc. Irthlingborough was reached soon after midnight. Thanks are given to all who kindly helped in any way, and to the three Kettering friends who made up the party. A. B.

BRAINTREE RINGER'S DEATH.

On June 27th the death occurred at the age of 67 years of Mr. W. G. Melbourne, a member of the Essex Association and St. Michael's Guild, Braintree.

Mr. Melbourne started his career as a ringer at Bocking, eventually moving to Stowmarket, where he rang nine peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association. In 1913 he went to Braintree, where he took over an old-established newsagent's business and was noted for his courteous and obliging manner.

Business and indifferent health prevented him from taking part in many peals for the Essex Association, but he was very attentive to service ringing at St. Michael's, so much so, in fact, that he made a 'highest possible' for the year 1933. He never missed service ringing during the year and was always punctual.

The funeral took place at Braintree Cemetery on July 2nd, amid signs of great respect shown by fellow-tradesmen. The St. Michael's Guild of Ringers was represented by four members.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major was rung half-muffled as a passing mark of respect.

AN EIGHTEEN HOUR DAY.

HOW IPSWICH MEN SPENT THEIR ANNUAL OUTING.

For their annual outing, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, really made a 'day' of it. Starting at 6 a.m., they reached home at midnight. They breakfasted at Littleport, Cambs, went on to Wisbech (ten bells) and Long Sutton (eight bells), over Forsdyke Bridge, near the Wash, to Boston Stump (ten bells). Here there are 185 steps up to the ringing chamber, and the veteran, Mr. R. H. Brundle, in his 84th year, climbed these without turning a hair. Not content, he went still higher to look at the bells. The return journey was made by way of the leaning tower of Surfleet (twelve bells), where a course of Cambridge Maximus and a touch of Stedman Cinques were rung. Luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (not forgetting Enid) was followed by an exhibition of Mr. Richardson's cinema pictures, which proved highly interesting, especially as a number of well-known ringers appeared on the screen. Mr. Sedgley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for their hospitality and picture entertainment, and asked for a show of hands that they both be elected honorary members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society.—This was carried unanimously.—Mr. Richardson, replying on behalf of his wife, said they would be pleased to accept the invitation.

The methods rung during the day were: Cambridge, on 8, 10 and 12 bells; Stedman, on 7, 9 and 11; Double Norwich, on 8 and 10; Grandsire, on 7 and 9.

HUNTS IN THE HUNT.

DOUBLE TWINS RING DOUBLES.

There must be something like a record in a performance by Mr. H. J. Hunt, of Camberley, Surrey. In commemoration of his 70th birthday (which was on April 11th), he rang his first quarter-peal on the treble, the band including his two sets of twins, Alfred and Edwin, Eric and Hector, and his son-in-law (Mr. F. J. Ewens). It was rung at St. Michael's, Yorktown, for evening service on Sunday, June 30th, and consisted of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering: H. J. Hunt 1, F. J. Ewens 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, Eric Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, Edwin Hunt 6, Hector Hunt 7, Alfred Hunt 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 1s. 3d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Jewry, London, E.C. (next Guildhall) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by meeting in the Vestry. Tea at 5.30 at the 'Quiver,' Bow Lane.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Slaugham (recently augmented to 8) on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service. Tea and meeting. Half rail fares.—O. Sippetts, Hon. Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all members desirous of contributing to the Testimonial Fund please do so at once, as the closing date for same is July 13th? Contributions to be sent to A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The committee meeting will be held at Adlington, near Chorley, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Ringers not on the committee are invited.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester 11.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Dibden bells after tea. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Good bus service from Retford. Good attendance requested, as we hope to encourage change ringing in this district.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13th, at Hatfield Broad Oak at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—At the special request of the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, the date of the summer meeting to be held at Chiddingstone will be Saturday, July 13th, instead of July 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District and the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will hold a meeting for combined practice at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weldon (6), on Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ighham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by special invitation, at the Rectory, which is about ten minutes' walk from the church. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. Make it a success.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this fine ring. Tea can be arranged.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 13th, 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 Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting to follow. A good attendance, please, for the president.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 13th, from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Members, please note, that a tour of towers not usually visited is to be made on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing as follows: Market Bosworth (5 bells), 3 to 3.30; Congerstone (5), 3.45 to 4.45; Sheepy Magna (6), 4.30 to 5. Tea at Witherley (1s.) at 5.15. Ringing (5 bells) till 7 p.m., Mancetter (5), 7 to 7.30; Fenny Drayton (5), 7.45 to 8.15. Arrangements being made for bus to pick up in the district. Fare (approximately) 2s. to 2s. 6d. All wishing to go must notify me not later than the Peckleton meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m.—G.M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1935, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham, Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. All applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, should reach general secretary not later than Wednesday morning, July 17th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. Ringing as usual. The G.W.R., L.M. and S. and L. and N.E. will issue cheap tickets to Oxford for that day from any station not more than 60 miles rail journey.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District. — The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseal, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the New Village Hall for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 17th. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers from other districts. Let us have a good meeting in this beautiful village.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hadley on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. Please advise me for tea by July 17th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Denbigh Arms, at 5.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at a charge of 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 16th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Kindly notify by 17th for tea. Bristol Rural Branch members cordially invited. — C. Batt, Hon. Branch Sec., 200, Avon Vale Road, Barton Hill, Bristol 5.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. Those requiring tea please let me know by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurmaston (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for which advise me by Wednesday previous. Buses every few minutes from Jubilee Road (Belgrave Road), Leicester. —Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 16th to Mr. A. Taylor, Church Road, Overton.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. I should be glad if all who can make it convenient will attend.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Earlsheaton on Saturday, July 20th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. each, send to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax, by July 13th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Great Doddington, near Wellingborough. Bells (5). Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar and ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, an unofficial meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Withernsea. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. All are welcome, and a good attendance is hoped for. Will those intending to be present, and requiring tea, kindly notify E. E. Taylor, 4, Cheverton Avenue, Withernsea, not later than Thursday, July 18th.—H. S. Morely, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hodnet July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, July 16th. — R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Axbridge Deanery. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill on Saturday, July 20th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Stratton, N.E. Cornwall, on Saturday, July 20th. Those notifying me of intention to be present will receive programme of towers and time available. Service, Stratton, 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—C. F. Jerram, Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

RICKMANSWORTH (bells 8).—Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea 5.30, Spider Tea Rooms. Business meeting after.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Nayland on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Taylor's, Mill Street, at 5.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — Summer meeting at Handbridge on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea are requested to notify me not later than Thursday, July 18th.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Rochdale and Manchester branches is being held at Moorside on Saturday, July 20th. These bells are in perfect order and have a grand tone. Roll up and make the meeting a success. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—H. Hamer and D. Brown, Hon. Branch Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Pavenham on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ideal spot for a summer meeting. You will be very welcome. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 20th. This grand ring of bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to those who send in their names by July 17th to the Rev. J. H. Park, The Vicarage, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby S.O. Make it a record attendance.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The quarterly meeting to have been held at Newton Valence on July 20th will now be held at Steep on that day. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 17th?—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Barnes, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (sweet 8) 3.30. Service 5. Tea, followed by meeting, 5.30. Further ringing till 8.30. A welcome for all, but please advise me re tea. Buses 37, 33, 73, 9. S.R. half a mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Rippingale. Bells (6), lately restored by J. Taylor and Co., will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is earnestly requested that those who require tea will please notify Mr. S. Laxton, Post Office, Rippingale, Bourne, by Wednesday previous.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea (9d. per head) notify me not later than Tuesday, July 23rd? Important business to be discussed at this meeting. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Ranmoor, near Dorking. Full particulars next week.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Woodford on Wednesday, July 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Pebmarsh on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday morning, 24th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. If fine, tea will be held, by kind permission, in the grounds of Cecil House, if wet in the Schoolroom. It is most essential that all those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. There is a frequent bus service to and from Brentwood.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival and meeting will be held at Norbury Church (Hazel Grove), near Stockport, on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with dedication of the Memorial Tablet to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, at 3 p.m. Meeting 4 (in the schools). Tea (also in the schools) at 5, price 2s. Members 1s. 6d. Tickets may be obtained from the general secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire, or from the branch secretaries.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Whitley Bay on Saturday, July 27th. Bells of St. Paul's available at 3 o'clock. Evensong in church at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me before the 24th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

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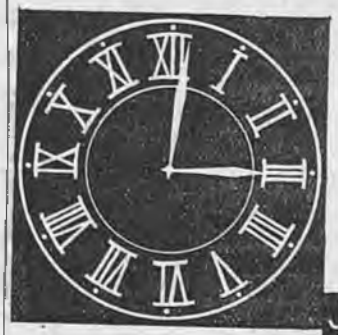

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THE DEFINITION OF A 'SPLICED' PEAL

For a year, at any rate, the Central Council settled the question of the designation of the various types of 'Spliced' peals. They arrived at a compromise decision, in view of the late hour at which the subject came up for discussion. A topic such as this, which is bound to create division of opinion, cannot be disposed of in a few minutes, and the Council took the wisest course in adopting Mr. Stephen Wood's suggestion which, after twelve months' reflection, may possibly prove a more permanent and generally satisfactory way of meeting the wishes both of those who seek to distinguish between the different classes of spliced peals and those who look upon the performances, however rung, as 'splicing.' The linking together of different methods, whether in half peals or in leads, is the same process, except, of course, that one is much more elaborate and difficult than the other, and the problem, as those who have thought most about the subject best know, is where to draw the line? It is all a question of degree and there is much to be said in favour of Mr. Wood's temporary suggestion of indicating in the record of a performance the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another.

But the brief discussion which took place revealed two things. It revealed the impossibility of debating such amendments as Mr. James Hunt proposed, when formulated on the spur of the moment and without the members having seen it in writing and having had the opportunity of considering its effect. It is a very difficult thing to draw up definitions affecting ringing in any case; to attempt to devise a technical amendment in the middle of a debate, which would cover such a subject as differentiation in spliced ringing is as futile for the proposer as it is unfair to the members. Notice ought to be required of all amendments of this type and it would be well, as was revealed in a discussion on another subject the same day, if the Council provided itself with a set of standing orders, under which matters of this kind could be regulated. When one sees it in cold print Mr. Hunt's amendment actually had little bearing on the carefully drawn up definitions submitted by Mr. Coles. All that it really did was to add another, if impracticable condition—impracticable, at all events, under many circumstances if it meant exactly what it said. If it did not mean exactly what appears on the face of it, it only adds point to our contention that these things cannot be done in the hey presto! style.

The other point that was revealed, and it came out further in informal talks afterwards, is that some ringers

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have the idea that in a peal containing more than one method every bell should do all the work of all the methods. As an ideal that is a thing for composers to aim at, but at present, at any rate, it would have an extremely restraining effect in a field where scope for composition is already exceedingly limited. And is it really essential? The Exercise has from its very beginings recognised as peals performances in which not all the bells do all the work of the method. For more than two hundred years we have been ringing peals of Grandsire Triples on the three-lead course plan, and in those peals the observation bell does not do anything like all the work of the method. And coming to more modern times, what of the short-course peals of London Surprise, and even of Bob Major? Are they not peals? If they are, then spliced peals, in which the tenors do only a limited amount of the work of a course in the methods rung, are equally peals.

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Tenor 25¾ cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE... ...	...*Treble*	*ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	2	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
THOMAS B. KENDALL	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	8
WILLIAM BARTON	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	9
FRED HODGSON	5	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... ...	...*Treble*	DENIS R. MORRIS	6
*REGINALD CHANCE	2	REGINALD ROWE...	7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ...	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
THOMAS W. LEWIS	5	ROBERT LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Caters.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5113 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK WHITE	...*Treble*	GEORGE WIGGENS	6
HENRY STALHAM	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
RICHARD V. FULLER... ...	3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	8
WINGFIELD A. DURHAM ...	4	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	9
*ALFRED C. LEVETT	5	GEORGE P. ELPHICK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Caters. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe, of Lewes, who was unfortunately unable to take part: also in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Morland, of Court Lodge, Lamberhurst, and Miss Monica Bolton, of Blackhurst, Tunbridge Wells, which took place in the afternoon at Pembury, Kent.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

F. STEDMAN WHITE ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. WHITE	6
FRANK BARRETT	2	FRANCIS TAYLOR	7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ...	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ...	8
WILLIAM DYER	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
WILLIAM T. PATES	5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Wednesday, June 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROOKS ...	...*Treble*	*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5
JACK RANCE	2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	6
WILLIAM J. PAICE	3	REV. ALFRED G. G. THURLOW	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ...	...*Treble*	HARRY WINGROVE	5
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
ARTHUR G. JANES	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	VICTOR EVANS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

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NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
*JOHN GRIFFITHS	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
*FRED HARTMAN...	3	*J. WILLIAM CLARKE	7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	4	PERCY SWINDLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Richards, hon. treasurer of the Chester Branch.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*HUGH ROBERTS	...*Treble*	*GEORGE LEDSHAM	5
†WILLIAM STRONG	2	†FRANK VARTY	6
DAVID HUGHES	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
J. NORMAN BENSON	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. L. O. Davies on the occasion of his collation to the benefice of the church.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Muriel Barrett (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 2, J. H. Riding 3, E. Lankester 4, E. H. Kilby 5, J. H. Botham 6, H. Kilby 7, W. F. Holloway 8.

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ALBERT D. COLLINS	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
THOMAS G. MARTIN	3	HAROLD L. FLAVELL ...	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	*HOWARD BUTLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR DURLING ...	...*Treble*	‡NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ...	6
†W. J. ERIC PEARTREE ...	3	E. GEORGE MORRAD... ...	7
EDWARD J. BEER	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. E. Peartree.

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MISS KITTY WILLERS ...	2	†FREDERICK WOODRUFFE ...	6
*FRANK L. FISHER	3	*WILLIAM A. WOODS	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	*ALDERMAN LING... ...	...*Tenor*

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR HUMFREY... ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	HARRY W. SMITH	7
MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY	4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

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Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS I. B. THOMPSON...	...*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	5
ALBERT COPPOCK...	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
WILLIAM THORNLEY	3	TOM CLARKE...	7
SAM PINDER	4	FRED A. SALTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN BARNETT	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JOHN S MORTON...	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	GEORGE W. STEEL	6
WILFRED HALLIWELL	3	FREDERICK W. DIXON	7
JOSEPH BROADLEY	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
First peal in the method as conductor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES ROSE	*Treble*	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	5
*CLAUD WOODWARD	2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	6
FREDERICK J. TILLETT	3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. E. Symonds. This was his 200th peal as conductor.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD STEELE	*Treble*	†HAROLD ROSE	5
ALAN D. STEELE	2	JAMES WILLIAMS	6
HAROLD HOUSON	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
MATTHEW BUCKLEY	4	‡WILLIAM WADE, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Rung as a wedding peal for the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Brooks), whose marriage took place on June 24th.

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
TONY PRICE	2	EDWIN HIMS	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*KENNETH W. MAYER	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	*JOHN WALDEN	6
†GEORGE W. CREASEY	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	*JOHN A. FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Superlative Major. † 50th peal. Arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Marcon and Miss S. Norton, who were married at Lincoln earlier in the day.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23¾ cwt. in F.

WALTER CLAYDON	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
ALFRED J. BULL	2	*ARTHUR G. WILLETT	6
*ROYDON DAVIES	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
*FRANK B. JEAL	4	†GORDON F. WOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	JAMES TOPP	5
*WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
TOWER R. TAYLOR	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal in the method.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt, 17 lb.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest J. Butler.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*STANLEY HARRISON	*Treble*	HARRY HOWARD	4
JOSEPH LITTLER	2	†HARRY PARKER	5
CECIL RADDON	3	‡CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal of Minor in four methods. The conductor has now rung peals in 50 towers.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Willesden Delight, College Bob IV. Delight and Old Oxford Delight, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	4
ARTHUR YOUNG	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
VERNON TAYLOR	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
First extents of the three Delight methods by all the band. First peal in five Treble Bob methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS H. M. DARVILL	...*Treble*	WALTER TUPPIN	4
*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	2	HORACE EDWARDS	5
†ALFRED J. BULL	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Minor. † 275th peal.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, July 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 of Pitman's, five 240's of Morris' and thirty 120's.
Tenor 9 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES ...	...*Treble*	JAMES P. HYETT	3
V. JAMES CARLESS	2	REGINALD MORRIS	4
ALBERT E. JONES... ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. E. JONES.
R. Morris has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. PARK	4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON	2	ROLAND PARK	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	W. NORMAN PARK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

FREISTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES SHARPE	...*Treble*	ARTHUR ELLIS	4
*ROBERT BROWN	2	SYDNEY JESSOP	5
FRANK DEWBY	3	WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES SHARPE.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles by all the band except ringers of 3 and 5. First peal as conductor.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Killamarsh, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG	...*Treble*	FRANK EDWARDS	4
GEORGE HULME	2	WILLIAM CARNWELL	5
HENRY CARNWELL	3	ARTHUR W. HALL	6

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.
First peal on the bells, which have just been rehung and augmented to six by Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*HORACE L. WAITE	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
WALTER AYRE	3-4	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by J. BRAY.
Witnesses—Mrs. J. Bray and Mrs. W. Ayre.
* First peal on eight 'in hand' and first attempt at Major.

FOR BEGINNERS.

DON'T GET INTO A GROOVE.

There are many bands, particularly at country churches, who get to the Grandsire Doubles stage, and stick—not to progress, but to stagnation. Individual ringers stick to the same bell, and the conductor to the same calling for a six-score, until the monotonous groove becomes so deep they are unable to struggle out of it. And thus week after week, month after month, and even year after year, whenever they ring it is the same bell, the same 120—in some cases only the same plain course. In fact they know it so well by heart that any departure from their usual practice is made all the harder.

It is the biggest mistake a ringer can make to ring one bell and no other. It 'cramps his style' in unbelievable fashion. Unless he can ring 'his own' bell, he is hopelessly at sea, even in method ringing in his own tower, while, as to visiting other towers, which is the best of all experiences, he simply will not go because he is afraid he may show his failings.

He may have begun his bellringing full of enthusiasm, but his eagerness gradually evaporates as he finds his capabilities becoming atrophied by want of expansion.

No band, however limited their capacity, should ring with always the same men on the same bells. Even when they are in the 'call change' stage, if the progress to method ringing be through that channel, the men should ring different bells, so that they not only learn how to control bells of different weights, but get a sight on the others from a different angle.

This is more than ever essential when it comes to method ringing. Even in a tower where at first no one can call a touch, and, as a consequence, only plain courses can be rung, the ringers should change their bells, so that they become able to ring any of them in the method.

If, then, you are in the habit of always ringing the same bell, don't do it any longer. Change on to another one. You will find a great similarity in the order in which you meet the bells, and you will realise that it is not so very difficult to ring the other man's bell after all.

It will be easier still if you have not forgotten how to commit changes to paper and sit down and write out a course before trying to ring it. In fact, write out the course twice. On one, draw a continuous line all down the course through the figure that represents the bell you have been in the habit of ringing—perhaps the third. On the other draw a similar line through the figures representing one of the other bells, say the 4th, and then compare them. You will see that the line, or 'diagram,' is exactly the same, except that it is begun in a different place.

Hunting, dodging and place-making have already been explained in these hints for beginners. Study them again in connection with the courses and diagrams which you have put on paper and you will find many of your supposed difficulties will have disappeared when you go into the belfry and try to ring some other bell than the one you have been sticking to for all these unproductive months.

But how about it, if you have forgotten, or have never learned, to write out courses by figures? This may help you to begin paper study, which is so essential in the making of a successful ringer: Begin with the row 12345. Immediately underneath each of these figures write the next row by changing 1 and 2 and 4 and 5, leaving 3 underneath the original 3; i.e., 21354. Now make a series of rows by changing alternately the last two pairs and then the first two pairs:—

12345
21354
23145
32415
etc.

Continue this process until 1 2 come together in front. Then let the bell in 3rd's make a place as before; and repeat the operation until once more 1 2 are in front. Again let the bell in 3rd's make a place and go on changing the back and front pairs. The bells should come round at the end of 30 changes—the plain course of Grandsire Doubles. If they do not come round you have made a mistake somewhere, and, if so, try again.

COUNTRY VILLAGES SHORT OF RINGERS.

A NORTH NOTTS LAMENT.

A glorious day brought ringers from a very wide area to try the excellent ring of six bells which the village church at Everton possesses. The ringing was enjoyed throughout the day, although the heat was tremendous.

Tea in the Parish Room was supervised by Mr. Swindin, captain of the local company. When the meal was about to commence the room looked more like a belfry, jackets being rapidly removed. The caterers were thanked at the close of the meal 'for doing us so well,' as the proposer said.

In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. J. Bartram presided, but there was very little business to transact.

The Chairman pointed out the shortage of ringers in some country villages which have splendid peals of bells, bells which, he said, 'we should like to take home with us.' Everton were very short, but it was not the fault of the bells, and he asked the association to help villages in need of ringers.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards' answer to those who dislike Sunday Bells.

About seventy members attended the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Basingstoke on Saturday week, the towers represented including Andover, Basingstoke (St. Michael's and All Saints'), Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Bramley, Christchurch, Deane, Farcham, Kingclere, North Stoneham, Overton, Oakley, Portsea, Ryde, Southampton, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Swanmore, Wickham, Winchester, Wonston, Wootton St. Lawrence, etc., and visitors from Aldershot, Buckland Newton, Godalming, Newbury, etc. During the morning ringing took place at the two Basingstoke churches, and the business meeting was held in the afternoon in Church Cottage.

The Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided, and, in the absence of the hon. treasurer, presented the accounts. The balance on the treasurer's account had increased to £79 8s. 2d., compared with £63 2s. 1d. in the previous year, the receipts from the districts having amounted to £54 9s. 11d. Grants from the General Purposes Fund amounting to £10 10s. had been made, and the balance in this fund was £55 3s. 9d. In addition the districts had in hand an aggregate of £63 19s. 8d. The Master said he thought this showed that the Guild was in a strong financial position.

In moving the adoption of the balance sheet, Mr. W. Barton said the sum of five guineas given to Godshill Restoration Fund was money well spent. Since the bells were done the Guild had given the Godshill ringers every support, and the local band rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Jubilee. It was a great credit to them.—The accounts were adopted, and it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to the Godshill band upon their success.

The report, which was also adopted, said subscriptions from members showed a further increase, and there were now 771 full members and 166 honorary members, almost half of the latter being in the Winchester District. The bells of Holy Rood, Southampton, Ringwood and Sherfield English had been rehung during the year by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. (for which the Emma Barron Bell Trust was again to be thanked), as well as West Meon, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Godshill and Petersfield (also by Taylor and Co.). Thirty-seven peals were recorded in 1934, against 26 in 1933 (excluding the 1933 ringing tour), in 25 different towers, with twelve local conductors, compared with six the previous year. It was regretted that no peal was rung in the Andover, Basingstoke or Winchester Districts. It was felt that there were plenty of young ringers in these districts who would be glad to have the opportunity to take part in peals if properly organised. It was hoped, therefore, that the northern members would not let the late Mr. Harry White's enthusiasm that he put into the Guild die away for want of a successor. The new Alton and Petersfield District had completed its first year of existence and had amply justified its formation.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the peals recorder (Mr. C. E. Bassett), who resigned on account of having undertaken duties as secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District. Mr. R. C. H. Connolly was appointed to succeed him.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

The representatives on the Central Council were also re-elected, although one of them, Mr. George Pullinger, said it was an honour and experience which he thought should go round.

Three new honorary members were elected. Three places were proposed for the next annual meeting and Southampton selected by a narrow vote over Bournemouth, the meeting to be held on the first Saturday in July.

Reports were received from the Central Council representatives, and Mr. Pullinger made the suggestion that the Council should meet at an earlier hour in the day. Ringers, he said, came from all over England to attend the meeting, but many had to rush away before the end in order to get home the same night. If the Council met at 10 a.m. instead of 11 o'clock, more of the members could stay until the end of the business.

Mr. W. Barton, who commented on the usefulness of the Council and its importance to the Exercise, said the time might come when they would have to defend themselves against sections of the public who were trying to suppress all kinds of noise. When that time came the Council would be the body that could chiefly organise the defence of ringing. He added that the Council had officers and a Standing Committee of men of ability and integrity, who had the best interests of the Exercise at heart.

The reports were accepted and the representatives thanked for their attendance at the Council meeting and for their services.

A motion was put forward by the committee to regulate the management of the General Purposes Fund by providing that the income should be derived from life members' subscriptions and such funds as might be voted from the treasurer's account, and that the committee be empowered to make grants not exceeding five guineas.

In the course of a short discussion it was pointed out that the motion merely brought the rule concerning the fund into line with present procedure, except that the committee's powers to make grants were extended from two to five guineas.—The proposal was agreed to.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) presented a report on the result of a meeting held at Stockbridge to consider the question of rearranging the boundaries of the Winchester, Andover and Christchurch Districts, and the outcome was a recommendation that the towers of Over and Nether Wallop should be transferred from Andover to Winchester District. It now appeared that Over Wallop did not wish to transfer.

It was resolved to transfer Nether Wallop to the Winchester District.

A grant of five guineas was made towards the restoration of the bells of Alresford, where a scheme costing about £350 is to be undertaken, about £160 having already been raised locally.

A vote of sympathy with the relatives on the death of Mr. Ernest Bishop, a life member of the Guild, had been conveyed by the hon. secretary, and an acknowledgment was read.

The Master expressed pleasure at the presence of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and the meeting then terminated.

BELLS SHOULD BE RUNG EVERY SUNDAY.

Afterwards the members attended service in St. Michael's Church, the Guild office being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Boustead). The preacher was the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who took as his text the words, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.' Referring to the occasions when the sound of the bells was used as an expression of public rejoicing, he spoke of the ringing for Sunday services and of the ringing on other occasions, remarking that it was a mistake to call one entirely sacred and the other entirely secular. It was a mistake to divide them into watertight compartments. They wanted the sacred to permeate the secular, and when the bells were rung on great occasions of national rejoicing it was a mistake to regard it as a secular use of the bells. Bells rung on such occasions as this were rung in the spirit of the text, bidding people rejoice in the Lord. Bells had a more definitely spiritual message on church festivals and on Sundays, and the point he wanted to impress was that it was always an expression of joy. He urged that the bells of the churches should be rung more generally than they are on Ascension Day. Whenever they rang on Sundays it was a message of joy bidding all Christian people rejoice in the Lord. Sunday had become, by law established, a day of rest, but there were many who forgot the sacredness of the day, and, while they availed themselves of the rest, they forgot that Sunday was also appointed as a day of worship, and it was only through that that it had become a day of rest. Whenever they rang the bells on the Lord's Day they were not simply ringing them to give notice of the hours of divine service, but were sending forth a message for all who heard to rejoice in the Lord and praise His holy Name. Two points of practical interest arose from that. It made it important that in every parish the bells should be rung at least once on every Sunday. He knew there were different practices in different parishes. Every Sunday was a feast day and every Sunday was the Lord's day and was a weekly commemoration of our Lord's resurrection. It was, therefore, right and proper that the bells should be rung on every Sunday in the year, and it was better to ring once on every Sunday than twice a day on alternate Sundays and not at all on the intervening Sunday. The other point was that bells were instruments of sacred music employed by the Church through long established tradition to express Christian joy and do honour to the Christian festivals. It was no argument on the part of those who objected to the sound of bells to say that in these days, when most people have clocks and watches, and indeed wireless sets, they did not need bells to tell them of the hours of service. There were several fallacies underlying that argument in any case, but the point was the bells were not used simply to notify the hours of service, but to send forth the message of joy and gladness in honour of the feast day, whether it be Sunday or any other feast day, on which services are being held. While people might know the hours of service and had facilities for knowing the time, the bells still had their duty to perform in proclaiming the message of joy. As ringers they rejoiced in the actual ringing, in the exercise of their art; they delighted in the physical and mental exercise as well as in the music which their art afforded, but let them rejoice above all else in the fact that they were called to high service in the church, that their part in the service of God was the sending forth of the grand and sonorous music of the church bells and that they were permitted to employ their powers of mind, body and spirit in the service of God for the good of His Church and for the glory of His Name.

After service the members sat down to tea together in Church Cottage, and later in the evening, in addition to ringing again at the two Basingstoke churches, parties were made up to visit Bramley, Church Oakley, Deane and Sherborne St. John.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

After the memorial service at Ashfordby, Leicestershire, for the late Rev. W. R. Finch, formerly Rector of the parish for 18 years, who was killed in the Swiss Alps on June 26th while on holiday, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled: C. Saddington 1, H. Aley 2, R. Looker 3, R. Aley (conductor) 4, E. Lomas 5, H. Bell 6. Also 240 in the same method, in which E. Littlewood took part.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. D. HEGINBOTHOM.

A most enjoyable time was spent at Trowbridge on the occasion of the half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch on Saturday week. It was the first meeting held there since the new ring of twelve was installed, and the Guild have much to be proud of in having such an excellent peal in its area. The Rector (the Rev. S. J. Nisbet Wallace) conducted the service in the church, after which tea was prepared in the Co-operative Hall, to which 34 sat down.

Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presided at the meeting which followed, and welcomed many visitors, mentioning by name Canon Ridout, from Johannesburg, Capt. Ridout (Swanage) and friends from Swindon, Wootten Bassett, Bath, Calne and Chippenham. He went on to congratulate the Trowbridge band on the work they had accomplished in getting the ring of twelve installed in the tower. He then introduced the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. Hugh Gundry.

The Master, in a few well-chosen remarks, said he had been asked to perform a most pleasant duty. They were all pleased to see Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (late chairman of the branch) amongst them again. Mr. Gundry went on to give a brief summary of what Mr. Heginbothom had done for the branch during the 13 years he had been in office, and asked him to accept, as a token of gratitude from the members, a framed illuminated address, hoping he would be spared for a considerable time still to help the branch keep in the present state of efficiency, which he had done so much to achieve.

In accepting the address, Mr. Heginbothom said that for once he was at a loss for words. After a pause he continued, saying he had tried to carry out that which he thought was right, and had done his best. He did not wish to assume he had been successful in all he had attempted, but he was sure they had every reason to be proud of their branch of the Guild. In conclusion, he thanked all for the presentation and accepted it with great pleasure.

Mr. White then proposed votes of thanks to the Rector for taking the service and the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their kindness in the belfry, and to others who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Ringing continued during the evening, rounds being arranged for those who wished, with touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques. Representatives, besides those already mentioned, attended from the following towers: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bradford, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, Westbury, Warminster, Melksham, Trowbridge and Wylye.

After the bells had been lowered, touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on handbells.

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

There were representatives from ten towers at the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Upwey on June 29th. They were from Upwey, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Bere Regis, Hardington Mandeville, Stratton, Dorchester St. Peter's, and St. James', Poole.

The meeting was preceded by the guild office in Upwey Church, when the service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector), assisted by the Rev. A. F. Godley (Vicar of Bradford Peverell and Stratton).

In the absence of the chairman, the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, of Wool, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. S. Bryant. The secretary announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Bere Regis on September 7th, and that by-meetings would be held at Preston and Hilton during the summer.

Six members of the Hardington Mandeville (Somerset) branch were elected as life members of the Dorchester branch. They were Messrs. W. Delamont, L. J. Hawkins, F. J. Marsh, D. R. Ransom, G. W. Rendell and Mrs. R. E. H. Rendell.

After the meeting further ringing took place at Upwey, Abbotsbury and Wyke Regis.

SALISBURY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Hindon, Wilts, on Saturday, June 29th, the large company present including members from the Devizes and North Dorset Branches. Towers represented were Warminster, Hindon, Wilton, Winterbourne, Westbury, Salisbury (St. Martin's and St. Thomas'), Mere, Kington Magna, Tisbury, Berwick St. John, etc.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Hogbin, D.D., the organist and choir being in attendance. A brief but interesting address was given by the Vicar, and the company afterwards sat down to an excellent tea at the Lamb Hotel.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. E. Caple), in the course of which the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine) welcomed the visitors from Devizes and North Dorset branches.

The Chairman expressed the meeting's thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir for their good offices and for the use of the bells.—The Rev. Hogbin replying, spoke of the encouragement the local band received by a visit from the Guild, to which they were newcomers.

Ringing was then resumed in a variety of methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Cambridge, etc. It was gratifying to note that it was unnecessary to have recourse to call changes throughout the afternoon. Later a party journeyed to Tisbury and made good use of the bells there.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The hon. secretary of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association complained at a meeting that although he had sent a postcard to each district secretary about the meeting and had advertised it in 'The Ringing World,' he had come across cases where members did not know the meeting was taking place.

Local secretaries may be lax, but every ringer could make himself independent in these matters if he would only purchase a copy of 'The Ringing World' each week.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. will shortly be taking in hand the recasting and rehanging in a new frame of the light ring of five bells of Aldridge Church, near Walsall. The peal is to be increased in weight and a new treble added to make six.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has been admitted to membership of the Worshipful Company of Musicians. The Duke of Kent was made an honorary member on the same occasion.

Mr. Edwin Hims, of Bicester, Oxon, took part in a peal of London Surprise on Saturday. It is 38 years since he previously rang a peal in the method.

The visit to Harwell on July 10th, which culminated with a peal of Double Norwich Major, was arranged to coincide with the birthday of an old friend—Mr. H. Pryor. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pryor in the beautiful surroundings on the lawn at their home. The host and hostess were suitably thanked for their hospitality.

His many friends will be glad to see that Mr. W. T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, once more able to take part in a peal. He rang in one at Appleton on Saturday—and during the height of the heat wave, too. Another veteran, George Holifield, sen., was also in the peal.

Ringing is temporarily stopped at Kettering during the repairs to the spire.

The Vicar of Marldon, Devon, makes an appeal to all lovers of bells to help raise a fund of £200 to rehang the existing peal of five, and add a treble to make a peal of six if possible. The inhabitants are doing all they can, but it is a very poor parish, so outside help is sorely needed. All contributions would be thankfully received by the Vicar, Marldon, Paignton, Devon.

LEGENDS O' THE BELLS

A new book is now in the press and will be published in the autumn by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston and Co., Ltd., of London. It is entitled 'Legends o' the Bells,' and is a collection of legends, traditions, myths and folk-tales centred round the bells of many lands. It is by Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., author of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' Mr. Morris is the well-known general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association and attached to St. Margaret's, Leicester.

A TEXT FOR EVERY BELFRY.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT BURNHAM.

A quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Burnham on Saturday, July 6th, and was a complete success. The tower was opened at 3 p.m., and Mr. G. Gilbert and his Burnham boys were there in strong force. There was plenty of ringing to suit everyone, and the bells were kept going continually up to service time, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, as well as rounds. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and the psalm and hymns were heartily sung, accompanied by the organist. The Vicar also gave a most inspiring address, taking for his text, 'For my brethren and companions' sakes I will wish thee prosperity.' He would like to see these words in every belfry. Although they were not yet in his own belfry, he would see that they were put there in the near future.

Service over, a hurried inspection of some of the main items of interest in the church was made, and afterwards a splendid tea was partaken of on the lawn of the Five Bells. The Vicar paid the party a brief visit and said how very pleased he was to welcome the society to Burnham. He hoped it would not be long before they paid another visit. The Master (Mr. G. Cross) presided over the business meeting, at which seven new members were elected through the energy and perseverance of that most staunch supporter of this society, Mr. George Gilbert.

Further ringing took place after the meeting, and a very pleasant surprise was sprung when old friends from Chelsea paid a visit to the tower and had a pleasant hour with the party. The methods rung after tea included London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. Everyone expressed satisfaction at the success of the meeting.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, October 19th, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

LONG-LIVED SHEFFIELD RINGERS.

On Sunday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the recently rehung peal at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, was rung by G. Lewis (conductor) 1, W. Burgar 2, J. Osgathorpe 3, T. O'Hara 4, J. Dixon 5, G. Holmes 6, R. Harrison, jun. 7, H. Hurst 8. The band wished many happy returns to Mr. Dixon on attaining his 76th birthday. Three others who took part averaged 73 years. It is evident ringing activities conduce to a long life.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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'SPLICED' PEALS.

The notice of motion by Mr. C. T. Coles, regarding the definition of a 'spliced' peal, was next on the agenda, and the President explained that in view of certain things which had come to light since the motion was originally drafted, the proposer and seconder (Mr. E. C. S. Turner) wished to substitute an amendment which had been circulated and which, with the consent of the Council, would be taken as the motion.

The Council having agreed, the motion, therefore, read as follows:—

'That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods, this Council resolves that the term "spliced" shall be applied only to those peals in which there are at least as many changes of method as there are courses in the peal, subject to the following stipulations:

'(a) In peals in even-bell methods in which singles are used, the number of changes of method before a single shall be at least equal to the number of courses preceding the single, and, similarly, after a single, equal to the number of courses which follow it.

'(b) In peals in odd-bell methods, the number of changes of method shall be at least equal to the number of changes of the bell in the hunt, or of the courses in the peal. Subject only, in peals in which less than six methods of Triples are rung, to any reduction of the number necessitated by two or more hunt bells, relating to the same method, being consecutively called into the hunt.

'(c) The conditions relating to even-bell methods shall apply in peals of Minor to each 720 individually, and for the purposes of this rule each 720 with a Treble Bob hunt shall be considered to have six courses, and each 720 with a Plain hunt or with an Alliance and Little hunt, twelve courses.

'(d) Peals of Doubles shall be deemed to comply with this rule if there is at least one change of method within a 120 and not more than half a six-score is rung without changing into a different method.

'Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called "Combined" peals.

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is not made at the lead-end, such as certain peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be termed "spliced peals."

'These decisions shall apply to peals on all numbers of bells.'

TIME FOR DIFFERENTIATION.

Mr. Coles, in proposing the motion, said in view of what had gone on during the last few years in the ringing of spliced peals, it was time they distinguished between the different forms in which methods were spliced. At first they had peals in which they rang approximately one-half in one method, followed by a second half in another method, even to the extent of joining Caters and Royal. That was followed by 'block' splicing, in which, say, a block of Bob Major was followed by a block of Double Norwich, and so on, two, or three, or four times in the peal. Next he believed Mr. Joseph Parker produced a composition of Cambridge and Superlative, in which each method appeared in each course, and later they got Mr. Law James' wonderful peal of spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Since then they had had some very clever spliced peals by Mr. Turner and Mr. Wood, one in 14 methods by Mr. Turner and one in 21 methods by Mr. Wood, neither of which had yet been rung, while, as they knew, Mr. A. J. Pitman had produced Surprise peals in all numbers of methods up to 12, which had been rung, and one in 16 methods. It was true that, in a sense, all these peals were spliced peals, but if they were to differentiate between them it meant that some types would not be known as spliced in future. If they were to do that, they would ask which class of peals should retain the old name? The peals which were most popular were those in a number of methods, such as Mr. James' and Mr. Pitman's peals, which had become very popular and, by reason of their popularity, should, he contended, retain their name of spliced peals. A new name should be found for the other class. There might be some members of the Council who would object to the suggestion that it was necessary to make any definition at all, but he would remind them that in days gone by, and even early in the history of the Exercise, it was found necessary to differentiate between methods. It had been found necessary, for instance, to define what Surprise is, and what Treble Bob and Delight and Court methods are. It was found necessary to classify these things, and he suggested that the time had arrived when they should classify these different types of spliced peals. The original motion placed on the order paper was one which was arrived at after several attempts to find something which would make a peg on which to 'hang their hats,' but it was quickly found that to specify that the limit without a change of method should be the length of a normal course was not enough. Mr. Pitman had sent him a peal in which he had found a way to put in nine consecutive leads of London. That was a very wonderful thing, which up to now had defied the attempts of other composers. That opened the way for finding a spliced peal in four Surprise methods, in which every bell did all the work of all the four methods. Mr. Pitman had succeeded in doing that, and, further, he had spliced into the peal nine consecutive leads of London. With Mr. Goldsmith's assistance they had been able to draw up this new series of recommendations which they thought satisfactorily covered the ground. The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung a few weeks ago, conducted by Mr. Ralph, was one which everybody would heartily agree would come under the higher class of a spliced peal, but that peal included nine consecutive leads of one method, and if they put on the limit of a normal course, this peal could not be claimed as a spliced peal. Then, too, the forty-two method peal of Treble Bob rung in Cheshire in the alternative form that was first published transgressed the normal course proposal, although no one could say it was not in the highest class. Having explained the objects of the individual paragraphs of the motion, Mr. Coles went on to refer to the proposal regarding Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. He reminded the Council that the way in which peals in these methods had been rung in the past was by changing the method when a call was made, but by this means the change of method did not take place at the lead end as it did in other peals of Minor and Major, and he called attention to the definition of a regular method given in 'Rules and Decisions,' in which it was stated that 'Each lead shall reverse true to itself, and, together with the hunting and placemaking that connect it with the next lead, shall contain the whole working of the method.' If they spliced Kent and Oxford under the conditions under which peals had been rung in the past, they did not get, in the lead where the change of method was made, the whole working of the method. Seeing that it was possible to get peals of Kent and Oxford with the methods spliced at the lead ends, he suggested it was time they made a different definition for that particular class of peal. In conclusion, Mr. Coles thanked Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. A. G. Driver for the assistance they had given in drawing up the amended definitions.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded.

'LAMINATED' RINGING.

Mr. J. Hunt contended that the changing of the method in the middle of a course was as straightforward a spliced peal as ever they wanted to ring. There was no such thing as combined ringing. In his opinion the right term was 'laminated,' a term which the president, as an engineer, would thoroughly understand. Laminated meant overlapping, and when they rang methods that were spliced in the middle of a course they 'laminated' those methods, and where they rang two or three courses of a method before changing to another, that was splicing and they could not get away from it. Mr. Coles' resolution had not gone far enough. Every credit was due to the men who rang these spliced Surprise peals, but he contended that when they rang a spliced peal which did not produce a full course of some of the methods, they could not say the peal included those methods. To ring, say, only 160 changes of one method in the peal was not, he contended, ringing that method. There should be at least a complete course of each method in the peal. He considered the most perfect spliced peal ever composed was the Superlative and Cambridge by Mr. J. W. Parker, which had an equal number of changes of each method. If, however, they rang 160 changes of a method and finished the peal with eight or nine other methods and did not come back to the first method, they ought not to count it as a method. They could not say they had rung a Major method unless they had rung seven leads of it. He moved, as an amendment, 'That a spliced or laminated peal shall contain a full course of each method rung.'

Mr. James Parker seconded.

Mr. Coles asked if Mr. Hunt was prepared, on that amendment, to rule out practically all the spliced Surprise peals that had ever been rung.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked what was the object of this motion. Was it merely that they should amuse themselves with a discussion on terminology? Didn't the ordinary ringer understand what he saw in a peal report when it stated the number of methods rung and the number of changes? Was it worth while bringing men from the ends of England to sit there like owls and listen to something which did not seem worth while? (laughter). He could not see that the Exercise was going to be any better off for it, and, while it might be amusing to some people, to others it was sheer boredom (laughter).

Mr. Trollope said if Mr. Johnson was not interested there were other people who were, and among them people who had rung peals in four methods and upwards. It was one thing to ring a method and be called upon to take up another method at a particular lead, when they could learn the change beforehand, as they did the start of each method in a peal of seven different methods of Minor, but those who had rung spliced Surprise knew it was a very different thing to have to change to any one of a number of methods at any lead. Here they had two things called by the same name, and the proposal was to call one thing by one name and one by another. Whether Mr. Johnson was bored or not did not affect the matter at all, the point remained that at present both things were called 'spliced.'

A COMPLICATED SUBJECT.

Mr. S. H. Wood said this was a very complicated subject; it would be another Minor controversy, and they would agree that the hour of five minutes past five was too late in the day to start going into it. If they acted hurriedly they might pass a resolution which they would afterwards regret. He asked Mr. Coles if he would be prepared to put off a discussion of this matter until next year; if so, he would suggest that in the meantime they adopt an amendment that peals containing more than one method should be called spliced peals, but that the reports of spliced peals should include a reference to the

number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal. That would get over the difficulty to a certain extent, for it was extraordinarily difficult to draw an exact line between what they would call 'spliced' and what they would call 'combined,' although he knew that if they had spliced Surprise in two methods with 87 changes of method it was a very different matter to a peal of Plain Bob and Double Norwich with one change of method.

Mr. Coles, in accepting the suggestion, asked to be allowed to reply to Mr. Hunt's fallacies. Mr. Hunt had said that if a peal was rung with 160 changes of one method and all the other changes in another method, that ought not to be called a spliced peal. He (Mr. Coles) agreed with him. That was not splicing as he hoped the Council would define it. Mr. Hunt's amendment was not a fair one to spring on the Council after all that had been done to try and find a satisfactory solution.

Mr. Hunt: In a spliced peal you should ring a full course of every method, but if in a peal you only ring five leads of Bob Major you cannot say you have rung Bob Major.

The President said it seemed to him that Mr. Hunt's amendment cut out nearly the whole of the spliced peals already rung and made splicing easier rather than more difficult, because he insisted on a full course of every method being rung, presumably a full continuous course, although it did not say so.

Mr. Wood's amendment was agreed to by the Council.

OLD PEAL RECORDS.

Mr. W. H. Hollier proposed that 'In the opinion of the Council, it is desirable that a record should be made of all peal records contained on tablets, boards or otherwise in the church towers of the country prior to the year 1825, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.' Mr. Hollier said they should do their best to preserve the records of those who so ably laid the foundations of the art of change ringing. He gave several instances of old peal boards in the towers of the diocese which he represented.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and the motion having been carried, a committee was formed, consisting of Mr. Hollier, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre, with power to ask for help from members of the Council generally, the President remarking that the Standing Committee suggested that the committee should get the members of the Council to co-operate in their respective districts.

PEAL 'FOOTNOTES.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's peals analysis and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press are urged to denote all "first peals" and "first peals in the method" both by any of the ringers and "as conductor."' He pointed out that one of the most interesting things in peal reports was to observe where first peals had been rung or called and to observe the progress made by ringers from method to method. It was also important that these things should be recorded if the Council's analysis was to be accurate and the committee saved a waste of valuable time in compiling statistics which, not being complete, were largely useless. To those who argued that such details were only of interest to the actual first pealer or conductor, and, therefore, need not be published, he pointed out that, carried to its logical conclusion, they might say the same of all the particulars about a peal. The ringers in the peal knew who the conductor was; therefore, they might ask, why publish his name? The ringers themselves knew who had taken part in the peal; why then publish their names? The truth was, all the details were interesting to those who followed ringing with any attention to things that happened outside their own tower, and they were important as a matter of record and even of history. Therefore, they should all be included.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

PAST MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher moved and Mr. G. R. Pye seconded 'That a record be prepared of past members of the Council, giving a short account of their work, and, where possible, a photograph, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.'

The motion was agreed to without discussion, and a committee, consisting of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mrs. Fletcher, appointed to carry out the work, in consultation with Canon Coleridge in the case of the earlier members.

TRURO GUILD'S POSITION.

This was the last of the motions on the agenda, and under the heading of 'Other business,' the Rev. W. H. Trewhella raised the question of the position of the Truro Diocesan Guild under the new rules of the Council, which would come into force next year. Although they had about 800 members, up to the present they had always paid 5s. and sent one representative, although they were entitled to four. Next year they would have to pay for all four. Their membership was not individual, but went by towers. If a ringer became a member of a tower that was affiliated to the Truro Diocesan Guild he automatically became a member of the Guild. Out of their 800 members only about 55 were change ringers, and while the Central Council might interest the change ringers, it did not interest the non-change ringers, and he could not say what this section of the Guild would say to the increased subscription. If, therefore, they broke away from the Council, he would be sorry, but the Council would understand that their position was rather different from the rest of the associations, and it would not be because they were against any of the Council's rules, but more on financial grounds.

The President suggested that Mr. Trewhella should not let the Truro Diocesan Guild take any drastic action. The Council realised that their circumstances were of a very special kind, and if they could not afford to pay for four members they should come back and talk it over with the Council before they broke away (applause).

The Rev. W. H. Trewhella thanked the president, and said he would do his best with his members next February. They were a long way away from the rest of the ringing world, but they liked to be linked up with the ringers of the rest of England and to welcome the change ringers who came to Cornwall and could show them how to do things they had not been able to do themselves, such as was done in that wonderful week last autumn (applause).

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. W. PYE.

The President said he understood that in a few weeks' time a scheme was to be launched for a memorial to the late Mr. William Pye, sponsored by the Middlesex Association and backed by the Essex Association. That appeal would be a national appeal, and it would help the organisers if it had the backing of the Central Council. He was not going to suggest that they should make any subscription, certainly not that day, because after all their finances were not primarily for that kind of purpose, but if they passed a resolution approving of the scheme and notifying all the affiliated societies that it was approved by the Council, it would do more to help than if they merely gave a donation. He proposed that the Central Council back up the scheme and notify the affiliated societies that it did so (hear, hear).

The motion was at once agreed to.

The President said the hon. secretary had found it very useful to have copies of association reports as they came out. He would be very glad if the hon. secretary of each association would send him two copies.

The President said the next meeting of the Council would be in London, when the new rules would come fully into force and associations must pay affiliation fees based upon the number of members to which they were entitled.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. C. H. Kippin asked what had happened with regard to the committee appointed the previous year to go into the question of advancing the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

The President said the committee had had one meeting and still had the question before them. The Editor had introduced a new feature to try to interest more young ringers, and members of the Council could now assist by trying to induce young ringers to subscribe to the paper.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said this was one of the most important matters that could be brought before the Council. When Sir Arthur Heywood brought the Council into being it was principally to protect the rights of ringers and their interests in the future. Sir Arthur never had any idea that the members would come hundreds of miles to listen to a lot of twaddle that sent some of them to sleep and bored the remainder (laughter). What they should talk about were matters concerning their own future. There was a strong feeling growing up in many places and particularly in towns about church bellringing, and they would have to be very alert and prepared to meet that opposition. The only means they had of keeping in touch over things like this was through the ringing paper, and that paper only received scant support all over the country, compared to what it should receive. There were even a number of good ringers who did not support it, and in far too many cases there was only one copy taken for a tower and passed round. They could not put pressure on ringers to take the paper, but they could use their persuasive powers to induce them to do so. Hints for beginners were all very well, but in a month's time there was a fresh batch of beginners and it needed repeating all over again. What they wanted was more general support, and it behoved all ringers to do their best to increase the circulation.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president for the able way he had conducted the day's business, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr. W. H. Shaker proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary, who did a lot of work, not only during the meeting, but all through the year. He would also like to thank the secretary's able assistant (Mrs. Fletcher) for all she had done.

The President said he was sure the Council wished to give their best thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury for the use of that beautiful Council Chamber, one of the nicest rooms in which they had ever met. They also wished to thank the Bishop of Lichfield for his presence in the morning and for his address of welcome, the Shropshire Association for their hospitality, and Major Trevor Corbett, Mr. R. R. Pole and the committee who had made such excellent arrangements for the Council, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and all the towerkeepers.—These votes were duly accorded.

Mr. Walter Ayre moved a vote of thanks to the Methods Committee for all the work they had put in. They spent an enormous amount of time in the interests of the Council, and he could speak

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A HOT WEATHER CONTEST.

LIVERSEDGE WIN BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION'S SHIELD.

The annual shield contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Silkstone on Saturday, July 13th. The test piece was 504 changes of Minor. The draw for order of ringing resulted as follows: Shelley A team (1), New Mill (2), Wath (3), Sandal (4), Liversedge (5), Shelley B team (6), Holmfirth (7).

The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. A. Bagshaw) opened his grounds to the public and had chairs placed under the trees round the lawn, which the visitors gratefully availed themselves of, the day being very hot. Bowls and clock golf were also played on the lawn by anyone who wished to mix them with the ringing. A company of about 60 sat down to tea, served at the Ring o' Bells. The last band came down from the tower about 7.30.

The meeting was held on the lawn, the Vicar being voted to the chair, after being introduced to the company by Mr. C. D. Potter. Six new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next monthly meeting at Kirkthorpe.

The judges, Mr. W. Idle and Mr. G. Lewis, announced their adjudication as follows:—

Shelley A team: 110 faults, 10 penalties, total 120.

New Mill: Rung out.

Wath: 169 faults, 5 penalties, 174.

Sandal: 75 faults, 75.

Liversedge: 59 faults, 5 penalties, 64.

Shelley B team: Rung out.

Holmfirth: 70 faults, 70.

Liversedge were, therefore, declared winners.

The Vicar presented them with the shield, and Mr. Potter presented each member of the band with a case of fruit spoons.

The Vicar also presented some small prizes to winners of the clock golf tournament which had been played during the afternoon.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and concluded a most pleasant day.

BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.

RECAST AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

During the week-end the ringers of the St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, visited the Croydon Foundry to view the ring of ten bells which with one exception have been recast and entirely refitted. It certainly looks a magnificent job, and the final verdict is looked forward to with confidence when the rededication takes place some time about the end of August.

Each bell retains its original inscription, but in modern lettering, the cleanness of the casting being a strong point on all the bells. The new tenor is particularly ornate, and a delightful contrast to the stern simplicity of its predecessor. This makes the sixth new tenor to the peal.

A specially designed headstock has been fitted to the grand old ninth bell (date 1595), which resumes a long and faithful service, clean and fresh both in body and voice. The small sanctus bell, undated, but older even than the 9th bell, is accommodated in a small cage at the side of the frame. There will be something worth seeing in St. Mary's tower when ringing is resumed.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. Cyril Johnston, Miss Nora Johnston and the members of the staff, who individually and collectively made the visit so pleasant and interesting.

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personally of Mr. Trollope's willingness to supply Surprise methods to anyone who asked for them.—The motion was carried.

This concluded the business of the Council, which rose shortly before 6 p.m.

Afterwards members and their friends were the guests of the Shropshire Association at tea, which was served at the Lion Hotel.

Thanks to the association were voiced by the president and acknowledged by the Rev. E. C. Pigot, the hon. treasurer, in the absence of Major Trevor Corbett, the Master, for whose absence he apologised. He hoped the visit of the Council would put new life into the association.

Ringing took place at various churches in the evening, and afterwards a social took place, when many old friends had the opportunity of enjoying an hour or two together.

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As already indicated, there will be only a limited edition, and those who wish to make sure of a copy must order at once from the office of 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey. The price will be 2s. post free.

In addition to the story of 'A Great Adventure' the book will include many hitherto unpublished photographs and the history of ringing in Australia.

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RIPPINGALE BELLS RESTORED.

AN AUGMENTED RING.

On Saturday, June 29th, the bells of Rippingale were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln. The original peal of five have been retuned and a new treble added by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They have been rehung in an iron frame and ball bearings. It was a glorious day and nearly 70 ringers came to try the reconditioned peal. Their verdict was unanimous, 'A fine job.'

Tea was provided and afterwards the bells secretary (Mr. S. Laxton) gave an account of the means used to raise the amount, about £300. He stated that the sum received from the postcard competition was £85 (net £66 8s. 3d.).

The captain (Mr. Challand) welcomed all the ringers, and Mr. C. Harrison, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., also spoke.

Ringers came from Bourne, Morton, Edenham, Rotherham, Folkingham, Oakham, Deeping, Glinton, Boston and many other places. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. Rupert Richardson) and Mrs. Richardson came from Surfleet, and were very pleased with the tone of the peal and their sweet running.

The effort to raise funds for the work has only been started about three years, but the Rippingale band of ringers gave their salary of £10 for four years, and, thanks to the energetic work of the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Williams), practically all the necessary funds have been raised.

In addition to the work on the bells and frame, a new silence floor has been fixed.

The dedication service was very impressive and a good congregation assembled. Special singing by the choir and a splendid address by the Archdeacon helped to make the day a memorable one for all who attended, and also for all those who have so generously helped to make the peal second to none in Lincolnshire.

It is over 100 years since the bells were hung in a wooden frame and for some years they have been very difficult to ring. Then the deathwatch beetle got to work and so weakened the frame that something had to be done immediately. Now it is hoped to reap the benefit of the work. The Rector and churchwardens are very grateful for all the help they have had from fellow-ringers. The inscription on the new treble (weight 5¼ cwt.) is as follows:—

'Jubilee Bell, 1935. J. E. Williams, Rector. J. T. Bryan, Churchwarden. W. B. Williamson, Churchwarden. C. Challand, Capt. C. Pickering, Vice-Capt. S. Laxton, Bells Sec.'

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT MOULTON.

A LINK THROUGH DR. MADGE.

St. Albans ringers, under the leadership of their foreman, Mr. Goodenough, recently paid a visit to the Moulton, Northants, tower. The Moulton ringers, men and ladies, under the leadership of Foreman Tom Tebbutt, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Turner) were waiting to welcome them. The St. Albans ringers had the honour of being accompanied by Dr. S. Madge, F.S.A., who entertained both bands as his guests to tea at the Church Room. Both towers are indebted to Dr. Madge for his kindly gift in each case of a new treble bell.

The party were joined during the afternoon by the Rev. J. White (Rural Dean and president of the Northampton Guild) and the Rev. R. C. Thursfield (president of the Kettering Branch), Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. R. G. Black (diocesan secretary), Mr. T. Law (foreman, Weston Favell), Mr. J. Taylor (ex-foreman, St. Giles', Northampton), Mr. T. R. Hensher, of Finedon, late secretary of the Northampton Branch.

The ringing throughout the evening was of a high order, and did justice to the fine toned ring of eight. The handbell ringing after tea also was most enjoyable, and seemed to develop into a contest of touches between St. Albans and Northampton.

After a happy evening, the St. Albans band, having been allowed to ring to their hearts' content, drove off in their charabanc with all good wishes from Northamptonshire, which some had never visited before.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LOWEST PEAL TOTAL RECORDED.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Lichfield and proved very enjoyable. Upwards of 90 members and their friends were present, including visitors from Birmingham, Crewe, Derby, Erdington, Loughborough and Stoke. The bells of the city, including those of the Cathedral, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods. A bountiful tea was prepared in St. Mary's Hall by Mrs. Cresswell and her lady helpers.

The general meeting followed, when the Rev. — Cresswell, Vicar of St. Mary's, presided.

The report and statement of accounts were approved and ordered to be printed.

The hon. secretaries and auditor were re-elected, and Mr. F. Brotherton unanimously elected as Ringing Master. Messrs. B. Horton, J. Perry and H. Knight were chosen as representatives on the Central Council.

The following places were selected for the coming meetings: Kinver in September; St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, January; Walsall, April; and Lichfield (annual), June. Bi-monthly meetings, for practice, are to be arranged for the autumn and winter, of which due notice will be given.

Mr. C. Wallater made an appeal for help in the proposed scheme for rehanging the bells at Willenhall. In due course a letter of appeal will be sent to affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the Venerable Archdeacon Hugh Bright in his serious illness, and thanking him for what he has done for the society in the past. Needless to say, this was unanimously agreed to. The Chairman expressed the hope that the Archdeacon's advice and counsel would still be available for the Church and diocese which he loved so well.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, received with acclamation, terminated the meeting.

The committee's report stated that meetings held during the year were at Lichfield, Tettenhall, West Bromwich (Christ Church) and Pelsall, and were all well attended. A pleasing little ceremony was performed at the conclusion of the business at the annual meeting, when the Ven. Archdeacon Hugh Bright made a presentation of a gold bell-shaped pendant to Mr. H. Knight, accompanied by a cheque, in recognition of his services as honorary lay secretary for 26 years.

Messrs. T. J. Elton and H. Knight attended the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury, which was held in the fine old Council Chamber at the Castle, by the kindness of the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield gave the Council a welcome to the diocese. The number of peals rung during the year was the lowest for many years. One of Grandsire Cinques was rung in honour of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Kent; one of Stedman Cinques to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the reign of His Majesty the King; and one of Stedman Caters to commemorate the 70th birthday of His Majesty the King. The list was made up as follows: Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 2, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 2, Darlaston Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 2, total 15.

Through serious illness, the Venerable Archdeacon—who has been president of this society for the past twelve years—has felt obliged to resign his office, much to the sorrow of the members. His interest in the society and his chairmanship at the annual meetings have been greatly appreciated. The committee regretted to record the death of Mr. G. A. Martineau, of Solihull, and Mr. William Pye, of Leytonstone; also of Mr. W. A. Wood, hon. lay secretary for the society during its first two years, who attended the jubilee meeting 50 years later, as Mayor of Lichfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT CLENT.

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Clent, which is situated in some very beautiful country round the Clent Hills. There were about 75 members present, including Mr. William Short (Ringing Master of the association), Mr. Thomas Hemming (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. William Webb (Central Committee representative), Mr. Robert Matthews and others, including two visitors, Mr. J. Pagett and Mr. Albert Ward, of Derby.

Ringing on these nice old bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Hamilton Fox) and tea in the Parish Room.

At the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Old Hill in September, subject, of course, to the necessary permission being obtained.

The Chairman agreed to the quarterly peal being attempted at Clent, and the arrangements were left in the hands of Mr. William Short.

Among the new members elected were Mr. Connolly, of North Stoneham, a life member, and Mr. Horace Lacey, of Belbroughton, an ordinary member.

The meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, particular mention being made of Miss Thatcher, who had provided such an excellent tea.

Owing to illness near the church the ringing afterwards was somewhat curtailed, but handbell ringing was indulged in at the tower.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

HANDSOME GIFT TO ASTON BELLS FUND.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild was held in delightful weather at the old-world village of Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Before ascending the tower Mr. Roland Bragg showed those present over the ancient Parish Church, pointing out some interesting features. The peal of ten bells were recast and the tower and spire restored in 1932. Since then the chancel has been completely restored, and in due course, as funds are available, other portions of the church will be proceeded with.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Later on a very pleasant hour was spent on the bowling green of the George Hotel, which is reputed to be 600 years old.

Tea was served in the lovely garden of Dascombe's Cafe, and the business meeting was held there. In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the chair was taken by Mr. Vice-President Paddon Smith. He congratulated Mr. Tom Miller on attaining his 77th birthday anniversary that day, and, on behalf of the Guild, wished him still more happy returns of the day. He also greeted Mr. Vice-President Tom Russam and Mrs. Russam.

The secretary announced that the total amount contributed by the Guild to the Aston Bells Restoration Fund was £20 15s., and thanked them for their generous support.

The following tower elections were duly ratified: Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Chislehurst; Mr. Malcolm Melville, Anstey, Coventry; Mr. Harold G. Jenney, Leicester, all as life members; Mr. Eric Evans, Erdington, as a country member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston Parish Church on Saturday, October 5th, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Harborne Parish Church on Saturday, August 10th.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Roland Bragg for making all the local arrangements was proposed by the chairman, and this concluded the business.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION ATTENDANCE.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bosham on Saturday, July 6th. Twenty ringers were present from Bosham, Brighton, Arundel, Chichester, Heene, Lyminster and Portsmouth. At the short service an address was given by the Rev. G. Street, Vicar of Bosham, who extended to the ringers a hearty welcome. An excellent tea was provided at the Collins Tea Rooms, the Vicar and his wardens being present, also the choirboys.

At the business meeting the Vicar and his helpers were thanked for their kindness, and thanks were also accorded to the ladies and the organist.

The district secretary (Mr. A. W. Groves) said he was glad to see a good muster, but could not help thinking that there might have been many more if the local secretaries would only notify their bands after receiving intimation of the meeting. He had sent postcards to each one and gave notice in 'The Ringing World,' but had come across cases where members did not even know the meeting was taking place.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

312th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

The Saffron Walden Society has celebrated another anniversary, this being the 312th. Ringing took place in the evening of June 27th so that the day should not pass unobserved by the members, the method rung being Stedman Cinques.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, the festival was held on Saturday, June 29th, when there was a good attendance of visiting ringers. The bells were set going at 2 p.m., and touches were rung on 8, 10 and 12 bells during the afternoon.

A meat tea was served at the King's Arms, Mr. A. E. Pitstow (Master of the society) presiding. A choral service was held in the church, at which the Rev. F. T. Fogerty preached a very interesting sermon. After service all moved to the tower and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

The Saffron Walden Society held its annual outing on Monday, July 1st, and were once again favoured with beautiful weather. Leaving home at 9 a.m., the first call was made at Chelmsford, where the party was met by Mr. J. H. Clark. The bells of the Cathedral were set going to a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters, after which Stedman Cinques and London Surprise (on the back eight) were rung.

It was intended to ring at Prittlewell, but on arrival the bellhangers were found in command and so ringing was impossible. An excellent hot lunch was served at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Mr. Lufkin, of the local band, being a guest.

The afternoon was spent at Southend, some of the company going on the water to see the battleships lying out at sea, some going as far as Sheerness, whilst three, more musically-minded, made their way to the Westcliff bandstand and listened to a nice programme of music by the band of the Irish Guards.

On the return journey a call was made at Great Baddow, the methods rung being London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The next tower visited was Writtle, where a course of Superlative was attempted, but the ringing was stopped owing to a musical rehearsal in the church.

The homeward journey was ended at 10.45 p.m., all agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1935, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham, Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. Ringing as usual. The G.W.R., L.M. and S. and L. and N.E. will issue cheap tickets to Oxford for that day from any station not more than 60 miles rail journey.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District. — The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseal, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the New Village Hall. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers from other districts. Let us have a good meeting in this beautiful village. — Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hadley on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Denbigh Arms, at 5.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at a charge of 1s. per head. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Nayland on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Taylor's, Mill Street, at 5.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurmaston (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Buses every few minutes from Jubilee Road (Belgrave Road), Leicester. — Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. I should be glad if all who can make it convenient will attend.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Earlsheaton on Saturday, July 20th. Draw 2.45 p.m. — L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Great Doddington, near Wellingborough. Bells (5). Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hodnet July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Axbridge Deanery. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill on Saturday, July 20th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Rochdale and Manchester branches is being held at Moorside on Saturday, July 20th. These bells are in perfect order and have a grand tone. Roll up and make the meeting a success. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—H. Hamer and D. Brown, Hon. Branch Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Pavenham on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ideal spot for a summer meeting. You will be very welcome. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 20th. This grand ring of bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Tenterden to-morrow (Saturday, July 20th). Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Make it a record attendance. — H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Barnes, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (sweet 8) 3.30. Service 5. Tea, followed by meeting, 5.30. Further ringing till 8.30. A welcome for all, but please advise me re tea. Buses 37, 33, 73, 9. S.R. half a mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Rippingale. Bells (6), lately restored by J. Taylor and Co., will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

SPLICED PLEASURE. — Rickmansworth, Herts (8 bells), Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea and meeting 5.30. Direct train or coach service. Plenty of room for your bike. A real pow-wow meeting.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton to-morrow (Saturday, July 20th). Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Woodford on Wednesday, July 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. —E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea (9d. per head) notify me not later than Tuesday, July 23rd? Important business to be discussed at this meeting. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Pebmarsh on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday morning, 24th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Baslow (6 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Edensor bells (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. No arrangement made for tea. Subscriptions are due. — J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. If fine, tea will be held, by kind permission, in the grounds of Cecil House, if wet in the Schoolroom. It is most essential that all those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. There is a frequent bus service to and from Brentwood.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival and meeting will be held at Norbury Church (Hazel Grove), near Stockport, on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with dedication of the Memorial Tablet to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, at 3 p.m. Meeting 4 (in the schools). Tea (also in the schools) at 5, price 2s. Members 1s. 6d. Tickets may be obtained from the general secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire, or from the branch secretaries.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Whitley Bay on Saturday, July 27th. Bells of St. Paul's available at 3 o'clock. Evensong in church at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me before the 24th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonicorum, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Everybody welcome. — C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should advise me by July 24th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations of officers. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Rectory Garden, followed by business meeting. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. All ringers welcome. —A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and South Norfolk Association will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. C. Sharpe and Nolan Golden, Dis. Secs.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Sedlescombe on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Chenies (6 bells) on Saturday, July 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than July 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — T. Grant, Hon. Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Iron Acton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than the 24th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The summer meeting of the above will be held at Mapledurham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 till 8 p.m. Ringers' service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head) at Mapledurham Lock. By special permission cyclists can use the bridle path from the Warren, Caversham, and pedestrians can cross the 'Roebuck Ferry' and walk across the fields. Corporation buses run from the centre of the town to the Roebuck Hotel. Please let me know how many for tea by Wednesday, July 24th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Stanground on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A new treble bell has just been added to this tower. — H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, July 27th. 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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Otley Parish Church on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea afterwards. Everybody welcome, but please send numbers for tea to Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham, by Thursday, 25th.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The annual branch meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All welcome and a good attendance hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MARRIAGE.

MARCON—NORTON.—On July 13th, at Boultham Church, Lincoln, by the Rev. W. W. Leeke, Harold, younger son of the late Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Marcon, Wragby Road, Lincoln, to Sylvia May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Norton, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL DEBATES.

Largely on account of one long speech that was made at the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury, and that speech dealing with a subject which not everyone fully understood—we refer to the technical and not the personal side of the question—members of the Council have been inclined to speak of a great waste of time and, in some cases, to refer in similar terms to the whole meeting. With the latter suggestion we profoundly disagree, and we are equally at variance with those who look upon the discussion of technical subjects as 'boredom,' or who complain that they have been brought hundreds of miles to listen to 'twaddle.' It may be perfectly true that to occupy nearly forty minutes with one speech is making an unconscionable claim on the time and patience of the Council, and it would be well if something could be done, say, the imposition of a time limit, to prevent it happening in future, but technical subjects are undoubtedly matters for the Council to discuss. When they get beyond the comprehension of a member, or he has reached the stage of boredom, there is nothing to prevent him from doing as is done every day in the mother of Parliaments, going outside and finding some other relaxation, if only smoking his pipe, or, as, again, is done in Parliament, taking a nap. No one is compelled to sit through a discussion in which he has no interest or which he cannot follow. The doors are not locked to keep him from getting out.

What we dislike is to hear members publicly try to dismiss a subject as a waste of time and of no importance because they are not personally interested, or because they do not fully comprehend it. It may be true that only comparatively few can intelligently discuss it, but that is no reason why the impression should be created that it is of no interest or importance to the art of ringing, or to the Exercise. The Council chamber is the forum in which to discuss every phase of bellringing, and subjects like the contents of a book, for which the Council has to foot the bill and take the ultimate responsibility, or providing definitions for the future guidance of ringers, cannot be ruled out because certain aspects do not appeal to some of the members. The Council, however, has it in its own hands to direct its procedure, to limit the length of speeches, or provide the proper machinery for the introduction of amendments on technical matters.

The Shrewsbury meeting was but another instance of that 'crowding out' of the end of the agenda which has occurred from time to time. It once more illustrated the need for some overhaul of the procedure so that motions, of which due notice has been given, shall not be un-

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necessarily rushed because an undue amount of time has been absorbed by the business preceding them. And here there is point in the suggestion made by a representative of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild that the Council should meet at an earlier hour than eleven o'clock. There is often a thinning out of the meeting towards the close by the departure of members who have to leave to get to their distant homes the same night. Now that the Standing Committee, who used not to meet until the same morning as the Council, have taken to tackling some of their business overnight, it ought to be possible for the Council to meet at least half an hour earlier. This would save, at any rate, some of the congestion at the end of the afternoon.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	...*Treble*	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	6
EDITH K. FLETCHER	2	HAROLD V. FROST	7
GEORGE GRAY	3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	8
GEORGE B. COLLINS... ...	4	JOSEPH LADLEY	9
*STANLEY CARTER	5	†SIDNEY CADLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
ALBERT DISERENS	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	8
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	9
JACK M. CRIPPS	5	OLIVER SIFFETTS	...*Tenor*

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT	...*Treble*	WILFRED J. MOSS	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... ...	2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ...	6
ALFRED BARNES	3	FREDERICK PAGE...	7
STEPHEN L. PARRY	4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. F. Smallwood and also the conductor, who were leaving the district to take up residence at Bath and Lancing, Sussex, respectively.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B.

*KEITH CONSTABLE ...	...*Treble*	*CLIFFORD BIRD	5
*MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	2	ERNEST G. SHORTING ...	6
HANBURY F. CARTER ...	3	WALTER MILLER	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WALTER C. MEDLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Oxford.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 15, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*JOSEPH REED	...Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD	5
EDWARD F. MAWBY	2	ERNEST SEDDON	6
WILLIAM BRAMMER	3	CHARLES OLLIER	7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD	4	FREDERICK PAGE	...Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving to take up residence in Sussex. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. George Daniels, who has been a life-long worker for the church.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE HAYDEN	...Treble	CHARLES A. HUGHES	5
EDWARD G. TALBOT	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	3	JOHN W. EUSTON	7
ERNEST FURBANK	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WILFRED TAFFENDER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Hayden.

GREAT YARMOUTH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30¼ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN KENYON	...Treble	ARTHUR G. KING	5
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD	2	ALFRED G. MOY	6
ROBERT D. TOOLEY	3	EDWARD P. KETT	7
*WILLIAM BARBER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Robert D. Tooley. The composition contains the extent of the 6.4's, 6.5's, 4.6's, 5.6's, 7.4.6.8's and 7.5.6.8's, and is rung for the first time.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	...Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	6
*JOHN V. CROSS	3	FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
HENRY HODGETTS	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. G. Montague-Hall, wife of the Rector of St. James', Bushey.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	...Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	EDWIN BARNETT	7
MISS MOLLIE REDPATH	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The conductor's 400th peal.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REGINALD CHANCE	...Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	C. HOWARD STANLEY	6
THOMAS HEMMING	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

Rung on the occasion of the children's party and sports, organised in connection with this church.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERNEST F. POPPY	...Treble	*WILLIAM FLATT	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
FREDERICK ROOPE	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
STANLEY S. COPLING	4	ERNEST WHITING	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

* Fiftieth peal. By ringing the above peal, the conductor has 'completed the circle' in this tower, making the ninth ring of eight circled to a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising three 480's Little Bob, two 720's Oxford Single Bob, two 720's Double Oxford Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*HARRY THELWELL	...Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD	4
*ARTHUR JERVIS	2	HARRY PARKER	5
RICHARD T. HOLDING	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a wedding compliment for the ringer of the 2nd and for the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

SKENFRITH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR A. REYNOLDS	...Treble	GEORGE L. CORNWALL	4
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	2	FREDERIC E. J. REYNOLDS	5
JOHN J. WEBB	3	CHARLES L. SADLER	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	...Treble	ANTHONY V. DENT	4
GEORGE E PADGETT	2	*FREDERICK PICKARD	5
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	...Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

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On Saturday, July 20, 1935, 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 Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JACK N. A. PUMFREY	...*Treble*	†HANBURY F. CARTER	... 4
WALTER C. MEDLER...	... 2	ERIC DURRANT ...	 5
†MRS. H. F. CARTER ...	... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal, aged 13. † First peal in three methods.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST G. SHORTING...	...*Treble*	RUSSELL W. CURSON...	... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ...	 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	... 5
GEORGE T. BUNNING ...	... 3	JOHN A. GODFREY	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A WEEK-END IN WILTSHIRE.

THE VAGARIES OF A BUS.

Following their usual practice, the St. John's, Leytonstone, Society made their 36th annual outing a week-end trip. Their headquarters were at the Elm Tree Hotel, Devizes, which they reached on a Friday evening. In good time next morning they left for a country tour, which included Urchfont, where they found a good peal of eight, which were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge; Market Lavington, where the ringing included 720 Southwell; and Potterne, where 720 Durham was rung.

After lunch at headquarters, Westbury's fine bells claimed attention, and Bratton was visited and 720 York rung. Then came misfortune. The bus, after several frantic attempts to get a move on, finally broke down under the shadow of Westbury White Horse (not one of the White Horse's within the meaning of the Act). After a somewhat lengthy wait the services of a friendly lorry driver were enlisted, and the party were towed back to Westbury. Adjustments were made and the party eventually reached Warminster 90 minutes late. A consultation was held and it was decided to carry out the programme as arranged, except that short touches should be substituted for 720's. So, after tea and touches of Stedman and Double Norwich at Warminster, visits were paid to Heytesbury and Sutton Veney. It was found possible, however, to include a 720 of Norwich at the latter tower. On the way back to headquarters the bus again failed, but this time conveniently outside a wayside hostel, of which good use was made while waiting for a relief vehicle. Headquarters were reached eventually round about 11.15 p.m.

Before breakfast next morning 720 of 'Laminated' was attempted at St. Mary's Church, Devizes, but, through a shift course, failed to materialise. A good 720 of Cambridge was, however, rung for the early service. The visitors were at St. James' by 9 a.m. and rang 720 each of Cambridge and Beverley. Then they went on to St. John's to ring for morning service, and on this grand eight touches of Stedman, Cambridge, Grandsire and Double Norwich were brought round. Promptly at 1 p.m. they were off again, bound for Holt, a light six, on which a 720 of Beverley and a touch of London were rung. Here they were met by Mr. West, who piloted them to Melksham, another good eight, of which full use was made; Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and a course of London Major, said to be the first on the bells, were brought home. After tea the last tower, Laycock, was visited. Here they found a fairly good six, but the 'go' was not quite what it might have been. The bells evidently need a little attention, but it was understood from the 'natives' that they had only just got these bells going again after 40 years' silence, and they deserve every praise for their efforts. Short touches of London, Cambridge and Kent were rung. Train was joined at Chippenham and London duly reached at 8.20 p.m.

The members of the party wish to thank most sincerely all those whose assistance made the outing a success.

FOR BEGINNERS.

'COMPOSING AS YOU GO.'

A correspondent has asked us to tell him—and others—how to make up touches as he goes. This is not quite a beginner's subject, but as he says it would be an encouragement to know how to do it, we will try to give some elementary hints.

First of all, the beginner has got to be able to 'read' the bells. He must be able to follow their coursing order, know what effect a bob will have and so on; and before he becomes really proficient, he will have to know quite a lot about what was once described as 'Mr. Q—the mystery man,' in other words, Q sets.

Our enquirer, thirsting for knowledge, did not say in what method he wanted to be able to 'compose as he goes,' but for everybody's benefit it must be, to begin with, in something simple, so let us talk about Plain Bob.

First of all you must know what a bob will do. Well, it transposes three bells. Called at the end of the course, 234 becomes 423; 423 becomes 342; and 342 becomes 234. Thus, you see, three bobs, if called in the same relative places, bring you back to where you started from, and you have a touch of three courses—336 of Major or 160 of Minor.

'Oh, yes,' you will say, 'I know that.' Well, it is on this you have to build up your touch. This one was produced by three bobs 'Home,' which form a complete Q set. A similar one can be obtained with three bobs 'Middle,' or three bobs 'Wrong.'

Knowing that, you can 'splice' all three of these touches together. Three bobs 'Wrong' bring the bells back into the plain course; you can then call them out of the plain course and back again with three bobs 'Middle' and repeat the process with three bobs 'Home.' Your extra three bobs do not add three courses; they add only two, because the first of the calls is in an existing course.

Now, if any block of three bobs called in this way bring you back to your starting point, it is obvious that they can be inserted at any point. Your three Middles can follow the first or the second of the Wrongs, as well as the third; and the Homes can come between either of the Middles. There are many ways in which you can 'mix them up,' but there is a snag. Unless you are very careful, if you do not call the three spliced-in bobs in three consecutive courses, you may find yourself in trouble and either get a false touch or one much longer than you bargained for.

Don't suppose for one moment that you can necessarily try it out successfully in the tower by merely having read these notes. Spend a little time experimenting with paper and pencil. Put down some short touch you know and then try and expand it by adding courses which are not already there in whole or in part. If you want something to start with, here is a familiar 560 of Bob Major. See how many touches you can get out of it simply by the addition of three Wrongs, three Middles or three Homes.

23456	W.	H.
52436	—	
35426	—	
42356	—	—
34256		—
23456		—

NORTH SHIELDS RINGERS AT YORK.

North Shields ringers visited York for their annual outing, and, thanks to Mr. A. E. Fearnley, of the Minster company, had a very interesting and pleasant day, although disappointed in not getting a ring on the Minster bells. However, the party were taken on to Escrick, where there is a beautiful ring of eight. Two touches of Stedman Triples were rung, but during a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major the tenor rope broke. After splicing the rope and a stroll round the village, the visitors returned to York, where they partook of tea, and then spent an hour in friendly billiard matches. After this they rambled down to the river, and 'boat racing' was indulged in. Returning to the city, refreshments and a fish supper brought the visit to a close. The visitors are very grateful to Mr. Fearnley for his kindness in showing them round the Minster, the city walls and other interesting parts of the city, and for taking them to Escrick. They also thank the Vicar of Escrick for the use of the bells.

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THE 'SPLICED' RESOLUTIONS.

PRESENT POSITION UNSATISFACTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It would be idle pretence to say that the discussion on the 'Spliced' resolutions was satisfactory to the proposer and seconder. The lateness of the hour and the consequent shortness of time, as well as the obvious tiredness of many members of the Council, were all against a good debate. There can, however, be hardly any doubt that all who are willing to listen to a reasonable argument will agree that the present position is unsatisfactory. All peals of Triples, Major, etc., all 720's of Minor and six-scores of Doubles, rung in two or more methods, are classified as Spliced, quite irrespective of the merits of the performances. A band capable of ringing Double Norwich Major would find less difficulty in ringing a peal consisting of half a peal in this method and half a peal of Bob Major, with *one* change of method throughout, than it would in ringing a whole peal in the former method. Yet the same band might quite easily get completely tied up by a peal in these two methods with a change of method two or three times in every course, or at every lead end. (For the purpose of giving an example I am assuming that such a peal in these two methods is a possibility.) There is a great difference between peals spliced in half-peals, or on the lengthy block plan, and peals spliced in leads, such as the Law James' peal in four Surprise methods, and it is quite time that something was done to place the easier compositions, often much easier than peals in one of the methods alone, in a class by themselves. Indeed, after the admirable article in your issue of June 7th, it is surprising that any member of the Council could have objected, at any rate, to the principle of the resolutions.

What were the objections? There was the usual attack from Mr. Percy Johnson, who, when he is either not interested in a subject, or does not understand it, pours ridicule on it, without assisting anybody to find a solution. Then we had the objection from Mr. Hunt, who, because he does not like a certain class of Spliced peal, in which some of the bells, or perhaps all the bells, do not do all the work of a method, moved an amendment to excude from the Spliced class nearly all the best performances yet accomplished on six, eight, ten and twelve bells. He is reported as having said that you do not ring a Major method unless you ring seven leads of it. Well, there are only five leads in any of the courses in the compositions of Double Norwich in the C.C. collection, Section III., pages 355-6-7-8, and these compositions have been rung probably hundreds of times. But perhaps Mr. Hunt did not mean what he said. He may imagine that if you ring five leads of a course two or more times you are getting over the difficulty, but you are not. In none of these peals of Double Norwich do the tenors ring more than five leads of the course. Besides these, and the peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and London Surprise referred to in your leading article this week, there are many more similar instances. There are numbers of peals of Grandsire Caters and Cinques with certain fixed bells not doing all the work; Stedman Caters with a certain bell never doing the slow work; Rutland Surprise Major with a lead missing for the tenors; and, lastly, the peal of Silchester Surprise Major rung not very long ago in Suffolk in *three lead courses*! Why, then, complain of the Spliced peals? They transgress no law of ringing that has not been transgressed before. If only one lead of a method is included, that method has been rung, as *all the work of the method is in the lead*, at any rate, so we are told in 'Rules and Decisions' of the Council.

When saying 'that a Spliced or Laminated(?) peal *shall* contain a full course of each method rung,' Mr. Hunt is putting up an impossible condition. The late Rev. H. Law James spent many years working on this subject before producing his masterpiece; whilst Mr. A. J. Pitman has given us some wonderful peals in from four to 16 Surprise Major methods. Neither of these gentlemen have been able to introduce full courses of all the methods. Indeed, with one exception, there are no full courses in any of the compositions in three or more Surprise methods which either of these gentlemen have composed—the one exception contains just two full courses of *one* method only.

Mr. Hunt referred to a composition by Mr. J. W. Parker as being the most perfect Spliced peal ever composed. The peal of Superlative and Cambridge composed by Mr. Parker and rung at Whitley Bay in 1924 did not contain a full course of either method throughout. As far as I am aware, only one peal of Surprise Major in more than one method has been composed with full courses. This was by Mr. Pitman, and it was rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, in February, 1928, by the Midland Counties Association. It was, however, on the 'half and half' plan, with only *one* change of method in the peal. Even if this is not the only peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing the qualities so earnestly desired by Mr. Hunt, it is one of a very few, whereas there are scores of peals spliced in leads, much more popular, and much more difficult to ring.

Seeing that this amendment will, unless it is withdrawn, be down for discussion next year, it will be as well to see what its effect will be, should it be carried. It would rule out of the Spliced class all the peals of Spliced Royal and Maximus yet composed and/or rung; nearly all the peals of Spliced Surprise Major yet composed and/or

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A WELCOME TO MACHEN.

A quarterly meeting was held at Machen on Saturday last. The bells, a ring of eight, tenor about 14 cwt., were raised soon after 3 o'clock and rung in various methods. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Oswell, M.A. (Vicar). Tea followed in the old Church Schoolroom, adjacent to the church.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who extended a hearty and cordial welcome to the ringers.

Instructors' reports, restorations, augmentations, etc., were dealt with. The opening of the new ring of eight for Penarth is to take place at the end of September. That of the restored ring of eight at Cowbridge will follow soon after.

The representative to the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury gave his report, for which he was thanked. The hon. secretary gave the report of the monthly meetings held and also a report of the ringing done for the King's Jubilee. Several new members were elected.

Chepstow was chosen for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting.

The hon. secretary described the proposal to publish in book form the story of the ringing tour in Australia and New Zealand, and distributed the forms which can be used for ordering the book.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality in providing tea and to the ladies who waited on the company, the ringers returned to the tower for more ringing. The Vicar, himself a ringer, took part in Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The meeting proved a most pleasant, enjoyable and successful one.

SPLICED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not intend to carry on any controversy on the above. I want to explain what I mean by a full course. I do not mean that all bells shall do the work. Everyone knows that in any ordinary peal of Major, the tenors do not do the same work as the other five. My contention is that in *Major peals* 224 changes should be rung of any one method (these need not be continuous). My seconder, Mr. J. Parker, and I are both in agreement as to accepting Mr. Stephen Wood's proposition, and we believe it is the best for all.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

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rung; and all the finest performances of Minor. The 42 method peal rung at Disley on Feb. 9th last does not contain full courses of over half of the methods included. It would be most extraordinary if it did, seeing that there are only 42 courses in the peal, and the 42 methods would have to be *very* evenly divided to fit. And, of course, it would be impossible to include more than 42 methods in a 5,040 Minor, with this amendment passed into law, and still call it spliced. Yet Mr. A. J. Driver tells us that he has arranged 69 Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods in seven 720's. He really should not do it!

A peal in 14 methods (seven 720's) rung at Bigby, Lincs, on February 14th, conducted by Mr. G. E. Feirn, contained 24 changes of method in each 720; 168 changes in all. How is it possible for such a peal to contain full courses of any method? The 32 Surprise methods peal rung at Lamberhurst a few months ago, conducted by Mr. Relfe, with 71 changes of method, is another instance. Minor ringers, you must be careful, you go too fast!

I can assure Mr. Hunt that it took many people several weeks to get those resolutions into presentable shape, and he would indeed be a remarkable man who could frame an amendment in two minutes and find it perfect.

I have already referred to the Council's definition of a lead. 'Each lead *shall reverse true to itself*, and, together with the hunting and placemaking that connect it with the next lead, *shall contain the whole working of the method*.' I have italicised parts of this decision. The popular way of splicing Kent and Oxford Treble Bob is to ring Kent, with Oxford places spread over those rows when the treble is below 3-4, at certain leads only. This creates a lead which does not fit in with the above definition. It is not symmetrical, and it is, therefore, not a legitimate method. Further, the lead so treated does not contain all the working of either one or other method. Seeing that it is possible to get peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal or Maximus, spliced at the *lead end*, the other types of peals should be placed in a class by themselves.

Mr. Stephen Wood's amendment has had the effect of postponing the matter until next year's meeting of the Council. In the meantime, conductors are asked, when sending in the reports of their peals, to give reference to the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another. This may be a satisfactory way out, but to be so the information must be forthcoming. Short of that there is nothing for it but for the resolutions to be pressed on the Council for adoption and insertion in its 'Rules and Decisions.'

C. T. COLES.

DEATH OF THE REV. E. S. C. LOCK.

MASTER OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 19th, the death occurred of Ernest Seppings Cardew Lock, M.A., R.D., priest. He had been the Vicar of West Pennard since 1916, and Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association since 1925.

As a parish priest he was loved by all sections of the community. When in April this year he underwent a major operation, his parishioners, whatever their creed, showed great anxiety for his welfare. He had then almost succeeded in raising some £1,700 for the repair of his church roof. This, in a village of 700 inhabitants, was a colossal undertaking, but it was typical of his character that he had sufficient faith bravely to face such a great task.

As a ringer, he was very much in earnest. His peals numbered but three, but this is no criterion of the lasting value of the work he did amongst ringers. His was the idea, which is now almost a tradition, that at the diocesan ringers' meetings the service touch should be rung by the best available band, thus illustrating his personal creed that nothing is too good or costly to give to God and no sacrifice too great.

As Master of the Association he endeared himself to all, and everyone loved him for himself, a Christian gentleman. Modest and retiring, he nevertheless kept a steady hand on the conduct of the Guild. He was an inspiration to the writer, who regularly took to him the little difficulties which arise in dealing with a large body of ringers. It was such an errand that took him to West Pennard on Saturday morning, to find the village overcast with gloom and the flag on the church at half-mast.

The interment took place at West Pennard on Monday last, where the church was packed to the doors. The officiating clergy were the Very Rev. Bishop de Salis, Canon J. M. Alcock (representing the Bishop of the diocese), the Rev. H. Hurn (Acting Rural Dean) and the Rev. H. Hughes. Many other clergy were present.

The ringers who attended were Mr. W. A. Cave (Central Council and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary), Mr. D. G. Taylor (hon. auditor), Mr. P. Merson (hon. secretary, Taunton Branch), Mr. F. D. Rickards (hon. secretary, Glaston Branch), Mr. W. A. Osborn and Mr. H. J. Sanger (Cary Branch), Mr. J. Metcalfe (Frome Branch), Mr. W. Tiley and Mr. R. Roberts (Axbridge Branch), Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater Branch), Mr. H. Trimm (Glastonbury), and the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (president of the Frome Branch), representing the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells round the grave.

Later, on the tower bells, the whole pull and stand was rung 63 times, and many other ringers rang muffled touches during the rest of the day.

HOLBORN GUILD'S EXCURSION.

A VISIT TO OXFORD.

The annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild took place on Saturday, July 6th, when a party of 27 left Paddington by the 8.40 a.m. for Reading, where they were met by Messrs. G. Martin, H. S. Hawkins, J. C. Truss and Frank Boreham. After congratulating George on his Australian trip, the party proceeded by motor-coach to Dorchester Abbey, where ringing took place in various methods for an hour. Then, after a look round the interesting old building, the party made their way to Oxford, where lunch was partaken of at the Oriel Cafe. The health of the president, the Rev. E. C. Bedford, M.A. (who, unfortunately, was unable to accompany the party), was proposed by Mr. W. R. Dennis, the Ringing Master, and was heartily received. After lunch Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung at St. Giles' Church, and a visit made to Christ Church. Under the guidance of Messrs. H. Miles and W. G. C. Collett, the visitors were conducted over parts of the Cathedral, the ringing room and dining hall. Some also paid a visit to Big Tom, while others were seen trying to snap the fish in the pond. The journey was then resumed to Harwell, which was safely reached after a delightful ride through some gorgeous country. They were heartily welcomed by Mr. Hickman, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. Tea on the lawn of the Chequers Inn was followed by a little handbell ringing, tunes being rung by Messrs. G. Martin, J. C. Truss and J. S. Hawkins. Then a splendid run over the Churn Downs brought the party to Caversham, where Mr. Harry Simmonds was awaiting them, and congratulated the party on their punctuality. Various methods were rung in which several of the Caversham ringers took part. Afterwards at The Griffin, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. R. Dennis, a smoking concert was held, songs being contributed by Messrs. Tom Benney, H. Alford, E. G. Fenn, F. Freestone and H. Simmonds. Mr. A. A. Hughes contributed a Somerset story, and during the proceedings the healths of 'The Ringing Master' and 'The Secretary' were proposed and received with musical honours. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. Bert Cullum for making the visit to Caversham so enjoyable. Paddington was eventually safely reached at 11 p.m., everyone having enjoyed a very happy day.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY AND GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICTS ENTERTAINED.

A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough Districts was held at Bigby in ideal weather. The Gainsborough District were not largely represented, the majority from this area being from Gainsborough itself. Grimsby District was represented by members from Barrow-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Waltham, Thornton Curtis and the local members. Mr. F. S. W. Butler (hon. general secretary of the branch) and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell, of Cleethorpes, were among those present. The service was conducted by the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry), who gave an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. An interesting feature of the service was a solo, 'My Task,' sung by Mr. W. Bramwell. A splendid tea was provided in the school by Archdeacon and Mrs. Parry, about 35 sitting down. The Lincolnshire ham was the 'star turn' on the menu.

The President kindly presided over the meetings of both districts. One new member, Mr. G. E. Poole, of Ulceby, was elected. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 14s.

The President was asked to give a short account of the doings of the Central Council meeting held at Shrewsbury, which he had attended. Incidentally the president knows something about spliced methods, as he told the meeting he once rang a touch of 'spliced' five miles from Shrewsbury, and carried the bell away with him. He did not say whether it was the tenor or treble, but very soon it was discovered to be the 'treble belle,' who was sitting by his side.

Mr. F. S. Butler moved a hearty vote of thanks to the president for his hospitality and for conducting the service, to all those who had made arrangements, to the ladies for catering, to the local ringers, to Mr. Bramwell for his excellent rendering of the solo, and to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ.—The President, replying, said he did not know they had such talent amongst them until he heard Mr. Bramwell that afternoon. Afterwards handbells were brought into use; some adjourned to the tower and others to the Rectory grounds, kindly thrown open to them by the president.

A very pleasant meeting was held by the Grimsby District at Thornton Curtis in beautiful weather on Saturday, July 20th. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and, in addition, bowls, clock golf and hoop-la were available. The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Park) and Mrs. Park are great friends of ringers and always do their utmost for the comfort of them. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address and a hearty welcome. Mr. H. Rushby kindly presided at the organ, Mr. Warburton also attending in case Mr. Rushby was absent. A party of 35 afterwards sat down to a very enjoyable tea provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Park.

The business meeting took place on the lawn, the Rev. J. H. Park presiding. The towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Waltham, Killingholme and the local members. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 12s. 8d.

Replying to the comprehensive vote of thanks, the Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to have them at Thornton Curtis, as he knew the great work ringers were doing and the sacrifice they made to ring in their various towers. He especially thanked Mr. G. Atkinson, the local captain, for his work and friendship while he has been at Thornton Curtis.

Members then indulged in handbell ringing and games, and the tower bells were well utilised. It was another pleasant meeting.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LINGFIELD 'JOINS UP.'

A most successful meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Lingfield, where the peal was recently augmented from five to eight. The bells are a delight to the ear and a pleasure to pull. The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Owen) took the service and preached a delightfully short sermon lasting under ten minutes. Would that certain other parsons did the same! About 32 sat down to tea, but one wishes that a larger percentage of the company had been resident Southern District members. Some well-known faces were conspicuous by their absence. The company was graced by four expert lady ringers. Was one of them the elusive Kate? These ladies came from such divergent places that one wonders if Southern District ringers are extraordinarily attractive.

After tea the business meeting was held, at which the Rev. J. A. Owen took the chair. All the Lingfield band were elected members of the association—12 of them, some of whom are youngsters, and, judging by their ringing of rounds earlier in the afternoon, good promising material. While some visiting ringers on their outing were ringing, Mr. Kippin entertained the meeting with some amusing Central Councilarities.

Most of the Southern District towers were represented, together with one or two from the North-Western District, with a few ringers from Sussex and Kent towers as well. The ringing, which was of a very high standard, ranged from rounds for the beginners up to London Surprise for the expert. The proceedings then terminated with the bells being magnificently lowered in peal at the hour of nine.

A ROUND OF SIX-BELL TOWERS.

SURREY RINGERS AMALGAMATE FOR AN OUTING.

Once again the ringers of the sleepy little villages of Merstham, Buckland and Charlwood amalgamated for the very excellent purpose of having another of the good old 'busman's' holidays so much beloved of the ringing fraternity. Early one morning they visited Albury to sample the newly-recast six bells. These having been tried and pronounced 'O.K.,' the ringers made for Bramley, where they both rang and refreshed themselves. Then on to Puttenham via Guildford, where a Charlwood ringer recounted how one night he fell off a high wall while he was supposed to be on police patrol. We have only his word for it that he had not visited the local hostelry. Puttenham is a charming village lying neath the Hog's Back with an equally pretty church, containing six bells. These were set merrily going to all sorts of things (some of which are not to be found in any text book on ringing). But never mind. Afterwards a dinner to delight the eye and stomach of any self-respecting ringer was ready at the Jolly Farmer. This disposed of, followed by handbells, a smoke and rest, the coach was headed to Frensham. These bells (6) were much admired, as was the fine weatherworn tower. Between Frensham and Milland was enjoyed some of the most glorious scenery of the day. First wild lonely heatherlands gradually changing to simply glorious banks and banks of rhododendrons. After searching the trees, Milland Church was at last found, and Mr. Watts gave the visitors a very warm welcome. The bells were so much admired by one visitor that he tried hard to hang himself on them, and nearly succeeded, too, as well as 'doing in' the writer at the same time. In the churchyard is a very small church (the original church for Milland, one supposes), complete with one bell in a turret, which, of course, the less responsible members of the party had to jingle-jangle, to the annoyance of the bird inhabitants. Mine host of the Black Fox then set the visitors a plain course of a substantial tea, which was brought round without so much as a trip. Then on through some more lovely country via Cowdray Park to the village of Wisborough Green, whose beautiful bells were soon set going to some really 'good stuff.' Indeed, it was the best ringing of the day. After the ringing the much worried organiser spent an anxious half-hour chasing thirsty ringers between two bars, then into the coach. The journey was then resumed to Horsham, the only eight-bell tower visited during the day. The ringing, on the whole, was of a pretty good standard, and ranged from Grandsire Doubles and Triples to Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and College Exercise, Violet Treble Bob, Carlisle Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Ellis, Thorpe, Edwards, Killick and Wells. Everybody seemed to have a perfectly enjoyable day.

AMONG NORFOLK BELLS.

After the hectic week from the 2nd to the 6th July, celebrating the Jubilee of their Majesties the King and Queen and the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the town as a borough with a grand carnival, which was an unqualified success, the members of St. Margaret's Society, Lowestoft, recuperating from the exertions entailed by the aforesaid carnival, took advantage of the splendid weather and had their annual outing on Thursday, July 11th. Owing to business circumstances, this has to be a half-day affair, so at 2 p.m. the party, consisting of 14 members, left 'the land of the rising sun' for a run into Norfolk.

The 'patriarch' of the society (Young Woodley) had mapped out the route, and in one of Messrs. P. W. Watson and Son's coastal coaches the party set out for Redenhall, via Beccles and Flixton Park Avenue, Bungay, and, on arriving at St. Mary's Church, were met by Mr. J. Davey, the sexton. Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung. During the ringing, the six who were not ringing were duly initiated by Mr. Davey into the mysteries of 'water divining' and how to locate 'gold.' The venue next was Pulham, and, on arriving at St. Mary Magdalen Church, they were met by Mr. E. Whiting. Touches of Bob Major were rung, conducted by A. Coleman, and a 536 of Kent Treble Bob, by E. Whiting. The company then adjourned for tea, which was partaken of at the King's Head Hotel, the host of which is a well-known ringer, viz., Mr. C. P. Brice (once well known at St. Stephen's, Westminster). 'Boniface' was, however, absent on business, but he had an excellent substitute in Miss Brice, and a splendid tea was partaken of by the visitors, including Mr. E. Whiting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Brice for her catering. The visitors then departed for Saxlingham Nethergate, where they were met by Mr. W. L. Duffield and Mr. G. Poyntz. So on this pretty little peal (tenor 8 cwt.) touches of Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were attempted. While the touches of Bob Major were successful, the Treble Bob methods were a little too much for some of the visitors owing to lack of practice. At 9 p.m. a move was made for home, via Dickleburgh and Scole, and on to Harleston, where at the Magpie Hotel light refreshments were partaken of. Lowestoft was reached at 11.55 p.m. after a most enjoyable outing.

The members of the society wish to thank the various incumbents for granting permission for ringing, also Messrs. J. Davey, E. Whiting, W. L. Duffield and G. Poyntz for meeting them. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector of Lowestoft (Canon H. J. Enraght), Mr. J. Woodger and Mr. Alan Watson for their kindness, which enabled the society to carry out such an enjoyable excursion. Possibly the clerk of the weather ought to have been included, as it was a glorious day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Have you ordered your copy of 'A Great Adventure'—the story of the Australian and New Zealand ringing tour? If not, do not put it off any longer, or you may be too late. You will find further particulars in another column.

We do not remember seeing 480's of Little Bob rung in a peal of Minor before, but three of these 'extents'—480 is all that can be got of Little Bob on six bells—were included in a performance at Wistaston.

We hesitate to think that this brings the performance within the present definition of a peal of Minor, because the peal did not include at least seven true 720's.

The report is published as sent to us, but its legitimacy as a peal should be decided before it is included in the Council's analysis. If it does not comply with the Council's definition it will not be sufficient for the Analysis Committee to say they have included it because it was published as a peal.

If three 480's of Little Bob are to be admitted in a peal without the production of the missing changes when the treble is in 5-6, or sufficient complete 720's to bring it within the category of a peal, there would be nothing to prevent a reversion to the old idea of ringing fourteen 360's or twenty-one 240's, and, of course, 10½ 480's of Little Bob, in which the extent of the changes on six bells would never be rung.

The ring of eight of Temple Church, Bristol, regarding the silence of which comments were made at the Bristol United Guild's annual dinner in January, are being rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The Temple Church has a leaning tower.

Some people make a hobby of ringing all the bells in a tower to a peal, if they visit the same places often enough. Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, has just completed another—making his ninth.

The peal rung at Freiston, Lincs, reported in our issue of July 19th, should have been credited to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

'An early application will save a lifetime of regrets,' says the notice in another column announcing that tickets are now available for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association, which is to be held at Wigan on October 26th.

The eight bells at Wigan Parish Church are to be restored and provision made for the addition of two trebles. A new steel frame for ten is to be erected, and the old bells, the front seven of which were cast by Rudhall in 1713, are to be tuned. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have the work in hand.

Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Boston, U.S.A., son of Mr. F. Warren Sturgis, of Groton School, U.S.A., is now in England with the Yale and Harvard Universities' athletic team, of which he is manager, and which had such a thrilling encounter with Oxford and Cambridge Universities on Saturday.

On Monday, Mr. Sturgis took part in a College Youths' peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, when Mr. Challis Winney called Holt's Original. Mr. Sturgis is, we believe, only about the fourth American to ring a peal in this country, the others, as far as we recollect, being the late Dr. A. H. Nichols and his daughter, Mrs. Shurtleff, and Mr. Sturgis' father.

Although the appeal for the fund for the restoration and augmentation of the bells of Shalford, near Guildford, was issued only about a month ago, it has reached nearly £200. The Shalford ringers have undertaken to pay for the recasting of one of the bells, and will be glad to receive donations, which should be sent to Mr. L. Hunter, Bradstone Brook Cottage, Shalford, near Guildford.

'Bellringers' Sermons' will be preached at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Sunday, and in the afternoon there is to be a musical service. The offertories will be given to the bellringers, who receive no other remuneration for their services.

The peal at Northop, Wales, published in our last issue, was the first peal of Surprise by F. Hartman only. It was the first of New Cambridge by J. Griffiths and J. W. Clark.

J. D. MATTHEWS MEMORIAL.

FINAL LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount previously acknowledged, £5 18s. 6d.; Messrs. Hibbert, 2s. 6d.; ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, 10s.; total £6 11s. This fund is now closed, and the officers of the society desire to thank all those who have subscribed to the fund.

CANON RIDOUT'S VISIT.

Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, who is home on holiday, had his longest touch for six years when he took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints' Church, Benhilton, on July 21st: R. Foreman (first quarter away from the tenor) 1, F. Randall 2, G. Rayner 3, Canon G. H. Ridout 4, W. C. Smith (conductor) 5, H. Smerdon 6, H. Good 7, the Rev. C. F. T. Willis (first quarter-peal) 8. This musical 'quarter' is Canon Ridout's composition, and is a simple six-part by calling the 5th W., M., In and Out 2, H., W. and M.; with a single at the end of the 3rd and 6th part. The Rev. C. Willis came to Benhilton in June as the assistant priest.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Striking Sermon by Rev. R. Howes.

One of the outstanding features of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's summer festival at Oxford on Saturday was a striking sermon by the Rev. R. Howes, author of the text book on ringing—'Village Bells.' The service in Christ Church Cathedral was conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge), and Dr. Armstrong was at the organ.

The Rev. R. Howes, who has just come to the living of Beenham, in the diocese, took for his text, 'Do all to the glory of God'

MAGDALEN TOWER, OXFORD,
where members of the Oxford Guild were privileged to ring on Saturday.

(I. Cor., x., 31). He said: I feel so intensely sorry for bellringers when, in sermons expressly preached to them, this text is quoted without explanation. I feel almost as sorry as when I hear that well-known piece of good advice given, that those who call others to church should hear the call themselves. Sermons of that sort are all very well for churchwardens and parochial church councillors, whose attendance at church services is far below the standard of the average bellringer. It is so easy to quote this text and to speak of the glory of God, but although we use the word 'glory' so often, it is a most difficult word to explain. I will straight away give a definition of the word 'glory' which will fit most of the places in the Bible where it is used. Glory means the acknowledgment of the wisdom of God. So when we read, 'The heavens declare the glory of God,' it means that the heavenly bodies, by their movements, acknowledge the wisdom of God Who ordered their courses. A flower as it opens acknowledges the wisdom of Him 'Who paints the wayside lily.'

In several places in the Bible, a man who has done wrong is told to give glory to God. That means that he must acknowledge the wisdom of God's laws. When we say, 'Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,' we acknowledge the wisdom which created, redeemed and sanctifies man. We come to the passage in I. Corinthians which leads up to the text I have taken. St. Paul is talking of eating and drinking to the glory of God. I can only explain that to myself as the acknowledgment of the wisdom of God in providing man with food both suitable and abundant. And in days when we study food values and vitamins it is easier to acknowledge the wisdom of God in the things He has provided for man's use.

Now we come to the more difficult point. How can a bellringer in the exercise of this art be said to ring for the glory of God? Ringing is really the application of mathematical rules to the eight tones of the musical octave. Can you acknowledge the wisdom of God when you are applying these? Can you do this when you are dodging 6-7 down in Stedman Triples and a bob is called? All I know is that *I* can't do it. It is as much as I can do, and generally *more* than I can do, to get right way into the sixes.

CONTEMPLATION AFTER RINGING.

Leave that, and let us go back. Let us consider a (fortunately) rare type of ringer who cannot in any way be said to ring to the glory of God. Where a man, outside the belfry, does not hold the Christian faith and does not lead the Christian life. He may be able to ring London Surprise, but he is not fit for membership in a Diocesan Guild. Could such a man ring the bells on Easter morning, when he neither believes in Christ's Resurrection, nor does he mean to live as one who is risen with Christ?

But when the practice is over and a ringer goes home and smokes his pipe and has a drink—yes, I repeat 'has a drink' (for I know no thirstier recreation than ringing, and we must not be too hard on the old-time ringer, before Diocesan Guilds made ringing into a form of church work, and we must forgive that person who gave that quaint old beer jug to Beccles Church)—I say, when a ringer goes home he has time to think over the wonders of the essentially English art of change ringing. Then he can acknowledge the wisdom of God in giving to men the power to apply mathematics to the notes of the musical octave.

Then again there is some truth in this new American religion which is called 'Humanism.' Putting it briefly, it teaches that man is an end in himself, and man's only interest is to develop himself, and 'because right is right, to follow right,' with no reference whatever to God. But to my mind there *is* such a thing as *Christian* Humanism, which seeks for the development of the human race in accordance with the will of God. I find this Christian Humanism in those words of St. Paul, 'till we come to the perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.' Anything which develops man's talents, which are implanted by God, must be to the glory of God, if by so doing we acknowledge the wisdom of God in giving us these talents. Our art should rank with the other fine arts of music and painting and poetry. And if we choose to believe that God delights to see a well-painted picture, there is no reason why we should not believe that God delights to hear a well-struck peal.

The collection, on behalf of the restoration fund, amounted to £3.

THE GUILD'S ACTIVITIES.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, under the presidency of the Master (the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge), who was supported by the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary). There was a large and representative attendance of members, although the numbers were not so great as in some previous years.

In his annual report the Master said that, owing to physical disability and over-employment on most Saturdays of the year, he had not been able to visit towers or branch meetings, but his interest in the wellbeing of the Guild had never flagged, either last year or for the preceding 53 years. He heard and read with deep satisfaction the reports which came to him of the doings of the branches or the ringing of peals. In his enforced absence he was deeply grateful to the Deputy Master, the secretary and treasurer for all that they had done in visiting branches and towers and for their willing endeavours for the wellbeing of the Guild. The year 1934, the report continued, would ever be memorable for the determination of the members to ensure that the work of the late Master should be commemorated in a manner specially dear to himself. The memorial in the Cathedral Cloisters and the enlargement of the chapel at Queen Anne's School, of which he was chaplain, were visible tokens of this. The special service in the chapel to which the Guild was invited was greatly appreciated by the large numbers who gathered to see the memorial and worship in it. They would be pleased to know that the whole cost was obtained before Christmas.

The Deputy Master's report said his first full year of office had been an interesting and happy one. He had attended 13 annual branch meetings, two quarterly and five monthly practice meetings.

He had inspected and given advice at Great Marlow and Milton Keynes, at both of which towers restoration work had since been carried out.

The secretary reported that he had again attended the annual meetings of all the 15 branches and had found things progressing favourably. Sunday service ringing, which, after all, was the great thing, was well maintained, and quarterly meetings and combined practices were very well attended. He had inspected finished restoration work at Padworth, Yarnton and Rousham, and had inspected and advised certain work to be done at St. Helen's, Abingdon. The ring of six at Mapledurham had been put right. The number of peals rung had again fallen, but first peals for young ringers and first peals as conductors had been fairly frequent. Several new methods had also been rung. He should say that one of the outstanding features of the year had been the two or three peals rung by the 13 and 14 years old 'men' of Burnham tower. The secretary's report added that he wished they could do something to help the tower foremen to get their subscriptions paid to their branch secretaries early in each year. One halfpenny per week was not much to quibble about, and to see so many names 'starred' was a real grief to him. Membership increased very slowly, but they stood at the end of 1934 with 238 hon. members, 1,979 ringing members, 430 non-resident life members and 232 towers in union. He hoped they would all do their best to prevent any 'slipping back.'

GROWTH OF FUNDS.

The hon. treasurer presented a very satisfactory report. The statement of accounts showed a balance of £241 1s. 8d., as compared with £134 11s. 7d. the previous year. The amount received from the branches was £98 2s. 3d., an increase of £5 0s. 3d. Four applications were received for restoration grants, and in each case a sum of five guineas was granted. There had been considerable improvement in the promptness with which the branches had paid over their contributions. The report concluded with thanks to the auditors (Messrs. Francis and Son), who had undertaken the task for the past 36 years without making any charge for their services.

The reports were adopted and the officers re-elected: Master, Canon G. F. Coleridge; Deputy Master, the Rev. O. E. Wigg; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright; general secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert proposed the reappointment of twelve elected members of the committee: Messrs. J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, Miss V. Robinson, Messrs. R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Scar, J. W. Wilkins, Miss S. Davis and Mr. W. F. Judge. He said 'they turn up when necessary and do all they are asked to do,' and added, amid laughter, 'and that is nothing.'

Mr. A. D. Cullum, who seconded, said the election of these twelve members came up every year, but they were never called together. They were simply a nonentity. He often wondered whether they ought to be there at all. They were a committee on paper, but if they were not wanted it was time they saved the expense of printing the names.

It was explained by the Master that these twelve members were only part of the committee of the Guild, which was formed of the officers, these twelve elected members of the Guild, and the members elected by the branches. Originally they were the only elected members, but since the branches were formed the committee had been very much enlarged. Whenever a committee meeting was held these twelve members were called together with the rest.—The members were re-elected.

The following were elected after a vote to represent the Guild on the Central Council for the next three years: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post and Mr. A. D. Barker.

A GRACEFUL ACT.

The secretary, in proposing the confirmation of 146 new members elected during the year, said he wanted to refer to 'the same old thing.' They elected 140 or 150 members every year, but the Guild did not grow to anything like the same extent.

Mr. W. J. Paice said he thought one reason was that they lost the membership of old ringers, who, when they ceased ringing, dropped out of the Guild. He did not suggest that this accounted for all the losses, but it was a pity they could not keep these old members.

The Secretary: It is a far greater pity when young ringers become proficient they become apathetic.

Mr. R. A. Post said he thought the Guild made it too easy for ringers to get into it. In many cases as soon as a learner could handle a bell he was elected a member without waiting to see, when he got to the drudgery of learning change ringing, if he would keep up his interest. When they found it was hard work many dropped out. Before they were put in they should be something of change ringers and not elected just because they could handle a bell.

Mr. Trollope suggested they should put something in the rules providing that those who joined should stick to it, and that if they did not intend to stick to it they should not join.

Among the elections confirmed was that of Mr. J. A. Kearns, a ringer of Darling Point, Sydney, who rang in the last peal of the Australian tour. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith referred to the circumstances of Mr. Kearns' election. Mr. Fussell desired to ring the peal for the Oxford Guild as well as the St. Mark's, Darling Point, Society, of which all the visitors had been freely admitted as honorary members. The band was short of a man, and Mr. Kearns, although he had no interest in the Oxford Guild, and little likelihood of ever participating again in any of its activities, agreed to become a member. He (Mr. Goldsmith) suggested that under these circumstances it would be a graceful and courteous act on the part of the Guild if they remitted Mr. Kearns' subscription and made him an honorary life non-resident member.

The Master said any such action was not provided for in the rules, but it would be a very graceful act.

The suggestion, on being put to the meeting, met with unanimous approval.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Oxford, an amendment to hold it at Reading being defeated.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

Various alterations of rules then came up for consideration on the recommendation of the committee.

The first was a motion to include 'a Deputy Master' among the list of officers forming the government of the Guild and elected annually under Rule 4. This was introduced to cover the appointment of a Deputy Master, which office had existed for the past two years.

An irrevelant discussion on the question of the payment of railway fares (under the same rule) to the twelve elected members of the committee when attending committee meetings was raised by Mr. A. D. Cullum, who wanted this extended to all the members of the committee.

After various amendments had been moved and points of order raised, the committee's recommendation was carried, and it was understood that Mr. Cullum's point would be considered by the committee.

An addition was made to Rule 6 enabling a member of the Guild who left the diocese to become a non-resident life member without further payment if such member, after the first complete year of membership, had already paid into the funds of the Guild a sum equal to a life composition.

An amendment was also made to Rule 8 relating to the provisional election of members before attempting a peal, to bring it into conformity with present practice.

A grant of two guineas towards the restoration of the bells at Theale was agreed to.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Master made a report on the proceedings of the Central Council at the meeting at Shrewsbury. He referred specially to old peal boards, of which the Council had set up a committee to collect a record. He thought there must be some in the college towers of Oxford as well as in other churches, and asked for the co-operation of ringers in the work. He also emphasised the need of those who were responsible for peal reports in the ringing Press seeing that all essential information, such as first peals by ringers and first peals in the method, should be indicated. Incidentally, Canon Coleridge said that a great deal of time was, he thought, wasted at the Council meeting—for reasons which he need not give. He also referred to the reception of the Australian tourists by the Council and the telegram received from the King in reply to the Council's message of congratulation upon His Majesty's Silver Jubilee. Canon Coleridge concluded by remarking that the Council did a tremendous work for the good of the Exercise, and this was especially so in the provincial centres that it visited.

The General Secretary, referring to the record of old peal boards, said there was a beautiful board in St. Mary's tower, Reading, recording a great failure. Eight Reading Youths in 1740 started for 10,080 of Bob Major, and, after ringing 8,896 changes in 5 hours 59 minutes, the 3rd rope broke, but the ringing was so good that on the board it said, 'They would have satisfied their ambition had it not been for the broken rope, as every man was in perfect strength.' That, said Mr. Hibbert, was a wonderful thing to read to-day.

The General Secretary reminded the members that since the last annual meeting, Mr. A. E. Reeves, a former secretary of the Guild, had passed away. He read a letter from Mrs. Reeves thanking the Guild for their sympathy, for the flowers sent, and for the handbell ringing at the graveside.

WANTED TO CLAP THE SERMON.

This concluded the business and the members then lunched in the fine old Dining Hall, Canon Coleridge presiding, supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), the Rev. R. Howes, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Mr. A. J. Wright, Miss Vera Robinson, etc.

The toast of 'Church and King' was honoured, and the Master then proposed 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.' Referring to the slipping away of members, mentioned at the meeting, he said if everyone had been able to retain his membership as long as he had, namely, 54 years, their membership would have been something like ten thousand people. But they had some very keen ringers among their smaller number. He hoped they would all continue to do their very best. They all had something to learn, no matter how much they might think they knew about ringing. No man could be a good ringer until he could ring every bell in his tower properly, and he urged ringers, even some of those who could ring Surprise methods, to learn how to handle a bell properly. He was afraid many be-

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING REVEALS GRATIFYING FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, on Saturday, July 13th. Twenty-eight members attended, and all districts with one exception were represented. After a short service, conducted by the Rector, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome, the business meeting was held in the vestry.

MISS EVELYN STEEL,
Re-elected President of the Ladies' Guild.

The president (Miss Evelyn Steel) was in the chair. The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of £3 0s. 1½d.—a very gratifying state of affairs.

The president (Miss Steel) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) were re-elected, as were also the two representatives on the Central Council (Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Richardson).

It was decided to proceed with the printing of new service forms and also obtain quotations for new badges. It was also resolved to issue reports annually.

A committee was formed to discuss the possibilities of holding a dinner on the 25th anniversary of the Guild's formation, and to report at the next meeting.

Bath was chosen for the next annual meeting.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening on the heavy ring of bells, and an excellent tea was provided by Mrs. P. Humphrey, to which 45 sat down.

LAVENHAM'S RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 22nd, the 124th 'ringing day' was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, when 46 visitors took part with the local company in many touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. The following places were represented: Assington, Cornard, Chelmsford, Colne Engaine, Debenham, Groton, Halstead, Ipswich, Little Waldingfield, Long Melford, Monks Eleigh, Maldon, Maplestead, Newton, Sudbury, Shipley (Yorks), Sible Hedingham, Tooting (Surrey), Thorington, Wanstead, Woodford and Wormingford. Tea was followed by a short business meeting of the Suffolk Guild, of which a district meeting was being held in conjunction with this gathering. In the absence of the Rector, the chair was taken by Mr. F. Chalk, of Maldon.

Handbells were afterwards rung by Messrs. F. Chalk, Mansfield, S. H. Symonds, L. J. Clark and Miss Baldock, Messrs. Clark and Symonds rendering some old airs, four-in-hand. Further tower-bell ringing followed.

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The subsequent visit of some of the party to New Zealand—a departure only decided upon after the tourists had left England—will also be described, and hitherto unrelated history of ringing in Australia from the year 1855 will be included.

The book will be illustrated with no fewer than forty photographs, and the price will be 2s. post free. Ringers will find it of present interest and future historical value, and everyone should secure a copy. The edition, however, will be limited, and unless an order is placed at once, it may be too late.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Shropshire Association held a most successful meeting on Saturday, July 20th, when Hodnet was visited. The melodious peal of six were set going to Doubles and Minor, and by tea time a company of 30 had assembled.

A satisfactory number of new members were elected, including nine from St. Andrew's, Great Ness, which is a new tower for the association.

The Ellesmere meeting was fixed for September 7th, and the secretary was asked to arrange the postponed Edgmond meeting for October 5th if possible.

In the evening a party visited Stoke-on-Tern. The church is situated on the bank of the stream amid rural surroundings, which consist of a farm, a few cottages and a newly-erected dairy. The Vicarage is nearby, but hidden among trees. The bells are a peal of six with 8 cwt. tenor, and are tuneful but in need of the attention of the bellhanger. However, Grandsire Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor were rung, and a good 'fall' completed the excursion.

Good practice was obtained during the day, and instruction given to the less advanced. A touch of 240 Cambridge was successfully brought round, and various methods of Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The following towers were represented: St. Chad's (Shrewsbury), Coalbrookdale, Market Drayton, Wem, Clive, Great Ness, Stockton, Malins Lee, Hinstock, Stanton and the local company.

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ginners were taught to ring changes before they could properly ring rounds. He urged every member to make himself a proficient ringer, and he hoped the Guild would prosper and flourish in the future as it had in the past.

The toast having been honoured, the Master tendered the thanks of the Guild to the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch for the use of the Cathedral and Chapter House, the Dean and the governing body of Christchurch for the use of the Dining Hall, the organist, Dr. Armstrong, and all who had helped them to have such a happy and excellent gathering, especially the preacher, whose coming to the diocese as Vicar of Beenham they gladly welcomed.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, in seconding the vote of thanks, said he had never heard a sermon that he wanted more to stand up and clap (laughter). He had heard plenty of twaddle when he would have liked to get up and walk out, but Mr. Howes' address was one of the best he had ever heard given to ringers (applause).

The Rev. R. Howes, in reply, expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of addressing the Guild at their annual festival, and said that although he had been in the diocese only a week, they had already pushed him into office as secretary of the branch of the Guild in which he lived.

By request, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gave a few brief impressions of the Australian tour.

Afterwards the members dispersed to the various city towers, where they enjoyed change ringing for some hours.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT JARROW.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Jarrow on Saturday, July 13th. Ringers were present from Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Sunderland, South Shields, West Hartlepool, Gateshead and the local men.

The bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major and Grandsire Triples. A short meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, presiding. After the loyal toast, Mr. Patterson said it was a great pleasure to see such a good number of ringers present, and hoped the Jarrow men would be encouraged by the association's visit.

Mr. Pickering moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. Hall, in reply, said the association's thanks would be conveyed to both incumbents.

Seven new members were elected, viz.: The Rev. J. Williams (Vicar of St. Peter's) and Messrs. Harold Craig, Sidney Craig, James Atkinson, Harold Thompson, Ronald Myers and Albert Overton.

Mr. G. S. Taylor, secretary of the association, read a letter from the Rev. Dr. F. H. Jackson, Rector of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, saying he was retiring in October owing to ill-health, but would be very pleased to give the address at the annual meeting of the association in Durham Cathedral in September.

Sympathy was expressed with Dr. Jackson, which the secretary was asked to convey to the Rector, with the hope that he would be long spared in his retirement.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at West Hartlepool about the middle of August, the date to be announced later in 'The Ringing World.'

After the meeting the bells again went merrily until about 8 p.m., a very happy time being spent by all. The vice-president and district secretary must have been loth to leave Jarrow. The local ringers went to the station to see them off, but within half an hour they were back in Jarrow again, having got into the wrong train after changing at Tyne Dock. However, all's well that ends well, and it *was* a successful meeting.

A DAY IN KENT.

WOODFORD GUILD VISIT NOTABLE TOWERS.

St. Mary's, Woodford, Guild, accompanied by eight guest ringers, spent their annual outing in Kent. They left home at 7 a.m. and arrived at Margate at 10 o'clock. They were directed to a fine looking tower and would doubtless have had an enjoyable ring there but for the fact that, despite a thorough search, no bells could be found. However, they eventually arrived at St. John's, the tower they were actually seeking, where they were met by Mr. Saxby and an old London friend, now resident in Margate, Mr. Joseph Waghorn. Various touches from Grandsire to Double Norwich were rung for the morning service, on the recently rehung, fine toned ring of eight.

The Waterloo tower bells, Quex Park, were placed at the service of the party through the kindness of Major Powell-Cotton, and an interesting time was spent with this unique light ring of twelve, rounds, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Grandsire being rung. Lunch was held in Canterbury, and after this came the 'high spot' of the day's ringing. By the courtesy of the Dean and Chapter, the splendid ring of twelve at the grand old Cathedral were rung for the afternoon service. This great privilege was highly appreciated, and it is pleasing to be able to record that the ringing came up to that standard which should always prevail at such noble edifices. The band wish to thank Mr. M. Pierce for his assistance and the welcome which he extended to them. Another old friend met the company here, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. It was with great regret that a departure was made from the Cathedral, as time did not permit a thorough tour of the building.

For Sunday evening service, All Saints', Maidstone, with its ring of ten, was visited, and methods from Grandsire to Treble Ten were rung. When the party was about to leave Maidstone it was found to be one short, and they, therefore, sent a search party out for him under the expert and professional guidance of one of 'Lord Trenchard's young men.' The missing member was speedily found, and when taken into custody mumbled an excuse, but it is not known whether he meant 'bells' or 'belles.'

The last visit of the day was to Withyham, Sussex. Here the party were met by the Rector (the Rev. Layng), who is president of the East Grinstead Guild. The church is beautifully situated on a hill and has a peal of eight worthy of it. The Rector is a keen supporter of ringing and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Various touches were rung before a start for home was made at 9.20 p.m.

During a stop on the journey, Mr. J. G. Prior, on behalf of the guests, thanked Mr. Morss, the Master, and also the Woodford band for inviting them to what had proved such a splendid day out. He also proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. A. Waugh, Deputy Master of the band, for the admirable arrangements he had made.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Rumens, who took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Morss on the splendid progress his young band was making.—Mr. Morss and Mr. Waugh both replied.

It was a long and memorable day — beautiful weather, lovely country, good comradeship and what perhaps counts most of all, splendid striking.

A OPEN LETTER.

TO MEMBERS OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen,—In common, no doubt, with very many others of the Exercise, I have been interested to read of your proposals—(1) to re-issue the Doubles and Minor Collection in some form; and (2) to publish a collection of Surprise Major methods, which, I understand, may include an 'explanation of proof and similar things.'

It is the proposed explanation of proof which primarily has caused me presumptuously to address this letter to you all, collectively and individually, in the hope that its suggestions will not die the natural death that appears to be the lot of so many, because there happens to be in existence a system of proof which I believe to be the quickest to use and the easiest to understand. I believe, also, that this system is, very probably, unknown to you.

A secondary cause is the fact that one of you (or, perhaps, more than one) wrote that 'explanation' in the Doubles and Minor Collection, to be found on page 113, where we read that '. . . 6-5s are inevitable in so-and-so, etc., etc. . . .' much of which is pure stuff and nonsense, disproved long before that collection was completed by one who had covered the whole of the Minor field from all of those angles with which the collection deals. You publicly have acknowledged some of the errors in that book—errors which easily might have crept into any work of this kind; but reminders in this journal, calling for the correction of the inexcusable misstatements regarding the 6-5s, have carefully been allowed to die the natural death aforesaid. I wonder why?

May I again remind each one of you (and, after all, each of you is responsible for what appears, if only by reason of your claim to 'copyright') of the tables compiled by 'The Mad Hatter,' before you offer to the Exercise a reprint of that page, much of which should never have been put to paper at all? This is by no means a first reminder. As a matter of fact, I mentioned it again, earlier in this year, personally to one of your most illustrious members, who then asserted that there was nothing wrong with it! In spite of the fact that peals have been rung with 5-6s only, where the book definitely states that 6-5s 'are inevitable'!

He impressed upon me the difficulties which beset the committee, which I think most of us well realise; and I believe that most of us appreciate the work that you do, and are grateful for the time so ungrudgingly given. But many of us are of the opinion that only the best possible should go into the official publications of the Central Council, no matter the source whence it comes, and you will forgive me for suggesting that there is a limit to the knowledge of any one man, or any one body of men.

He also stressed the lack of response brought by inquiries made by the committee through the medium of the Press, and I quite believe him. Here, however, I take time by the forelock. I should be very sorry indeed to read a treatise on proof, backed by the official support of the Methods Committee of the Central Council, written by (say) the '6.5s gentleman,' on the lines of that to be found in 'Surprise Methods'—a very lengthy process; or even in the condensed form as published by the Rev. E. Bankes James some years ago, which, in turn, is superseded by a simpler and shorter method. It would be a positive sin to tell the Exercise that it may use rows of like nature only, when it safely and easily may use unlikes; that it must produce at least four false course ends from every false section of a method, when two only of every four are necessary; that a whole lead must be used, when half the lead is all that is required, or that it must find at least 16 false lead-heads from a lead of (say) Bristol, when not a single one is required there.

Those are some of the features of the system which is available for your consideration. Since it was published in 'The Ringing World' of December, 1928 (by 'Minormania'), it has been through the purifying fire of 'The Mad Hatter'—the only man I know who thoroughly grasped the principles upon which the system stands. He approached it from a different angle, and travelled along a different route; he tore it to shreds and remade it to suit himself, simplifying much that was in the original without destroying it. Much argument went into the work of cutting and polishing. The result, which belongs to 'Minormania' and 'The Mad Hatter' (purely chronologically so), is a system which enables the practitioner to decide that a method like Bristol has a clean proof scale in one to three minutes; to produce the false course ends in a method like Cambridge in five to ten minutes—according to his degree of ability to use the system. And to do so with certainty and without fatigue.

I wonder if you (whoever it may be who is writing that 'explanation' for the book) can do likewise, on lines other than those covered in the articles published in December, 1928?

As I have said, this system of half-lead proof was born in December, 1928, following exhaustive inquiry as to its possibility (without success) from leading authorities some time in 1927. Subsequently tables of 'Related Course Ends,' which are merely a logical conclusion from the basis upon which the system is built, were posted to those from whom I had first made inquiries, amongst whom and others were the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and H. Law James, Messrs. G. Baker, J. W. Parker and J. A. Trollope. The 'family tree' of the system may be of interest. Its 'father' was published by the Rev. E. Bankes James; its 'uncle' was used by Mr. G. Baker; its 'grandfather' appears in 'Surprise Methods' (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies). And if

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EASTWOOD HO!

READING RINGERS' DAY OUT.

The ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, accompanied by their Vicar, went 'Eastward Ho' for their outing. For some years they have gone to the west, but Essex and Hertfordshire were chosen for this journey. At 10 a.m. they reached Waltham Abbey, and the fine Norman work was much admired. Then up the winding stair, and Stedman Cinques was soon rolling out in good style. After two touches, a good course of Major was rung on the back eight. Then to Chelmsford, where, through the kindness of Mr. Clark and the officers of the Essex Association, the visitors were allowed the use of the bells, while the association dined and held their business meeting. Stedman Cinques went well here, and so did a good dinner at the Golden Fleece Hotel.

The next tower was All Saints', Hertford, where Stedman Caters was the order, the bells being a fine ten. St. Albans Cathedral was next, a ring just about St. Laurence's weight. The visitors were met by Mr. and Mrs. H. Langdon and Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert. Two touches of Stedman Cinques were brought round, and it was said outside that the ringing was not bad, but most of those who took part complained that the bells could not be heard well in the tower. However, a good tea refreshed the grumblers, and off the party went to Watford, where Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a course of Cambridge Major were all rung well on a fine peal of eight. The conducting was shared by Miss S. Davis, Miss P. Holloway, Messrs. H. Langdon, E. Humfrey, S. C. Davis and R. T. Hibbert. The St. Laurence's ringers wish, through the columns of 'The Ringing World' sincerely to thank all those who made the arrangements for the ringing at the various places and those who met them. Reading was reached at 10.20 p.m., everyone being tired, happy and satisfied.

A SUMMER FESTIVAL.

GUILDFORD GUILD GATHERING AT SHERE.

About 50 ringers from many churches in the diocese visited Shere on Saturday week for the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The picturesque village was an ideal spot for such a gathering on one of the most 'flaming' days of the year.

A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, R.D.), who gave a much appreciated address. Afterwards he conducted a small but interested party round the church, explaining some of its features. The ancient brasses were much admired.

The members of the Guild sat down to tea at the White Horse Hotel, where they were joined by the Rector, who was thanked by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) for allowing the Guild the use of the Parish Church bells for the occasion, and also for conducting the service.

Despite the heat, the visitors enjoyed ringing on the eight bells which hang in the old church tower, the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise, as well as rounds for beginners, being rung.

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

Nearly 30 members and friends attended a meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Seale on Saturday. Service was fully choral, a number of local ringers being choristers. The Rector (the Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith) conducted the service and welcomed the members to the parish. He also encouraged those present to stand fast in their work for God and His Church, and not merely to ring for their own pleasure and amusement.

Tea was served by local ladies in the Jubilee Room, and a short business meeting followed.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, who prior to service had dedicated a tablet recording three peals rung in the tower. Thanks were also expressed to all who had helped in the success of the meeting.

A retiring collection for the Guild Benevolent Fund realised 5s. 6d. Ringing continued in the evening, and, after good practice, the bells were lowered in peal at 8.15 p.m.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Middleton, Lancashire, on Monday, May 27th, a date touch of Bob Major (1,935 changes) in 1 hour 7 minutes for the Queen's birthday: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, H. Kent 3, J. Richardson 4, J. Smith 5, J. Ogden 6, J. H. Bastow 7, A. Ogden 8. It was also a birthday compliment to A. Ogden.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Middleton, Lancs, on Tuesday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) with the bells fully muffled in memory of the late Mayor of Middleton (Mr. William Taylor): J. Hollows 1, W. Berry 2, H. Kent 3, J. Richardson 4, S. F. Ogden 5, J. Ogden 6, J. H. Bastow 7, A. Ogden 8.

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had a good 'hair cut and shave' in the tonsorial establishment run by 'The Mad Hatter.'

Of course, the system would have to appear as ours, and, perhaps, 'Mr. Copyright' would rear his head. If so, it cannot be helped, but we think that it is good, and I think that you ought to consider it for the benefit of the Exercise—even if you turn it down. Anyway, the offer is here, *and in good time.*—Yours very respectfully,

'MINORMANIA.'

CHESHIRE RINGERS IN WARWICKSHIRE

A WEEK-END TRIP.

Once again an annual outing undertaken by a few members of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild has become a very pleasant memory. Messrs. J. Morgan, R. Sperring, W. Thomas, W. Bibby, J. Swindley, P. Swindley, J. W. Clarke and A. E. Richards left Chester early on a Friday afternoon, and, in glorious spring sunshine, headed south-east for Warwickshire. A splendid trip of just over a hundred miles saw the party at the Bath Hotel, Leamington, the headquarters for the week-end.

As ringing was not possible that evening, an opportunity was taken to see the sights of 'leafy Leamington,' and the 'waters' of this famous Spa were found to be quite up to expectations. In fact, reservoirs were reported to be well filled as the evening drew to a close.

After a pleasant walk on Saturday morning, the tower of Lillington Parish Church appeared among the trees, and after inspecting the famous oak tree (one of several reputed to mark the centre of England), the tuneful ring of eight was soon raised. Historically, the sixth is the most interesting bell of the peal, as it was cast in 1480 (approx.), and for its age is remarkably good in tone. In spite of the fact that the bells are noisy in the ringing chamber, a very enjoyable hour was spent here, several touches being successfully completed.

Lunch at headquarters was followed by a journey of eight miles through shaded lanes to Southam, where, at the Church of St. James, a peal of eight by Taylor and Co. was at the disposal of the visitors for the afternoon. The bells were originally five, and a treble was added in 1865 to commemorate the wedding of the Prince of Wales to Princess Alexandra. The six were rehung and two trebles added in 1913. At this tower Messrs. Burt, Thorne (verger), White and Rathbone joined in the ringing, and a variety of methods were attempted—most of them successfully. After a particularly pleasant afternoon, tea was clearly indicated, and, at the old Craven Arms, Mrs. White manipulated the teapot as only a lady can.

A visit to St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday evening, had been keenly anticipated. This fine ring of ten (tenor 24 cwt.) was a source of delight throughout the evening, for, beautiful in tone and delightful to handle, it is all that appreciative ringers could ask for. Although several methods were rung, perhaps the most interesting 'touch' was the rounds and call changes, with Master Billy Male, aged 9½, ringing the treble. They certainly believe in 'catching 'em young' at Warwick, for here is a small boy who can ring his bell and strike a treble lead with the best, and, incidentally, handle the bells as far down as the 8th! 'The Ringing World' recorded recently that on Jubilee Day, Master Male, his father and grandfather all rang together. Evidently ringing is in the blood!

An early start was made on Sunday morning by ringing for 10 a.m. service at All Saints', Leamington, where there is a smooth running peal of eight with a 12½ cwt. tenor. Following this Warwick was revisited and the charms of St. Mary's ten again enjoyed.

After lunch, bags were packed, petrol tanks filled, and the return journey was commenced. A halt at Coleshill made a welcome break, and a Confirmation service at 3 o'clock presented an opportunity to visit the belfry. The captain, Mr. J. Bayliss, very kindly handed over the ropes and some well-struck ringing resulted. The bells are a good eight with a 14 cwt. tenor, the order of the ropes falling anti-clockwise. An interesting relic near the church is a pillory in remarkably fine state of preservation, but a suggestion that it should be tested—with a member of the party as the victim—did not meet with unanimous approval, and the homeward journey was continued.

The George at Shrewsbury, by this time, no doubt, known to many ringers from all over the country, provided an excellent tea, and Wem was reached shortly before 6 p.m. Here the local company immediately invited the visitors to 'catch hold,' and a finely struck touch of Spliced Kent and Oxford Major brought a delightful week-end of ringing to its conclusion. No peals were attempted during the tour, but a large number of touches in a variety of methods were completed, with accuracy of striking the constant aim.

Looking back over several such tours, one all important fact stands out. The spirit of good fellowship among ringers is ever increasing. That the week-end described was so successful is a tribute to this good fellowship, and to the many new friends who helped to make it so the Cheshire ringers would like to say a grateful 'Thank you' for a delightful ringing week-end.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Important business to be discussed at this meeting. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Pebmarsh on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Baslow (6 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Edensor bells (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. No arrangement made for tea. Subscriptions are due. — J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. If fine, tea will be held, by kind permission, in the grounds of Cecil House, if wet in the Schoolroom. There is a frequent bus service to and from Brentwood. —E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations of officers. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Rectory Garden, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. —A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and South Norfolk Association will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. C. Sharpe and Nolan Golden, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Chenies (6 bells) on Saturday, July 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — T. Grant, Hon. Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Iron Acton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The summer meeting of the above will be held at Mapledurham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 till 8 p.m. Ringers' service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head) at Mapledurham Lock. By special permission cyclists can use the bridle path from the Warren, Caversham, and pedestrians can cross the 'Roebuck Ferry' and walk across the fields. Corporation buses run from the centre of the town to the Roebuck Hotel.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Stanground on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A new treble bell has just been added to this tower. — H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, July 27th. 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea afterwards.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. Meeting in the tower at 5.30 p.m. A good turn-up of members and friends is requested. Please bring subscriptions, which are now due. —E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me. — Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 1st and 29th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd,

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All welcome and a good attendance hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, Aug. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Good bus service, also trains, Histon, L.N.E. Railway.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Wellington on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. to those notifying me not later than August 1st. 'Red' buses leave Hereford at 3, 3.45 and 4.30 p.m. Fare 10d. return.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Langton-by-Spilsby on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present kindly let me know by Monday, July 29th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, August 5th, at Rotherham Parish Church. Ten bells. Tower open at 1 p.m. Cafes near church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The fourth annual dinner of the above association will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan. Arrangements are now well in hand, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets 4s. each, and early application will save a lifetime of regrets. Tickets may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 245, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Wigan; Mr. W. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan. Please apply early. Fuller details later.

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AN INFORMAL MEETING.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Reeder, M.A., an informal meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Withernsea on Saturday.

Choral evensong, with short address, was conducted by the Vicar, followed by tea in the Select Cafe, about 20 sitting down. Afterwards Mr. Cryer thanked the Vicar for his kindness in inviting the association to Withernsea.

Further ringing on tower and handbells and some little time spent on the promenade, enjoying the sea air, concluded a very good practice meeting.

MUFFLED BELLS.

With the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Wilson, who was interred at Appleton that day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung at St. Lawrence's Church on June 21st: F. S. White 1, H. C. White 2, G. Holifield, sen. 3, F. Barrett 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, C. G. White 7, G. Holifield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

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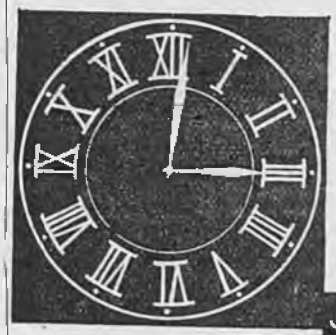

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THE PERSONNEL OF THE COUNCIL.

A letter in another column to-day makes comment upon the personnel of the Central Council. There are probably a lot of young ringers who think, with Mr. Pat. Cannon, that many of the representatives are not the best that could be found. It is doubtful if any representative body of nearly a hundred and fifty members ever contained exclusively the best men that could be found for the office, but we do not hesitate to say that the Central Council in its last session—the new body has not yet, of course, been elected—comprised a very large proportion of able ringers; many of them the peal ringers and organisers that Mr. Cannon calls for. It is only the inexperience of youth which leads some of the young ringers of to-day to think of the Council as a collection of unpractical nobodies. Here and there may be instances of men with no very vast knowledge of ringing, elected by their associations purely as an honour, but for the most part the members of the Council have been elected by their fellows for their experience and competence. And let it not be forgotten that when these qualifications have not entered into their selection, it is the associations themselves that are to blame. The elections are in their hands, and if the youthful element, who now complain of the type of men who form the Council, desire something different they should bend their energies to that end. But let us say at once that nothing could be more mistaken than to imagine that the man best fitted for the Council is the man with the best peal record. Some of the best peal ringers would, and have, cut a sorry figure on the Council. If his ringing mind runs purely in the peal ringing groove he would be of very little use as a member. Something far beyond this is necessary to make the ideal representative. He needs a wide knowledge of ringing affairs generally — a knowledge which usually only comes with the years—he should know something of the human side of the ringer, his peculiarities and idiosyncracies—and they are many—and above all, should have vision, courage and the ability to express his thoughts. Not every member of the Council by a long way can claim all these attributes, but they are the things which should be looked for in men whom it is proposed to elect to the Council. The future of the art of change ringing needs more careful consideration to-day than ever it did. The lead in these things can only come from a central authority. That authority, by common consent, is the Central Council, and during the next year ringing associations have to make their choice of representatives. It is their responsibility to choose the men in whose hands they feel the future can best be trusted—not necessarily

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*PERCY L. WRIGHT ...	...*Treble*	*CYRIL S. WEST	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	CHARLES E. BASSETT ...	6
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	3	ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT ...	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	4	†MERVYN G. PALMER...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

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

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Containing 2,848 Kent, 2,208 Oxford and 51 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER... ...	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	JAMES H. RIDING...	7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ...	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

This arrangement is by Mr. A. G. Driver, and is believed to be now rung for the first time.

WISBECH, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALLACE COUSINS ...	...*Treble*	*LEWIS BUSH	5
ALFRED BACON	2	WALTER FREEMAN	6
*JOSEPH FRANCIS...	3	FRED WIGMORE...	7
*RONALD THAXTER	4	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the only previous peal being Stedman Triples in 1906, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13. Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN M. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
†BENJAMIN J. TOBY	2	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT ...	6
‡FREDERICK HANNINGTON ...	3	D. REES JAMES	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	‡FRANK MORGAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡ First peal in the method. E. Stitch's 50th peal on the bells. The conductor's 65th peal on the bells, also his 50th peal as conductor. Especially arranged for Mr. F. Hannington, Cardiff's one armed ringer.

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On Thursday, July 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER	...Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	ROGER W. DANIELS	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	...Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 30). Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Gwendoline Ethel Victoria Seabourne and Mr. Ian Fremantle (son of the parish clerk, Mr. Sidney Fremantle), who were married at this church earlier in the day. They have the best wishes of the band.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

KENNETH FORD	...Treble	HARRY J. SANGER	5
ALFRED G. REEVES	2	EDWIN J. RIDLER	6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
DAVID MACKAY	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SPLICED EALING, LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*PERCY E. JONES	...Treble	†THOMAS J. LOCK	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	†ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	7
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD	4	†FRANK CORKE	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in six Surprise Major methods. This peal consists of 960 each of Ealing, London and Rutland, 896 of Bristol, 736 of Cambridge and 704 of Superlative, and is the first time that a peal consisting of these six methods has been rung. There were 140 changes of method.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1935, 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 27 cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE	...Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	WILLIAM J. CROSS	6
*GEORGE PAGE	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
GEORGE POPNELL	4	FREDERICK LASBURY	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal 'inside.' Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Christopher P. Gudgeon to Miss Doris Cooper, which took place the same afternoon at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, Manchester. Mr. Gudgeon is a frequent visitor to South Wales.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WESTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GEORGE CROSS, JUN.	...Treble	GEORGE CROSS, SEN.	4
*ALEXANDER EVANS	2	SEALY S. WOODBURN	5
†GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	R. MADRICE SMART	...Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, July 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being five 120's of Canterbury, five of Grandsire and 16 240's of Lindoff's, Pitman's and Morris'. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR MILES	...Treble	*ALBERT E. JONES	4
G. JAMES R. PRICE	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
JAMES T. RANDLE	3	*FRANK THOMAS	...Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in two methods.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT	...Treble	*DAVID MACKAY	4
E. JOHN TARGETT	2	*†RONALD G. BECK	5
LEONARD DUNFORD	3	†FREDERICK A. TARGETT	...Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. First peal in seven methods of Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York, Beverley, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK FEAR	...Treble	DAVID MACKAY	4
E. JOHN TARGETT	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
LEONARD DUNFORD	3	FREDERICK A. TARGETT	...Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

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

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*EDWARD S. T. FARR	...Treble	JACK RANCE	4
†ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	2	ALAN R. PINK	5
WILLIAM WELLING	3	LEONARD STILWELL	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in more than one method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. J. Ellwood, who was inducted to the living previous to the peal.

BIGBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, July 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	...Treble	*RONALD BOWNESS	4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK	2	GEORGE L. HALL	5
MARTIN WALKER	3	GEORGE DOBBS	...Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal 'inside.' Mr. G. E. Feirn has now 'circled the tower.'

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On Wednesday, July 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*HARRY W. SIMMONS ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD G. TALBOT	4
FRANK COOKE	2	DANIEL COOPER	5
*MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged for Mr. F. Cooke, of Selston, Nottingham.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 25, 1935, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*COLYN DERBY	...*Treble*	*THOMAS MACLEY	4
JOHN SADDINGTON	2	JACK BOOTH...	5
CHARLES ALLSOPP	3	LESLIE W. STEVENS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. STEVENS.

First peal as conductor. * First peal and first attempt. Both are local ringers at this church.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM PERKINS ...	...*Treble*	†EDWARD STEELE	4
†JAMES WILLIAMS	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	5
†HAROLD ROSE	3	*FREDERICK SHELLEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Arranged for the treble and tenor ringers, of the local band. They are the first Draycott ringers to ring a peal.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*N. TOWNSEND	...*Treble*	S. BAYBUTT...	4
*W. D. TAYLOR	2	*F. LUFKIN	5
*A. NORTH	3	G. BACON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging with the addition of a new treble.

A 'FAMILY' GATHERING.

The annual joint meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was again held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 27th, and was favoured with glorious weather. Ringing was rather late in starting, but a touch of Stedman Triples was rung for service, which was conducted by the Vicar at 4.30. A company of 33 sat down to tea and included ringers, their wives and families; in fact, it was quite a family party. The tower was again visited afterwards, when, everyone having been refreshed, ringing started in earnest, and this glorious peal of eight bells was kept going throughout the evening in methods to suit all tastes, ranging from call changes and Grandsire Triples to four Surprise methods spliced. The bells were lowered in peal at 9 o'clock, and thus ended another very enjoyable summer meeting at Ranmore, one of Surrey's beauty spots on the summit of the hills.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE ABOUT 'COMPOSING AS YOU GO.'

Continuing our little talk on 'composing as you go,' let us turn to Grandsire Triples for a moment. It is not quite so easy to extend touches in this method in the same orderly fashion as Bob Major, unless it is done by the use of singles. Usually the conductor who wants to extend what he started to call just 'mixes them up,' and eventually, following a more or less recognised procedure, calls the bells round. This 'calling the bells round' in Grandsire must form the subject of another article.

The object of this article is to deal only with some simple forms of extension. It is presumed that the young conductor knows that he can double the length of a touch, made up entirely of bobs, by calling a single for the last bob and repeating it. But he may not desire to ring as much. He can, therefore, join on after the single some shorter length, although, unless he has exercised special care, he may have some of the changes repeated. That, however, is not of much consequence if it is only a practice touch. He can guard against one of the pitfalls if he joins together two touches, each of which comes home at a bob. That saves the risk of ringing at the end some of the course that may have been rung at the beginning, but it does not even then follow that part of that course has not been rung in the middle of the touch. It is a further safeguard to begin the touch with a bob at the first lead. But do not run away with the idea that even this will necessarily avoid falseness.

In ordinary twin-bob touches of Stedman Triples the lengths can be conveniently extended, for the reason that any pair of bobs repeated produces two courses. For a touch of 168 you can call 3.4 or 5.6 or 7.8 or 12.13 twice, and, within limits, you can splice these into another touch. Suppose you set out to call 12.13 twice, and decide to go on, you can put either of the other pairs in between and make your two courses into three, say

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        12.13
   5.6
   5.6  12.13
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After the 5.6's you can put another pair, such as

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        12.13
   5.6
   5.6.7.8
   7.8  12.13
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Or you can begin at the other end and add to your 3.4's, and instead of two courses, you can expand it a course at a time.

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3.4          3.4          3.4
3.4.5.6  or  3.4.5.6  or  3.4.5.6
   5.6          5.6.7.8      5.6.7.8
                   7.8          7.8.12.13
                                   12.13
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And out of this you will, with pencil and paper and by practice in the tower, be able to make up for yourself a great variety of touches.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BANBURY BRANCH MAKING STEADY PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Guild held at Adderbury was attended by about 30 ringers from Banbury, Deddington, Lower Heyford, Great Tew, Sandford St. Martin, Enstone, South Newington, Cropredy and visitors from Oxford, Bucklebury, High Wycombe and Abingdon.

The service in the lovely old church was conducted by the Rev. G. Miller, and the Rev. A. L. E. Williams preached.

The business meeting followed tea, at which the following appointments were made: President, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams; chairman, the Rev. C. A. Ward Jackson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Pearson; auditor, Mr. T. Miller; representatives on General Committee, Mr. H. Impey, Mr. F. Pritchett and Mr. L. J. Malings. One new ringing member was elected.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of over £20, and the secretary's report showed that the steady progress from the ringing side was maintained. Cropredy was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. Malings proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting such a happy one. The meeting welcomed the usual few words by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), who spoke encouragingly to the members.

Ringing was resumed on the fine peal of eight at Adderbury, and the bells at Banbury and Deddington were also kept going throughout the evening.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NORBURY.

Memorial to the Late Rev. A. T. Beeston.

The annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Norbury, Hazel Grove, on Saturday. There was a representative gathering from all parts of the diocese, with a few friends from Lancashire. The proceedings opened with a service in St. Thomas' Church, when the memorial to the late Rev. A. T. Beeston was dedicated and unveiled. The memorial, placed at the foot of the staircase leading to the belfry, consists of a mural tablet with suitable inscription.

The tablet is worded as follows :—

1861—1933
In Memoriam
Arthur Thomas Beeston,
priest.

For 25 years hon. treasurer and for 16 years hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. Hon. secretary 1904 to 1924, hon. treasurer 1907 to 1928. Chairman 1928 to 1933 of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch. Member of the Central Council of Church Bellringers 1911 to 1929.

This tablet is erected by his fellow-ringers and friends in grateful remembrance of his faithful service to the ringing craft. R.I.P.

The Vicar of Norbury, the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, who performed the ceremony, gave an eloquent address on the work of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston,

Directly after the dedication and unveiling a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by five members of the Bowdon and Stockport Branch.

At the business meeting held after the service, Mr. J. W. Milner, chairman of the Wirral Branch, occupied the chair. The general secretary (the Rev. W. R. Ingham) apologised for the absence of the Master, the Rev. C. A. Clements, who had been ill for some time and desired to tender his resignation, which was accepted with regret.

The report and accounts were approved on the recommendation of the committee

After recording with regret the death of members, the report said: As a whole, the Guild generally has had a very quiet year. Sunday service ringing has been maintained at its previous standard, but there have been regrettable occasions when the attendance has not been sufficient to enable the bells to be rung. Members of tower bands, as indeed of any team, should look upon it as a matter of solemn obligation to turn up punctually and regularly unless prevented in some really unavoidable manner. We fancy that ringing activity has been somewhat crippled by the effects of the hard times, though we are happy to think that this phase is passing, and hope sincerely that all our members are increasingly sharing in the general financial recovery, and, therefore, are becoming more able to afford attendance at meetings. Various efforts have been made by the branches to bring, or bring back, into union towers that have been out of union. What a splendid thing for the towers individually and for all the Guild it would be if every tower in the diocese were in active union. We must never rest content till this is so. The Guild and branch finances are all in good condition. As far as the Guild finances are concerned, there has been an increase of over £12 in the bank balance, and it is recommended that £100 be invested by the trustees in some suitable stock. For the fourth year in succession we are really sorry to report a decrease in the number of peals rung, namely, 47, as against 64 in 1933 and 113 in 1930. This represents a gradual and continuous decline, which is not very encouraging. Various reasons for this are suggested; the exacting claims on those who are working; the financial difficulties of those out of work; the senior members are not ringing so many peals, and the younger members are not rising to take their places. If there have been—as probably is the case—many failures, this suggests that practices are not serving their purpose as they should, which leads us to another cause, namely, lack of interest. This, however, cannot be said of our special multi-method Minor band, which has created yet another record in ringing a peal of Treble Bob Minor in 39 methods. We wish to congratulate them most heartily and urge them on to further heights, or rather lengths, and others to follow their good examples. The majority of this band has also rung for the first time in a peal of Manchester Surprise Major, a method composed by one of the band, and, in addition, the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild. Congratulations are also due to the five members who rang their first peal, to one who conducted his first peal, and not least to Mr. Robert Sperring, who rang his 500th peal. It should be noted that only 98 members, as against 162 last year, rang in peals, which means that less than 16 per cent. of our members took part.

During the year the ring of four bells at Bosley, near Macclesfield, has been augmented to six, with a tenor of 5½ cwt. We believe that a regular band is in process of being formed. The other rings of bells in the diocese are reported to be in fairly good condition, although, as we pointed out in the last report, there is still plenty of room for improvement in some towers.

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HERTS RINGERS IN HANTS.

On a recent Saturday, the members of the Apsley and Hemel Hempstead towers again combined for a very pleasant and successful day to tour Hampshire. Fourteen members, including Mr. F. Elliot, of Rickmansworth, made a very early start, and, after a pleasant ride via Windsor Great Park, Basingstoke and Whitchurch, arrived at Laverstoke at 9 a.m., where they found a local enthusiast had changed his 'shift' in order to meet them. The Vicar was also there to offer a welcome, and showed them his beautiful church. The bells—a nice six—were set going to various Minor methods, the bells being lowered in peal at 10 o'clock. On descending the tower, after expressions of thanks for the courtesy shown, some ringers were missing—but they had been 'feeding the fish' in the river—the bus driver regretting he hadn't brought 'rod and line.'

Going on to Andover, the party were met by two local ringers, and two more 'popped in' afterwards to add to the welcome. The rather peculiar winding staircase gave some 'a peculiar feeling.' However, the bells were soon going to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Major.

The next call was Winchester (St. Maurice's), where Mr. C. Russell made the travellers very welcome—but as they were late, only a few short touches could be got in—including Cambridge and London. The inner man now called, and lunch—a good one—was soon put 'out of course' at Dumper's Restaurant.

After this had been properly dealt with, a hurried visit to the Cathedral gave great pleasure to all—many regrets being expressed at having to leave such a beautiful building.

The afternoon was a fairly heavy one—Curdridge (eight, tenor 26 cwt.), but some fairly good ringing was done—finishing with Cambridge Minor on the back six, then lowering them in peal. The next item was 'camera-breaking,' but results have proved that some were not so bad looking after all. Thoughts of strawberry teas caused a clearance of the stock of one shed, but though the temptation was great, the writer noticed the 'chips' were almost complete on reaching the journey's end.

Bishop's Waltham was the next stop. A cordial welcome, some good ringing—including London—plenty of talk—Thanks!—on to Petersfield for a real ringers' tea at Hall's Cafe. This occupied some time, 'ample justice' being paid to good things and plenty of them.

Then came the final call—Bramshott—where the company was met by the Rev. E. A. Berrisford, who offered a cordial welcome. A variety of methods was rung here, everyone being fully satisfied. The Canadian cemetery was visited, the neatness, etc., being much admired.

After according thanks to the Rector, the return journey was commenced—but somehow it soon stopped—(Bramshott is dry!). However, after handbell ringing, etc., the run was continued, Apsley being reached about 12.45 a.m. after a most enjoyable and successful day.

The company offer sincere thanks to all who helped in any way towards another most enjoyable 'annual.' W. A.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED COMBINED MEETING.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, July 13th. In spite of the date, the very hot weather and the fact that Chiddingstone is rather 'off the map,' about 28 members were present, representing nine towers. Owing to the great heat, very little ringing was indulged in.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth), with Mrs. Bickersteth at the organ. Tea was partaken of and the business meeting held on the lawn of the Castle Inn.

The District Secretary said he had been in communication with the secretary of the Maidstone District as to the possibility of a combined meeting at Marden in August.

Mr. A. Battin proposed that the meeting should be held, and this was carried, the date being left open.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, including thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Bickersteth and to the churchwarden for the very hearty welcome they had given the members.

A little further ringing ended a perfect day.

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The report concluded with thanks to all Guild and branch officials for much time and trouble given towards the welfare of the Guild and the furtherance of its objects.

With the exception of the Master, all the officials were re-elected, Mr. J. W. Milner being elected Master.

It was also decided to make grants of £5 and £7 10s. respectively to Woodchurch and Christ Church, Macclesfield.

After a short discussion it was decided that the annual festival be held at Liscard (Wirral) on August Bank Holiday, 1936.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Norbury for his address at the service and for the use of the bells, and also to the incumbents at Stockport (St. George's and St. Mary's), Cheadle, Poynton, Disley and Marple, and to the ladies who served tea, which was partaken of in the Schools after the meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

MORE 'PRACTICAL' RINGERS ASKED FOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just read your leading article this week, and it has set me thinking. Do the Central Council representatives really *represent* their respective associations? How many ringers take any interest in the Council's proceedings, as being applicable *to them*? Let us get down to brass tacks. In most districts, amongst most ringers the 'Central Council' is merely a name discussed as a rather awe-inspiring body of men! Actually they are quite a worthy collection of ringers, noticeable for presenting contrasts in their abilities. Here we have Mr. So-and-So, an exceptionally able *practical* ringer; there we have Mr. What's-His-Name, and some of us wonder how on earth he managed to get elected, because he never rings any peals, and his *practical* interest in ringing is nearly nil! What I am leading up to is that there are many much more worthy ringers all over the country who should be given a place on the Council. Please do not think I wish to belittle anyone, but I do think that a committee of any sort should consist of '*live wires*.'

And not only the Central Council—they are, perhaps, the least offenders. Among associations, committees are elected, including people who have no right whatever to be on them. Only in to-day's 'Ringing World' in the Oxford Diocesan Guild report Mr. A. D. Cullum himself asks, what is their committee for? They never meet! Surely it is time, if you hope to interest young ringers (and old), to have a clean sweep throughout each association. Resign all members who do not take a very active part in the *practical* ringing of their association. Elect in their places keen and enthusiastic ringers, preferably with an organising ability, who, when they meet, can really improve the welfare of the ordinary ringer—the 'man in the street,' shall I call him, who pays his 2s. a year, but gets very little in return. It could all be done without giving offence to anyone, and I am sure the result would be excellent.

One thing I should like to see, that more secretaries of districts should be better *practical* ringers—peal organisers, with an encouraging personality. When meetings are held, peals could then be arranged for young ringers wanting first peals—of which I know there are many.

You may have noticed that I have used the word 'practical' several times, and I think there should be no 'beating about the bush.' Call a spade a spade and let us see *every* leader in *every* tower, *every* member of *every* committee, etc., a really *enthusiastic* and active change ringer.

Throw out the 'stick-in-the-muds,' and replace them with *ringers*—not figureheads, even though the latter may be a so-called 'worthy.' There is no one I admire myself more than an expert ringer—like the late William Pye—an example to everyone, but I do hate to see people put on a pedestal simply for what he has *not* done, but for what he *might* have done, had opportunity allowed him. There are opportunities everywhere. Please use them.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Deal, Kent.

A 22 HOUR DAY.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS' VISIT TO LONDON.

The ringers of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham, visited London for their annual excursion. They left Rotherham by train at 6.25 a.m., taking with them the handbells to help pass the time during the long train journey. Reaching London at 11 a.m., they made their way to Messrs. Mears and Stainbanks' bell foundry, where they were met by Mr. Hughes, who kindly showed them through the foundry, where there was plenty to thoroughly interest them. Three of the ringers and Mr. Hughes rang a course of Bob Major on a tiny peal of handbells, which, in spite of their small size, were of beautiful tone.

Before saying 'Goodbye,' Mr. Hughes showed the visitors the way to the Globe, where lunch was partaken of. They then went to St. Andrew's, Holborn, where they were met by Mr. J. S. Hawkins, who very generously sacrificed the rest of the day in looking after the visitors. Several touches of Major and Triples were rung at St. Andrew's, everybody being pleased at the tone of the bells. The ringers then went to look round St. Paul's Cathedral, and on to St. Clement Danes, where they indulged in more ringing, after which the bells were lowered in peal.

After snatching a hasty tea, the visitors, guided by Mr. Hawkins, made their way to St. Lawrence Jewry, where the Ladies' Guild were holding their annual meeting. After a good ring (thanks to the ladies) they spent the remainder of the evening in viewing the sights of London. After a late dinner at one of Lyons' Corner Houses, the ringers returned to St. Pancras Station and caught the train for home, arriving in Rotherham at 4.20 a.m. on Sunday (and in spite of this late arrival the eight bell at St. Stephen's were pealing merrily at 10.15 a.m. for morning service). Everybody had a really enjoyable and interesting day, thanks being due to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Hawkins for their kind reception and guidance and for arranging for the visitors to have the pleasure of ringing as a visiting band at the fine churches of St. Andrew and St. Clement Danes. N. C.

QUESTIONS FOR THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

MR. GEORGE BAKER'S CATECHISM.

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee have not replied to 'Owen Kay's' inquiry in 'The Ringing World' of July 12th.

If you can find room for the enclosed Treble Bob method, its proof and false course-ends, there are a few questions that I wish to put to the Methods Committee in the hope that they will reply to the satisfaction of myself and the Exercise generally.

(1) Can they explain this Treble Bob method (No. 114) by the formula—productive of thousands of so-called Surprise methods?

(2) Will they give the Exercise their opinion as to whether or no they consider No. 114 an intricate method?

(3) Have they come across in their researches this set of false course-ends, all simple transposition rows, which will permit of 30 true plain courses?

(4) Can they tell the Exercise how many round blocks of *five false course-ends* there are that will permit of 30 true plain courses?

These questions will be sufficient for the time being. I may have more to say to the Methods Committee after seeing their reply.

GEORGE BAKER.

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EAST ANGLIA MEETS AT ELVEDEN.

A very pleasant meeting, under the auspices of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild, was held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday. Besides a good muster from Gressenhall, Norwich, North Walsham, Saxlingham, Pulham Market, Garboldisham, Starston, Wymondham (Norfolk), Bury St. Edmunds, Mendlesham, Newmarket and the local tower (Suffolk), Messrs. J. E. Davis (Bishopsgate), G. Dent (Harlow), W. G. Paul (Watford), G. B. Lucas, sen. (Walthamstow), A. Pye (Seven Kings), A. W. Rolfe and G. Clarry (Chevington) turned up to give the gathering a 'cosmopolitan' atmosphere. The fine peal were used to advantage during the afternoon and evening, and a number of methods, including London Surprise, rung. The trees in the adjoining park offered a welcome shade to those who wished to take advantage of the beautiful natural surroundings and to hear the bells.

The business meetings were of a routine character. A number of members were elected to both the Norwich Association and the Suffolk Guild. The visitors received an 'official' welcome, for which thanks were returned, and the feeling of the gathering was that a meeting at this venue should be made an annual event.

The South Norfolk Branch decided to hold its next meeting at North Lopham on October 12th, when it is hoped that a good number will avail themselves of an opportunity to hear this grand 'lightweight' peal.

VISIT TO NORTH YORKSHIRE TOWERS.

The ringers of the Rotherham Parish Church, accompanied by ringing friends from Trecton, Wath-on-Dearne and Wortley and non-ringing friends, wives and other ladies, made an enjoyable tour of belfries in North Yorkshire. Setting off at 6.40 a.m., the first port of call was at Northallerton, where a substantial breakfast was first partaken of, and then to the Parish Church for a ring of Little Bob, Treble Bob, London, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise. From here a pleasant journey to Catterick (old spelling Kathericke) ended in Double Norwich, Yorkshire, London and Plain Bob; then to Richmond, through beautiful country, to ring Little Bob, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Cambridge, ceasing a bit earlier than intended owing to a service. At Middleham, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Bristol were rung, after which at Leyburn a first rate meat tea was enjoyed by everyone. The last tower was then visited, Bedale, where London, Yorkshire, Double Norwich and Little Bob were rung, after which liquid refreshment was in demand before setting off on the return journey, which was completed in the utmost comfort and to the satisfaction of all. The ringers wish to thank most heartily all the incumbents and ringers who allowed the use of their bells and for the arrangements made. A. N.

STOCKPORT RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. George's Society, Stockport, with wives and friends, had their outing on July 13th. Leaving shortly after 2 p.m. in two cars and a motor-coach, a visit was paid to the tower of Prestbury, near Macclesfield. While the wives and friends were inspecting the fine old church and village, the ringers made full use of the time available by ringing touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich. The journey was then continued to the very pretty village of Gawsworth. Here the party gathered in front of the Harrington Arms Hotel to listen to some fine handbell ringing by Messrs. A. F. Bailey, P. Laffin, H. Jackson, A. Barnes and W. Washbrook, who rang a variety of methods while the finishing touches were being put to the tea. After 'doing full justice' to the meal, the ringers paid a visit to Gawsworth Church, where touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich were rung on the fine toned tower bells, also a touch of Stedman Caters on the handbells. The Rector of Gawsworth greeted the visitors. Returning to the Harrington Arms Hotel, the party thoroughly enjoyed an impromptu concert. The return journey was made via Holmes Chaple and Alderley Edge. The outing was voted 'a great day,' and thanks were given to those who contributed to its success, particularly the Vicar of Prestbury and the Rector of Gawsworth for the use of the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT MEETING AT HADLEY.

A very pleasant meeting of the North and East District took place on Saturday, July 20th, at Hadley. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and, with the exception of the interval for service, tea and the meeting, was kept going until 8.30 p.m.

As usual, under the able direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the methods were very varied, from Minor to Cambridge Major, and those struggling in the early stages of the various methods had every opportunity for good practice.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. Richardson), who gave the association a most cordial welcome. Tea followed, after which a short agenda of business was transacted.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) occupied the chair, and the assistant secretary deputised for Mr. C. T. Coles, who had to fulfil another engagement.

Amongst the visitors were Mr. I. J. Attwater, ringing instructor at Kent Schools, U.S.A., and Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole, of Leicester.

After tea handbells were brought into use, both the visitors taking part.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had made the meeting a success—the Rector and Mr. Orbin, of Hadley, and also the Rev. P. C. Deane, of Barnet, who had placed his bells at the disposal of the association.

It was, however, considered expedient to use only one tower, and, with the concurrence of Mr. Eldred, of Barnet, Hadley bells were kept going for the rest of the evening.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held their quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip. It was preceded by a service in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Lloyd Williams), who also gave an address.

The towers represented were Frome, Doulting, Chilcompton, Kilmersdon, Westbury, Warminster, Paulton and Timsbury.

The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, and later rang a number of methods on the bells, including Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Beverley, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Grandsire and 'Swelp me bob.'

The Vicar was warmly thanked for his hospitality by Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton.

The president, the Rev. M. K. Warren, was unavoidably absent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Only a few days remain to make certain of your copy of 'The Great Adventure.' Afterwards you will have to take your chance, for the edition is only a limited one. When you have seen it, you will be sorry if you have not secured a copy. Further particulars will be found in another column.

We learn that the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, are now at the Loughborough Foundry to be fitted with iron headstocks. They are to be rehung on ball bearings and are expected back in the tower in October.

On Trinity Sunday, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, Tasmania, presented Sir Ernest Clarke, the Governor of Tasmania, with a 'bell' spoon, engraved as follows: 'From the bellringers, as a token for his kindness.'

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stenton, of South Anston, Sheffield, will celebrate their golden wedding on Sunday, and will have the best wishes of the whole ringing fraternity. They were married at Doddington, Lincolnshire, on August 4th, 1885.

Mr. Stenton has been a ringer at South Anston for 48 years, and, despite the fact that he will be 77 on August 20th, he still rings regularly. Two of his sons are also ringers.

'Teddy' Barnett, of Crayford, whose ringing achievements long since broke all juvenile records, had a good week-end in his scholastic career last week. He was notified of his success in the London matriculation examination, was awarded his school colours for cricket, and was elected president of the 'John Dunkin' Historical Society.

The first local ringers to ring a peal at Draycott, Staffs, are W. Perkins and F. Shelley. The bells there have recently been overhauled by Taylor and Co. and 'go' splendidly.

After little more than a year's experience, C. Derby and T. Macley have rung a peal at their local tower. They are the first local ringers to ring a peal on the bells at Hathern, Leicestershire, for well over 20 years.

LONG-FORGOTTEN RINGING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I recently discovered, in the Bodleian at Oxford, records of two long-forgotten ringing societies, which may be of interest to your readers, viz., the Northerne Youthes of London and the Greenwich Youths, who flourished in the second half of the 17th century.

The title page of the Northerne Youthes' Rule Book reads thus:—

> 'Orders conceived and agreed upon by the company exercising the arte of ringing knowne and called by the name of the Northerne Youthes in London, begining and soe continued from the one and thirtieth day of May Anno Dom. 1669.'

Then follow the rules, which are drawn up on the lines of most societies of this period and indexed. The book is signed by all the members entering the society, and by the officers appointed from year to year. The last entry is of a resolution passed at a meeting held at St. Sepulchre's on 7th July, 1676, condemning the negligence of the stewards.

The rules of the Greenwich Youths are written on a single sheet, dated 25th March, 1683. FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton, Oxon.

LITTLE BOB IN PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the second paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' this week re extents (480) of Little Bob being rung in peals, I took part in a peal containing 480 Little Bob at Stoke-on-Tern, Shropshire, on Sunday, July 20th, 1924. It was conducted by the late Joseph E. Sykes, and is the only peal ever rung on these bells. It was, however, not a 5,040, so the question as to its being 'legitimate' does not arise. The extent of Little Bob was rung in addition to the seven 720's, making the number of changes 5,520. It was published as 'a peal of Minor, 5,520 changes, being 2,160 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob, 720 changes of Plain Bob, and 480 changes of Little Bob Minor.'

E. V. RODENHURST.

The peal at Stoke-on-Tern referred to by Mr. Rodenhurst comes within the Central Council's definition of a peal of Minor, which permits the addition of the whole or part of a 720 after the ringing of the first seven 720's.—Ed., 'R.W.'

BRING RINGERS AND BELLS TOGETHER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The remarks of the chairman, Mr. J. Bartram, at the North Notts meeting, reported in last week's 'Ringing World,' certainly raises a question worth consideration. While there are peals of bells without ringers, there are ringers forced to live in places where there are no bells, and having to travel miles for a pull, who would gladly accept any congenial employment to be in their place regularly on Sunday. Obtaining work is the trouble. Could not the associations, the clergy and the employers of labour get together and form some scheme whereby this state of things could be overcome? Good jobs are found for handsmen, footballers and cricketers. Why not for ringers? HARRY PROUT.

Langwith, Notts.

ANOTHER RING OF BELLS FOR TASMANIA.

ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL TO HAVE PEAL OF EIGHT.

Other Bells to be hung for Chiming.

One of the results of the visit of the English tourists to the island of Tasmania is that St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, is to have a ring of eight bells.

Although the Cathedral has been in existence for fifty years, it is only recently that steps to complete the building by the erection of a tower has been made possible by a generous gift and when the English visitors arrived a decision had just been come to to place a chime of 13 small bells (tenor about 7 cwt.) in the tower. It seemed such a pity that so fine a building, linked closely in its structure with the ancient cathedrals of the old country, should not receive the crowning glory of a ringing peal, that all the persuasion that was possible was brought to bear on the authorities to at least have some of the bells hung for ringing and to increase their weight. Useful advice was given as to the adaptation of the tower, which is more or less surrounded by public buildings and hotels, and it is gratifying to know that as an outcome, eight of the 13 bells are to be hung for ringing and the tenor is to be 15 cwt. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have been given the contract, and they are also to fit an Ellacombe chiming apparatus.

A few years ago the base of the tower was built, together with a long porch connecting it with a south-west entrance. The happy link with the English Cathedrals, referred to above, is to be found in stones from some dozen or more of them set in the walls of the porch and each identified by a small brass plate.

When the English tourists were in Hobart, the base of the tower had been carried up to the roof level of the porch, and it was expected that the further work, which had not then been begun, would be finished in about eighteen months.

Our picture shows the architect's completed design.

The only other peal in the island, which is nearly as large as Ireland, is at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, which has a ring of eight with 9¾ cwt. tenor.

SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

METHODS CHANGED AT THE LEAD ENDS.

The peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major which was rung at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, on July 23rd, was arranged as follows: Each course was rung, in leads, K.O.K.K.K.K.O. Thus Kent was rung to the M. lead, when the method was changed to Oxford. Any bobs M. were, of course, rung as Oxford. At the lead when the tenor came into fourth's place, the method was changed to Kent, which was rung until the W. lead, four leads in all. Oxford was then rung for one lead, until the H. lead. Any bobs W. were rung as Oxford, and bobs H. as Kent.

This arrangement, which is by Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, is, we believe, now rung for the first time.

Any peals of Treble Bob with the tenors together will run true to this arrangement, but it must be understood that the changes of method *must* be called alike in *all* courses. The following variations may, however, be made. All Kent leads may be rung as Oxford, and all Oxford leads as Kent, *but each course must be rung alike*. Another variation may be had by calling as shown, with Oxford at the H. leads, with a similar proviso, that all courses must be alike.

The composition rung on this occasion was a 5,056 by J. Reeves, in 13 courses, commencing with two bobs Home. Thus there were 51 changes of method, and *no full courses* of either method throughout. The changes of method were, of course, made at the lead ends.

BENHILTON RINGERS' OUTING.

All Saints', Benhilton, ringers had their annual outing on July 21st and visited Westerham, Godstone and Warnham. Only handbells were rung at Godstone, because of a case of sudden serious illness near the church. Two ringing parsons accompanied the party—the Rev. C. F. T. Willis, assistant priest at Benhilton, and Canon G. H. Ridout, who is home on holiday from Johannesburg—and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thanks are hereby tendered to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their kind assistance.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

IPSWICH. — On Sunday morning, July 14th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: W. Tillett 1, Miss P. E. Tillett 2, C. J. Sedgley 3, H. E. Smith 4, H. E. Symonds 5, E. Talbot (Beddington) 6, G. A. Fleming 7, J. Euston (Tooting) 8, C. A. Catchpole 9, W. P. Garrett 10, W. J. G. Brown 11, F. J. Tillett 12. First touch of Cambridge Maximus by E. Talbot.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. B. Hartley 1, Miss E. Lakin 2, E. Lankester 3, F. Wilson 4, G. M. Kilby 5, F. Barrett 6, H. Kilby 7, J. H. Riding (conductor) 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6 belong to Kingsbury, the rest to Willesden, and this was the first quarter-peal on the bells since their removal, with the church, from Wells Street, London.

DEATH OF MR. W. STEED.

A WELL-KNOWN KENT RINGER.

After having been in indifferent health for some time, Mr. William Steed, a well-known ringer at Tonbridge, Kent, and Master of the Parish Church ringers, passed away on July 22nd at the age of 66 years. Mr. Steed was an excellent ringer and formerly rang many peals.

A native of Hildenborough, he had completed 50 years of service with the firm of Messrs. H. T. White and Co., Ltd. (of which he rose to be a director), and its predecessors. He was very highly respected by his fellow-townsmen and was one of the oldest members of the Town of Tonbridge Lodge of Oddfellows, of which he was a P.G. and treasurer up to the time of his death.

He leaves a widow (a sister of Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton), three sons and a daughter in bereavement.

The funeral took place on Thursday week, a service in the Parish Church preceding the interment in Tonbridge Cemetery. The Rev. Canon Stuart H. Clark conducted the service. The family mourners were Mrs. Steed (widow), Mr. and Mrs. William Steed (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. Rupert Steed and Mr. Leslie Steed (sons), Mr. Robert Steed (brother), Mr. and Mrs. V. Croad (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. H. Hart (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), and Mr. Keith Hart (brother-in-law).

The 'Town of Tonbridge' Lodge of Oddfellows was represented, and many of deceased's fellow-townsmen were present to pay a last tribute of respect. There were a large number of wreaths.

AN APPRECIATION.

The death of Mr. William Steed has robbed the Kent County Association of an old and valued member. We had rung some 24 peals together, the first being at Tonbridge, on Easter Monday, 1895. This was followed by many at Edenbridge, Brighton, Lewes, Worthing, Warnham, Ashford, Staplehurst, Rolvenden, Westerham, Crawley and Havant (Hants); and on one occasion, on Tuesday, December 27th, 1898, we rang together three complete peals in one day, at Lewes, Ringmer and Buxted, which were conducted by Mr. Keith Hart. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also took part in these peals. I well remember we had rung a peal at Warnham the previous day and stayed the night at Brighton. Catching the 5.40 a.m. train next morning to Lewes, it struck 12 midnight as we were walking up Tonbridge High Street after a very strenuous day.

Previous to his marriage we spent many holidays together at Brighton, where peals had been arranged, meeting ringers from Bedford, Kidderminster and other places.

Mr. Steed was of a most aimable disposition, a keen ringer and good striker. He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and for many years he was elected as representative of the Tonbridge District to the Kent County Association. Until his illness some two years ago Mr. Steed was always in his place for Sunday service ringing, never despising ringing Grandsire Doubles with three covering bells if that was the best that could be had. Altogether he had rung over 70 peals.

J. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT BENTLEY.

The meeting of the South-Western Division at Bentley, although favoured by glorious weather, was not quite so well attended as usual, only 35 members and friends putting in an appearance, but, despite this, everyone present had a most delightful time.

The church at Bentley is situated in the midst of pinewoods, a most delightful spot. The bells, a light five, were soon going to various methods. In the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday, the service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Proctor, Rector of South Weald, who gave an inspiring address. Mr. and Mrs. Sherry having kindly given permission to use their grounds, another most delightful spot, the ringers found awaiting them a tea arranged by the members of the Bentley band, their wives and friends, everything having been provided by the lady members of the church.

At the business meeting three new members were elected, and Havering chosen as the place of next meeting, to be held on Saturday, September 21st next (will other district secretaries please note?).

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells, the Rector of South Weald for kindly taking the service, the organist and organ blower, to Mr. and Mrs. Sherry, to the donors and helpers at the tea, and to Mr. G. Wyatt and members of the Bentley band for making the necessary arrangements.

After the business had been disposed of, some of those present again visited the tower, whilst others made their way to South Weald for a pull there. The remainder preferred hiking and enjoyed a walk back to Brentwood via the fields and Weald Park, one well-known ringer especially being very much struck by the charm and beauty of this part of Essex. During the afternoon members were present from Brentwood, Prittlewell, South Weald, Shenfield, Romford, Bentley, Leytonstone, Walthamstow and Fryerning, and many six-scores of various five-bell methods were rung.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

150 RINGERS AT FESTIVAL.

The annual festival was held at Stratton, in the extreme north-east of Cornwall, on Saturday, July 20th. The weather cleared from a rather wet morning, and there was an excellent attendance of some 150 ringers. The majority of the Guild are round ringers and attend in bands or 'sets,' and many, who came from the extreme west, made an early start and rang in wayside towers on the way up.

At the festival itself the following towers were available: Bridgerule (8), belonging to the Devon Guild, where there is an expert change ringing band, Stratton (8), Marhamchurch, Kilkhampton, Whitstone and Poundstock, all six-bell towers.

Evensong was sung at Stratton, followed by tea, at which the Ringing Master expressed his appreciation of the fact that for the first time since its revival the festival was thoroughly representative, all the officers being present and representatives of all branches and life members.

The hon. secretary (the Rev. W. H. Trewhella), proposing thanks to the various incumbents and other helpers, also welcomed the guests, the Bridgerule men. He 'took off his hat,' he said, to them, who, by sheer determination during the few years the bells had been there, had raised themselves to such efficiency. They set an example which other change ringers might follow.

Dr. J. Symons, the president, seconding the vote, said that it was always a great pleasure for him to come to Stratton, where he had learnt to ring and where he met many descendants of old friends; though one of his greatest friends wasn't married, and 'he didn't think he left any descendants.' Subdued laughter began to ripple round the room as it penetrated our thick skulls! says our correspondent.

The bands represented included Callington, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, South Petherwyn, St. Dennis, Redruth, Zennor, Towednack, Stratton, Lanceast, Werrington, St. Stephen-by-Launceston, St. Mary Launceston, Cury and St. Anthony-in-Meneage, who rang rounds and call changes. Half-pull ringers were represented by Bridgerule, Plymouth (St. Andrew's), Truro Cathedral, Gulval, Manaccan, St. Gluvias, Penryn, Tuckingmill, Camborne and Landulph.

SUFFOLK RINGERS IN ESSEX.

The Helmingham, Suffolk, band, accompanied by a few friends, went on a tour in Essex for their annual outing. Starting at 6 a.m. by motor-coach, the party, numbering 19, had a lovely run of 75 miles to Loughton, where Mr. E. J. Butler met them and acted as pilot. After an hour's ringing here they went on to Leyton, where another hour was spent on the light ring of eight. After lunch, which Mr. C. A. Hughes had kindly arranged for them at the Old Vicarage, the party went on to St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, and then to West Ham, ringing at both places before going to Barking, where Mr. E. Moore had kindly arranged tea, which was very much enjoyed. A course or two on the tower bells finished the ringing for the day. Home was reached about midnight, and so ended a perfect day. The ringing during the day included the four standard Surprise methods, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Royal and Major and Double Norwich. One course of Kent was rung by fathers and sons, namely, William G. and Hector Crickmer, George and James Bennett, Albert E. and George Whiting, and Alfred S. and Leslie C. Wightman. The party would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all incumbents for the use of bells and steeplekeepers for having everything ready, and last, but not least, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Moore and Mr. E. J. Butler for making possible this delightful day.

DISS RINGERS EXPLORE LINCOLNSHIRE

On Saturday, July 13th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Diss, with Messrs. E. Whiting, Alphæus Berry, J. Mayes and Harry Moss (well known to the local ringers as 'Sugar Beet Harry'), left Diss at 6.45 a.m. for their annual outing. The first call was at Long Sutton and the ringing commenced with a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise on this fine new ring of eight. Then on to Boston, where up in the wonderful 'Stump' Kent Royal was rung. After lunch Surfleet was visited, where touches of Bob Major, Stedman Caters and rounds on the twelve were rung, after which they had tea and went on to Spalding (eight bells). A halt was made at Narborough on the return journey, and, not finding a tower, the handbells were brought into use. Finally Diss was reached at 11.45 p.m. after travelling 170 miles during the 17 hours. The only serious mishap was as 'Alphæus' was descending Boston Stump and a visitor was ascending, a 'jam' occurred half-way down. Someone suggested 'Alphæus' should try a course of slimming, which he commenced at lunch time. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' thanks are expressed to the clergy for the use of the bells and to the ringers who assisted, especially Mr. Rupert Richardson, who kindly helped with the arrangements.

A. G. H.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—For 6.30 p.m. service on Sunday, July 28th, 720 London Surprise Minor: William Feasey 1, Horace L. Waite 2, Francis Tompkins 3, Augustin V. Good 4, William J. Randall 5, Walter Ayre (first of London as conductor) 6. First of London by all except the conductor and first attempt.

SEVEN 720's IN 32 SURPRISE METHODS.

ARRANGED BY A. G. DRIVER.

23456 Hanley
— 23564
36245
64352
45623 Allendale
— 45236
— 45362
56423 Hanley
62534
23645
34256
— 34562
46325
62453
25634
— 25346
— 25463 Milton
42356
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63542
56234
— 42563 Hanley
26435
63254
35642 Westminster
— 35426
— 35264
56342 Hanley
64523
42635
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23456

23456 Rossendale
35264 Stamford
— 56423 Rossendale
62534 Stamford
23645
34256 Rossendale
45362
— 56234 Annable's London
34625
25463
63542
42356
— 56342 Lightfoot
— 64235 Wearmouth
35426 Lightfoot
26543 Wearmouth
43652
52364
— 26435 Netherseale
54326
63254
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35642
— 42835 Lightfoot
— 23564
64352 Rossendale
45623 Stamford
52436 Lightfoot
36245
— 64523
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23456

23456 Beverley
— 35642
42563 Hexham
26435
63254 Beverley
54326
— 42635
— 23564 Surfleet
64352
52436
36245
45623
— 52364 Durham
26543
64235
43652 York
35426 Durham
— 35264 Berwick
56342
64523 Beverley
— 42356 Durham
25463
56234
63542
34625 York
— 34256
45362 Durham
56423
62534
23645
———
— 23456

23456 Chester
— 23564 Newcastle
45623
36245
— 45236
62345 Alnwick
— 45362 Munden
56423
62534 Chester
23645
———
34256
Repeat twice

23456 Northumberland
56342 Carlisle
64523
42635 Northumberland
— 23564 Sandiacre
— 45236 Northumberland
36524 Carlisle
62345
24653 Northumberland
— 45362 Sandiacre
———
34256
Repeat twice.

23456 London
42635
64523 Wells
56342 London
— 23564 Cunecastre
36245
64352
45623
— 45236
— 45362 London
———
34256
Repeat twice.

23456 Cambridge
— 35642 Norfolk
26435 Ipswich
42563 Hull
63254 Cambridge
54326
— 42635 Ipswich
— 56423 Primrose
62534 Bourne
45362 Ipswich
———
34256
Repeat twice.

In this peal there are 110 changes of method. It contains the greatest number of Surprise methods that can be rung in seven 720's. It was rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on March 2nd, 1935.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT SKETTY.

The Swansea and Brecon Guild held its twelfth festival at Sketty on Saturday, July 20th. There was an excellent attendance from all parts of the diocese. The festival service, held at St. Paul's Church, was intoned by the Rev. J. Thomas, the lesson read by the Lord Bishop, whilst the sermon was preached by Canon H. J. Stewart, Vicar of Sketty. Mr. Clifford H. Trotman, L.T.C.L., presided at the organ. After service, tea was partaken of at the Church Hall, by kind invitation of Mrs. Stewart, who was unable to be present through indisposition.

At the annual meeting, over which the Bishop presided, the statement of accounts, showing a credit balance of £47 19s. 1d., was presented by the hon. treasurer and passed.

The president (Lord Bishop of the Diocese) and vice-presidents were re-elected. Canon Edwards Davies, Vicar of Swansea, was appointed vice Canon W. T. Havard (now Bishop of St. Asaph), and Col. J. J. Jones was unanimously appointed as an additional vice-president. Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild), Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer), Mr. L. T. Havard (hon. secretary) and Mr. E. I. Rowlands (hon. auditor) were re-elected. Mr. Gwyn Lewis was re-elected as Central Council representative for a further term of three years, with Mr. Edward Phillips (Cadoxton) to act as deputy. Committee members, with the exception of two deletions, were re-elected.

The Chairman extended a hearty invitation to the Guild to hold its next festival at Brecon. With regard to the ringing competition for 1936, Neath requested the Guild to hold the event at their tower, provided that the necessary arrangements could be made. It was decided to accept the invitation, but in the event of failure, Mr. D. J. Lewis assured the meeting that the competition could be held at Cadoxton.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Stitch, the meeting decided to send a message of congratulation to Mr. Gwyn Lewis (the Guild's popular Central Council representative) upon his recent marriage.

Discussion took place upon the old question of contributions to the parent Guild by the districts, but it was decided that the rule in its present form should remain.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Stewart for his address, and to Mrs. Stewart for catering for the large company present.

A BROADCAST FROM FINCHLEY.

On Sunday, July 28th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Finchley, 720 and 360 Bob Minor was rung for the broadcast service, the last five minutes being radiated from the Regional station: F. Tubb 1, P. Blake 2, W. J. Norton 3, F. Cherrett 4, A. Warren 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS' JOY RIDE.

COMMENTS ON THE BELLS THEY MET WITH.

On Saturday, July 20th, ringers from the Frampton (near Boston) district spent a day ringing in the neighbourhood of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

The party made their first stop at Croxton Kerrial. Here a quite pretty six, which have only been rung once (on Jubilee Day) in the last two years, were soon set going to Single and Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Willesden Delight. The striking was quite good considering how bells suffer from lack of use, and the fact that two bells repeatedly threw their ropes.

The next stop was made at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, where the pretty six (tenor 10 cwt.) were utilised. It was rather surprising that although these bells move quite considerably in the frame, they 'go' quite well.

After lunch the party went on to Asfordby, where a tricky six (due to a 40ft. rope fall without guides) were soon rung to Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and London Bob.

Whissendine was then visited. These bells (six, tenor 17 cwt.) are not rich in tone, being rather dull, and also rather heavy at hand stroke. At Langham, where Single and Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung, it was certainly a delight to hear such a pretty six well struck. They were worthy of the pains. After tea in Melton, the party left for Ashby Folville, where there is a delightful but very light eight. This, it is sad to relate, rather spoilt some of the striking, but touches of Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were brought round. Following this the party journeyed home via Oakham, Stamford and Bourne, arriving about 12.30 a.m. after spending a most enjoyable day, with everyone pleased at having rung in six new towers.

The party were most cordially received at every church, which they greatly appreciated. It helps to foster a feeling of fellowship amongst the ringers of neighbouring counties.

GREAT TEY RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, Essex, had their annual outing on July 17th, and were again honoured by having the Vicar and two churchwardens with them. They also had a beautiful day. They rang at St. Mary's, Dunmow; Bishop's Stortford; St. Mary's, Ware; St. Andrew's, Hertford; a peep at St. Albans Cathedral, then on to St. Mary's, Watford, and St. Edward's, Romford, reaching home at 10.45 p.m.

The ringers would like to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all incumbents and steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, which greatly added to the pleasure of the day.

AGE AND YOUTH AT BIRCH.

TENOR BELL FAILS IN FAREWELL PEAL.

At the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Horner) and wardens of St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, ringers from the Manchester diocese attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples on July 20th, on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Edwin Burroughs, after 57 years, and Mr. Walter Ryder, after 48 years' service as ringers at St. James'. The peal, however, failed owing to the tenor running badly in spite of the efforts of the local enthusiasts to assure every comfort and ultimate success. Mr. J. Wilson, ringing the tenor, was compelled to relinquish the task, asking that the bells be brought into rounds after one hour, the attempt ending after 1,740 changes. Ringing was, however, to be continued, the Birch youth, eager to know what had gone wrong, stormed the belfry, and, with the assistance of the visitors, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The youths are mostly learners, and would welcome assistance on Thursday, the weekly practice night.

In the Schoolroom, known as the 'Old Birch,' some 30 people partook of a sumptuous tea. The Rev. A. E. Horner spoke of the meritorious service rendered by the retiring stalwarts of the belfry, and as a fitting remembrance a tablet is to be placed in the belfry recording their faithful service to the church. The Vicar thanked the visitors for the splendid effort to honour their ringing comrades, and said he was sorry the tenor bell would not rise to the occasion. However, Mr. Mossely had informed him the home team had had an opportunity of getting a pull with more experienced ringers, and he assured the visitors the youths had enjoyed it very much. He (the Vicar) felt very proud of his young band, who consisted of undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, a clerk-in-orders, engineers and young men of good understanding, but they had much to learn. They were, however, ambitious, and would in due course 'make something of the long list of figures with zig-zag lines running through them.'

Mr. Wallace Hatton, proposing a vote of thanks and a hearty welcome to the visitors, hoped the visit, although disappointing regarding the peal, would foster friendship between the visitors and the youth of Birch.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, responding on behalf of the visitors, spoke encouragingly to the young ringers, urging them not to neglect their theory at home, but to study there and put it into practice in the tower. He thanked the Vicar, wardens and ladies for their reception, and wished Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Ryder good health for many years to come in their well-earned retirement.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the visitors, and, returning to the tower, short touches of Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire completed a very happy evening despite the lost peal.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The ringers of St. Peter's Church, Chatteris, Cambs, visited Haverill, Great Yeldham, Castle Hedingham, Gestingthorpe and Lavenham on their annual excursion. They were accompanied by Messrs. E. Waking (Somersham), F. Warrington (Over) and G. Whybro (Cambridge). At Gestingthorpe 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung. Tea was had at Sudbury, before going to Lavenham. Everyone present voted it the most pleasant outing ever arranged, and they were particularly delighted with the bells at Lavenham.

SWINDON RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

Swindon Parish Church ringers' outing proved a very successful excursion. The party left Swindon at 6.55 a.m. by rail to Oxford, where a motor-coach was provided. At Southam a few touches were brought round on the nice peal of eight, and then they went on to Dunchurch for refreshments. The objective of the outing was Loughborough, and on arrival an excellent lunch was served at the King's Head Hotel. A visit was then paid to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry, and a very interesting time was spent under the guidance of Mr. Colin Harrison. The inspection was followed by a pull on the foundry's light peal of ten, and then, at the Parish Church, ringing on this fine ten was very much enjoyed. Going next to Leicester, half an hour's ringing took place at St. Margaret's, everyone being delighted with this beautiful peal of twelve. Afterwards a leisurely journey was made to Oxford, the party eventually reaching Swindon at 11.30 p.m. after a long but very enjoyable day. The ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Cinques, and cordial thanks are extended to the Rev. O. M. Jones, of Southam, and the verger, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. and Mr. Harrison, and Messrs. Josiah and Ernest Morris for their help in making the outing a success.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Highworth on June 15th. Visitors were present from Faringdon and Aldbourne. At the business meeting reference was made to the loss sustained by the death of Mr. Ernest Bishop, the members standing for a few moments as a last token of respect.

No meeting was arranged for July owing to the G.W.R. works holidays. Bishopstoke and Stratton St. Margaret were proposed for August and September respectively.

'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'

TO BE PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 14th.

The story of the Australian and New Zealand ringing tour will appear in the book 'A Great Adventure,' to be published by 'The Ringing World' on Aug. 14th. There has been a great demand for this interesting record of the historic bellringing journey and those who desire to possess a copy must order it at once, or they may be too late, as only a limited edition will be printed.

The book, illustrated with forty photographs and bound in stiff covers, is 2s. post free. *Write now*, enclosing remittance to secure a copy, to

'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

Those who previously intimated their intention to subscribe should, if they have not already done so, forward a remittance at once, so that the book can be despatched to them immediately on publication.

LYME REGIS RINGERS IN SOMERSET.

CONTRASTS IN BELLS.

The Lyme Regis ringers mustered in full strength for their annual outing on July 20th, an early start enabling them to reach Shepton Mallet by 9.15 a.m., where some good touches were rung on this fine eight. A short break was taken for buns and coffee, then on to Chewton Mendip. This is one of the gems of Somerset, certainly for the situation of its church and beautiful tower, but specially for its bells, glorious in their depth of tone. Some well-struck Stedman and Major whetted the appetite for more, but, Bath being the objective for lunch, time did not permit. A stop at Corston provided a fierce contrast in metal; here was a tenor of 9 cwt. and seven other screaming little bells. At least that was the effect inside the tower. Quite a short spell of ringing sufficed and Bath was reached about 1.15.

After lunch St. Michael's eight were available for just half an hour, which period was made good use of with touches of Stedman and Kent Major. Freedom for shopping and a look round filled the afternoon, but, alas! the time table suffered severely, for at the hour scheduled for departure the bus could not be found! Eventually after a game of hide and seek using up a precious 40 minutes, the retrieved wheels were turned towards Bradford-on-Avon. On arrival tea had to be first realised, and there was not much time to explore the quaint old town, for the hill had to be climbed again to obtain a ring on the pleasant Christ Church eight. Leaving Bradford in the evening sunshine, the route to Castle Cary was particularly interesting, giving extensive views, on one side the 'White Horse' of the Downs and Glastonbury Tor, backed by the Mendip Hills on the other. Only a brief ring was possible at Castle Cary, as Yeovil was the final tower on the programme and the clock was speeding round. At 8.40, however, the bus came to a halt by Yeovil Church, and those who were not too tired thoroughly enjoyed half an hour's Grandsire and Stedman on the back eight. Home was reached again just before 11 p.m.

The Lyme Regis band wish to thank most warmly all the incumbents who so readily gave permission for their bells to be used; also Mr. Prescott, of Bath, Messrs. Andrews and Slade at Bradford-on-Avon, Mr. Creed at Castle Cary, Mr. Baker and others of Yeovil, who met the visitors with such kindly welcome and had everything in readiness for them. C. C. C.

ROUND THE TOWERS OF NORFOLK.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, took the form of a tour of Norfolk towers. They were accompanied by friends from Rushmere, the party, numbering 14, travelling by motor-coach. The first stop was at Eye (eight bells). Calls were then made at Dickleburgh (five), Long Stratton (six) and Saxlingham Nethergate (eight) before dinner. This was excellently served at the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke Holy Cross. There being no bells here, the next stop was at Shottesham All Saints (five), where access to the belfry is by an iron spiral staircase outside the tower. This church stands in ideal country. Then on to Brooke (six), a round tower: Bergh Apton (six) and Loddon (eight), where the bells required ringing. On the return journey, after tea at Loddon, a call was made at Norton Subcourse (six), where, as also Long Stratton, was found another round tower. Here the bells and ropes required some attention. Time being lost at some of the towers, it was decided to leave out the last call at Laxfield, and run straight home, which was reached at 10.45 after a most enjoyable day. The weather, although dull, was ideal. The ringers wish to thank all who met them or helped to make the excursion a success.

MARRIAGE OF MR. CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

On Saturday, July 27th, the wedding of Mr. Christopher Gudgeon and Miss Doris Cooper was solemnised at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, Lancs. Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. Renshaw, Vicar of Worsley.

The bride, who was attired in peach satin, was given away by her father, and attended by four bridesmaids, who were attractively dressed in blue, with crinoline hats.

As the guests arrived at the Mill Brow Cafe, a great surprise awaited them when Canon Elsee took possession of the two trebles and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, the party including the bridegroom: Canon Elsee 1-2, Christopher Gudgeon 3-4, John Potter 5-6, Joseph H. Ridyard 7-8.

Following the wedding breakfast, a happy party celebrated the occasion until a late hour, the proceedings being brought to a close with a course of Stedman and the singing of Auld Lang Syne, and good wishes for the health and success of the happy pair.

BURNHAM'S YOUTHFUL RINGERS.

The voluntary society at St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks, have had their second annual 'busman's holiday.' Leaving Burnham at 1.30 by coach, with Frensham as the first objective, the party proceeded via Crowthorne and Farnborough (where they were fortunate enough to meet their Majesties the King and Queen returning from the Royal Review), on through Farnham (where they were badly delayed by traffic jams), arriving at Frensham half an hour late, with Mr. Chuter waiting to greet them at the tower. A pleasant pull on the six bells, then to Frensham Pond, where bathing was indulged in. In order to pick up the lost half-hour, bathing was curtailed, only to lose the half-hour again by the bus waiting on one road whilst the party stayed on another. At Haslemere Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden were waiting at the tower with a welcome. It was here that the St. Peter's Society's very first pull on ten bells produced quite a good course of Grandsire Caters. After tea they went to S. Nicolas', Guildford, but the party were doomed to be half an hour later everywhere, for en route one one of the firm's buses was found at Milford (the bus should have been at Bognor). However, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazleden were waiting to receive the party at their second ten-bell tower, where a pleasant half-hour was spent. An unexpected pleasure was the presence of Mr. Pulling, Mr. W. Denyer and Mr. C. W. Denyer. Afterwards, hiring a couple of boats, a race took place on the River Wey. The boat with a lady in the crew was the winner. One can understand the energy of this party, as the captain and deputy captain are 25 and 22 respectively, while the remainder of the band with one exception ranged from 17 years down to 13. The return journey was via Bagshot and Windsor, Burnham being reached about 10.30 p.m. The bus was lined with fruits, crisps, biscuits, pop, 'grown-up pop' and music. Good weather, bells, scenery and company made No. 2 outing taste 'more-ish.' Thanks are given to all incumbents and steeple-keepers for what turned out a most enjoyable outing.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, July 20th, when a good muster of ringers and friends were present. Although but a tiny village with few inhabitants, Monks Kirby boasts of a fine and imposing church, whose bells were augmented and rehung by Taylors in 1921.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rev. B. Richardson (curate), who also gave the address, while the lesson was read by Mr. W. A. Stote.

Tea in the Denbigh Arms, at which between 40 and 50 sat down, was followed by the business meeting, Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) taking the chair.

The following places were decided upon for the next three meetings: Berkswell for August, Bulkington for September, and Warwick for the quarterly meeting in October.

One new member was elected, namely, E. R. Hawke, of Bedworth.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service.

The bells were rung to most of the standard and Surprise methods during the afternoon and evening, and the following towers were represented: Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Rugby and Stoke, together with the local band.

It is rumoured that 20 ringers were so taken up with Monks Kirby that it was after 11 o'clock before they decided to leave, in spite of the fact that the Denbigh Arms had closed at ten.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The July meeting was held at Otley on Saturday. It is many years since the society had a meeting at this spot. The church is very old and interesting. The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and, except for a break for tea and the business meeting, were kept going until 9 p.m.

Mr. L. Drake presided at the business meeting, held in the tower, when Mr. Jackson Ewbank, of Birstwith, was elected a member.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who, pointing out that this was the third Saturday in succession when the bells had been rung (mainly by ringers from the Leeds District), said they ought to be very thankful for a concession of this nature.

The next meeting is due to be held at Shipley on August 31st.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Steep on Saturday, July 20th. It is believed to be the first meeting of ringers ever held there and warranted a larger attendance. Members were present from Blackmoor, East Meon, Petersfield and Steep, and a visitor from Farnborough. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. N. M. Livingstone (Vicar), who gave an excellent address. Tea at the Village Hall was admirably supplied by the wives of the Steep ringers.

A short business meeting followed, and the hon. secretary explained that the meeting was then being held at Steep, as it was inconvenient to go to Newton Valence as arranged, in the absence of the Vicar.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting some time in August, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed for September 28th at Froyle.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, when members and friends attended from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Swanmore, Southampton, Soberton and Wickham. By kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. N. H. Stubbs), the bells were available to the members during the afternoon. The Guild's service was held, after which the members adjourned to the Rectory garden, where an excellent tea was served.

The Rector was voted to the chair for the business meeting, when the Rev. E. L. Thornton (Rector of Wickham) was elected an honorary member. Messrs. R. Davies, J. Sutton and W. H. Spenser were elected ringing members from Curdridge.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hambledon on Saturday, October 19th. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his kindness to the members in allowing the use of his garden, also to his wife and the ladies who catered for tea.—The Rector suitably responded.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

DEATH OF AN OLDHAM RINGER.

A large circle of friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. George Barlow, son of Mr. Herbert Barlow, both service ringers at St. Mark's, Gledwick. Mr. George Barlow passed away at the early age of 24 years at Westhulme Hospital on Friday, July 5th, after about six months' trying illness. The interment took place on Tuesday, July 9th. Service was held at St. Mark's, Gledwick, where about 20 ringing friends met the cortege and the 'whole pull and stand' was rung as it came to the church. Mr. J. Kirk, Mr. William Cockshott, Mr. Arthur F. Taylor and Mr. Vernon Sykes, four of the deceased's fellow-ringers, were the bearers. The interment took place in Moorside Churchyard. It was at this church Mr. Barlow began his ringing at 14 years of age. The bells were rung here also, and Mr. Charles Platt (Moorside), Mr. Donald Brown (Manchester), Mr. Vernon Sykes (Oldham) and Mr. Ben Thorpe (Ashton) rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave. In the early evening a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: A. F. Taylor (conductor) 1, W. Breamer 2, E. Greary 3, S. Holt 4, W. Cockshott 5, J. Kirk 6, V. Sykes 7, C. Platt 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 29th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, St. Michael's on the 13th, St. Andrew's on the 15th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All welcome and a good attendance hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, Aug. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Good bus service, also trains, Histon, L.N.E. Railway.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Wellington on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. 'Red' buses leave Hereford at 3, 3.45 and 4.30 p.m. Fare 10d. return.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Langton-by-Spilsby on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, August 5th, at Rotherham Parish Church. Ten bells. Tower open at 1 p.m. Cafes near church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stoke Trister.—The new treble bell will be dedicated by the Bishop of Taunton on Thursday, Aug. 8th, at 7 p.m. New bell by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, making a peal of six. Ringing friends, please note time and date.—S. J. Pound, Bayford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newton, near Wisbech, on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Aug. 10th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next?—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Stapleford on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Please notify me if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — A bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Harborne, Birmingham, on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Ransford Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 7 p.m. Nominations of officers for the following year. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. James Hall, Bank Villas, Ransford, before Wednesday, Aug. 7th?—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. Owing to difficulty in catering, please notify me for tea by Tuesday, 6th (sure). All are welcome.—A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Aug. 10th. 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, in Fabb's Restaurant, at 5.30 p.m. Quarterly business meeting afterwards. A hearty welcome to all ringers and their friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s., each, at 5.30. Please

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Teas will be arranged only for those who notify Mr. Arthur A. Saxby, 117, Canterbury Road, Margate, of their intention to be present, on or before Thursday, Aug. 15th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A special joint meeting of the Maidstone and Tonbridge districts will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Special short service, important nature, at 5 p.m. Special attention will be given to members desiring to ring Grandsire and Kent. Please notify Mr. F. Mitchell, Knowles, Howland Road, Marden, for tea, by Wednesday, Aug. 14th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Tonbridge District.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Beddington on Wednesday, Aug. 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at The Harvest Home. All are welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Kippin, 6, Courtney Road, Croydon, by Monday, Aug. 19th. — Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. —The fourth annual dinner of the above association will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan. Arrangements are now well in hand, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets 4s. each, and early application will save a lifetime of regrets. Tickets may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 245, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Wigan; Mr. W. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan. Please apply early. Fuller details later.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT DITCHLING.

The Southern Division of the Sussex County Association met at Ditchling on Saturday, June 29th. Good use was made of the light left-handed ring during the course of the afternoon, until a break was made for service and tea.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Williams) gave an interesting address on the text, 'They have neither speech nor language, but their voice is heard among them,' using as an illustration the position of the bells in the tower and their message speaking over the countryside, not in words, but in signification.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting which followed tea in the Church Room. Two new members were elected, namely, Mr. James Topp, of Portsmouth, a non-resident member, and Mrs. M. Kemp, of Seaford, as a practising member.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for his welcome to Ditchling, his address and for presiding at the meeting; also to the organist and to the local tower secretary for their work which had contributed to the success of the function.

Members were present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Nicholas', St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Shoreham, Lindfield, Turners Hill, Lewes, Twineham, Ditchling, and, later in the evening, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill, a total of about 35.

Ringing consisted of methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, while Minor was rung on the peal of six at Keymer, which were available after tea.

RINGERS' OUTING.

Tunstall, Sittingbourne and Queenborough ringers had a very successful outing. They visited Staplehurst, Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells on their outward journey, and Speldhurst, Penshurst, Ightham and Wrotham on the homeward run. A ring at all the above towers was much enjoyed, thanks to those in charge for their kind welcome. The methods rung included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Double Norwich.

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In the past ringers have been ever ready to honour the men who by outstanding ability and energy have helped conspicuously to foster the art of ringing and promote its welfare. We imagine they will be equally willing to support the appeal soon to be made for the memorial to William Pye. Fifty years ago the ringers of England put into the parish church of Ilkley a stained glass window to the memory of Jasper Snowdon; some twenty-five years since a chancel screen to commemorate the life of the Rev. F. E. Robinson was erected in Drayton Church. Later the Exercise added two bells at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, as a fitting memorial to James William Washbrook. More recently the ringers of England have provided a memorial chapel and additional bells at Tewkesbury Abbey as a perpetual recognition of the work done by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies; added bells at Surfleet as a memorial to the Rev. Henry Law James, and, only last year, joined in the effort of enlarging the chapel at St. Anne's College, Reading, to perpetuate the memory of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. William Pye, in his own particular way, was as great a national figure as any of these, and the suggestion to augment the bells in his own parish church is a form of memorial that should appeal to everyone. A joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations have the matter in

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37¾ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER	*Treble*	CHARLES CLARKE	7
ALBERT G. WARNES	2	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	8
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS	3	CHAS. A. CATCHPOLE	9
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	10
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	5	*GEORGE BAILEY	11
GEORGE H. FLEMING	6	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON	6
ARTHUR WALKER	2	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HAROLD DYSON	3	THOMAS HOLDER	8
HORACE FOX	4	CHARLES BROWN	9
FRED NEWTON	5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WISBECH, CAMBS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. STOKES	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	JOHN WALDEN	7
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal on the ten bells. First peal of Surprise Royal in the county.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¼ cwt.

HENRY GOLDING	*Treble*	*HORACE L. WAITE	5
HERBERT GATES	2	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL	6
FRANCIS TOMPKINS	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. Specially arranged for Mr. J. Walden, of Lincoln.

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LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM BAWDRY	...Treble	GEORGE LEE	5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	2	RICHARD W. R. COATES	6
RICHARD J. WOODLEY	3	ALBERT COLEMAN	7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON	...Treble	JOHN GRUNDY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	6
JOHN SADDINGTON	3	HAROLD G. JENNEY	7
ERNEST W. PYE	4	LESLIE STEVENS	...Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Rung to oblige Mr. E. W. Pye, who was on a visit from Leytonstone.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT ST. THOMAS'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

LIONAL H. PAGE	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
*HENRY J. TUCKER	2	TOWER R. TAYLOR	6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	3	JOSIAH D. HARRIS	7
*FREDERICK W. STEMP	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	...Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Norwich as conductor. A wedding compliment to Miss A. M. Eager, of St. Thomas' Cathedral, and Cecil L. Guy, of St. Mary's, Portsea, who were married the same day.

BENHILTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Half-a-Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

GEORGE RAYNER	...Treble	EDWARD ENTICKNAP	5
*HARRY SMERDON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
†FRANK RANDALL	3	FREDERICK G. WOODISS	7
†CANON G. H. RIDOUT	4	RAYMOND FOREMAN	...Tenor

Composed by the REV. CANON G. H. RIDOUT, M.A., of Johannesburg
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS, F.R. HIST. S.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday and wedding anniversary peal for the 5th ringer. The composition is now rung for the first time. Specially arranged for the composer, who is on a visit to this country, and also for the conductor, who hails from Leicester.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS	...Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	CHARLES CAMM	...Tenor

Composed by JOS. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

SIDNEY MOODY	...Treble	FRANK TAYLOR	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	2	CECIL L. GUY	6
FREDERICK W. STEMP	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
FRANK W. BENNETT	4	ALBERT R. WARD	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

SAM LAW	...Treble	CHARLES SAMMS	4
WILLIAM WEDLOCK	2	FREDERICK SEYMOUR	5
LEONARD CAMP	3	HENRY CAMP	...Tenor

Conducted by W. WEDLOCK.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)
On Wednesday, July 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Canterbury, Beverley, York, London and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

REGINALD SIMMONS	...Treble	GEORGE R. TOWNS	4
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	2	FRANK CLAYDON	5
ALEC M. GENERY	3	ALBERT L. DIXEY	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. TOWNS.
This is the first peal of Surprise Minor in seven different methods by all the band, and also the first of its kind on the bells. Great credit is due to the conductor, who is only 18 years of age, and called the peal from a non-observation bell.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS, HOLYWELL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE HORWOOD	...Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	4
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	*FRANCIS E. MAY	5
*FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Reginald George Partridge and Miss Ruby Hayes, which took place at High Wycombe Church on the above date.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourn; (2) York and Durham; (3) London and Wells; (4) Ipswich; (5) Primrose; (6) Cambridge; (7) Durham. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

MRS. PHYLISS HUMPHREY	...Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
* First peal in ten Surprise Minor methods.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, Wragby Delight, London Scholars', College Exercise, College Pleasure and Killamarsh. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE LORD	*Treble*	FRANK ATKINSON	4
WILLIAM GREEN	2	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
ARTHUR GILL	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stenton, of South Anston, near Sheffield, with the best wishes of the band.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HARRY JOYCE	*Treble*	*HENRY W. SHADRACK ...	4
†MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ...	2	FRED CHALK	5
ALFRED SOUTH	3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor and first lady to ring a peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Canon Macdonald) on his retirement.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, July 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE MAIL COACH, FARRINGDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIE ROUGHTON	1-2	HERBERT LANGDON	5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3-4	*WARREN STURGIS	7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY. Umpire: THOMAS BENNY.

* First peal. Every lead in this peal was ticked off by the umpire.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, SOCIETY.

INTERESTING VISIT TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

For their annual 'pilgrimage,' the ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, paid a visit to Cambridgeshire. Calling at Barkway in Hertfordshire en route, the Vicar very cordially welcomed the party and stayed while the first touch, Stedman Triples, was rung. A course of Superlative and Cambridge followed. At St. John the Baptist's, Royston, a course of Cambridge, a touch of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Spliced Surprise Major were rung, the latter being the first on the bells. John Ward, the local captain, and Robert King met the company here, the former piloting them in his car to the Rose, Melbourn, where dinner was served. After this very necessary interlude, a start was made for Soham, Cambridgeshire, and during the rather long and circuitous route to this ten-bell tower, several items of interest were pointed out, the two outstanding being a distant view of Ely Cathedral across the fields, and the other an ordinary country roadside pond. Here, it was learned, nearly 40 years ago a certain member of the company, who is a distinguished and well-known London ringer, presumably through the ebullition of youth, was precipitated into the pond, and had it not been for the timely arrival of the brother of the Vicar of Soham, we might have been one short for 'spliced' at Royston. Soham bells are quite nice, but want some handling. After a touch of Stedman Caters, however, quite a good course of Cambridge Royal was rung. The Rev. B. F. Sheppard, who was visiting the district, took part in three leads of Treble Ten with the visitors. The Vicar and his wife had arranged for refreshments in the Vicarage garden, and very lavishly did they receive and entertain their visitors. Such was their hospitality in fact, that the visit to Bourn, the fourth and last tower, was over an hour late. Here, on a very fine peal by Taylor, a touch of Double Norwich and a course of London Surprise were rung. Back to Melbourn for tea, a look round John Ward's Mill, which was extremely interesting, and time demanded our return home. Our best thanks are offered to the incumbents and towerkeepers, especially to Mr. John Ward and to the delightful people at Soham Vicarage, thanks are accorded for another very happy outing. G. M. K.

FOR BEGINNERS.

DON'T 'STAY PUT.'

One of the things that is rather difficult to understand is how a band which is fairly competent in the ringing of, say, Bob Minor, is content to go on ringing it and making little or no attempt to get any further. Some there are who seem to think that the next stage to Plain Bob is Treble Bob or some elaborate Surprise method, and the feeling that from a plain method to this sort of thing is too big a step for them, saps their aspiration, and they just 'stay put' as far as their method ringing is concerned.

This is a totally wrong notion to get into one's head. The simpler Treble Bob methods have no real difficulties for a ringer who has really learned to ring Bob Minor properly, but it is not necessary to go even this far to get variety and a new interest. There are a number of six-bell methods in which the treble has a plain hunt and which, if practised, form an excellent introduction to an exploration of the 'great beyond,' which lies before the ringer blessed with average intelligence and a desire to learn.

For instance, there are the variations of Bob Minor itself, Reverse Bob and Double Bob. They will be found a useful stepping stone to other things and with just enough of difference to make them of more than passing interest.

Reverse Bob gets its name from the fact that instead of 2nd's place being made over the treble when it leads, 5th's place is made under the treble when lies its whole pull behind. Thus the work is reversed; and if you are in the habit of ringing by the treble; that is finding your dodging place by the position in which you pass the treble as the latter hunts down, you will have to find your dodging place by the position in which you pass the treble as it hunts up.

For example, after you have made your whole pull behind, which is 6th's, and you pass the treble in 6-5, you make 5th's and turn the treble from behind; or if you have passed the treble in 5-4, you dodge in 3-4 down, and so forth.

If you adopt the other plan of fixing your dodging place by the number of bells you meet before you meet the treble, you can still do so, only remembering that everything is the other way round. What you have to look for is the number of bells you meet before the treble as you hunt *down* (and not as you hunt up). If in Bob Minor you met two bells before the treble when hunting up, you dodge in 5-6 up. In Reverse Bob, if you meet two bells before the treble when hunting down, you dodge in 2-1 down. In other words, take as many bells after passing the treble as you took before it and then dodge.

Double Bob is a combination of Bob and Reverse Bob; that is to say, 2nd's place is made when the treble leads its whole pull, and 5th's is made when the treble lies its whole pull behind. This causes dodging to take place twice in each lead instead of once. You must fix your dodging places by the position in which you pass the treble both going up and down. In hunting up,

Pass treble in 1-2 make 2nd's and lead.
Pass treble in 2-3 dodge 3-4 up.
Pass treble in 3-4 dodge 5-6 up.
Pass treble in 4-5 dodge 5-6 down.
Pass treble in 5-6 dodge 3-4 down.

That's Bob Minor, isn't it? Then treat the passing of the treble as you hunt down in the same way. In hunting down,

Pass treble in 1-2 from the back (i.e. 6-5) make 5th's and lie.
Pass treble in 2-3 from the back (i.e. 5-4) dodge 3-4 down.
Pass treble in 3-4 from the back (i.e. 4-3) dodge 1-2 down.
Pass treble in 4-5 from the back (i.e. 3-2) dodge 1-2 up.
Pass treble in 5-6 from the back (i.e. 2-1) dodge 3-4 up.

Of course, the work does not come in this order. You get a piece out of each table in turn; that is, you alternate the ups with the downs. Perhaps it will help you if I give you the figures of a lead of each. Then I would advise you to write out the whole course and draw a continuous line through the figure representing one bell and see if you can learn the methods by this diagram system, which I may tell you is the way in which all the 'brass hats' of the Exercise learn those wonderful methods which leave us poor beginners gasping in wonderment as to how they do it.

Well, here are the three methods side by side:—

Plain Bob.	Reverse Bob.	Double Bob.
123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	214365
241635	241635	241635
426153	426153	426153
462513	462513	462513
645231	645231	645231
654321	462531	462531
563412	645213	645213
536142	654123	654123
351624	561432	561432
315264	516342	516342
132546	153624	153624
135264	135264	156342

MAKING A MESS OF IT.

WHAT CAME OF GETTING INTO THE WRONG TRAIN.

Surfleet, of many happy memories, was the scene of another gathering last week-end, when a company, got together by Mr. Churchwarden Richardson, *was* to have attempted a peal of Stedman Cinques on the lightest ring of twelve in the world. We say 'was,' because they didn't. The ringers were coming from the four corners of the universe (more or less): Birmingham, Derby, Woking, London, Sheffield, Lincoln and elsewhere. This last term includes Hemel Hempstead, which, perhaps, had better be mentioned, otherwise this report would be incomplete, like that of a celebrated society wedding from which the bride's mamma, in her glamorous description to a society paper, omitted all mention of the bridegroom. When, having described the bride and the bridesmaids and their dresses, her own lavish get-up and, to a lesser degree, the dresses of some of the more prominent guests, she was asked, not quite in these words, but in effect, 'What about him?' she casually replied that the reporter could say 'he was also present.'

Thanks, we are told, to the 'also present,' the peal at Surfleet was not attempted—and he doesn't deny it. Some of the wiser ones of the party arrived on the scene overnight—it may have been to make sure of their beds, because there is no surfeit of beds in Surfleet on such occasions, unless one is prepared to sleep on one of the broad racks in the forcing shed—and goodness knows what might happen then, if Rupert started firing up the stoves. But, whatever the reason, the Birmingham and Woking contingents—the latter rather the worse for wear after the journey—landed safely on Friday.

BRASS HATS MISSING.

Little by little the rest drifted in on Saturday, and at two o'clock a deputation, including the Mayor and 'Corporation' of Surfleet (without cocked hat, which he appears to have left behind in Melbourne) was dispatched to Spalding to meet the 'real brass hats,' who were travelling from King's Cross. The train drew up at Spalding, the Mayor and Corporation of Surfleet was ready to read his address of welcome—but the distinguished visitors failed to put in an appearance. It was rather an indignity to inflict upon his worship and those who had accompanied the deputation, but there was nothing for it but to wait until the next train arrived an hour later.

Meanwhile, in a train that was speeding from Peterborough northward, a railwayman and a schoolmaster had realised the full intensity of the tragedy. The 'Coles' blazed up, the 'Ayre' went blue. It was all to no purpose. They had got into the wrong end of the train—and it was labelled 'Leeds.' Would it stop before they got to Yorkshire?—that was the question. Fortunately for them the train stopped at Grantham. After consulting some complicated time tables and some not very well informed officials, they sent a telegram to Surfleet to say they would arrive at Spalding at 4.6 'if possible.' The 'if possible' was dependent on making the connection at Peterborough—they did not make it. They got on to the platform as the Spalding train disappeared at the other end! More fiery Coles, more blue Ayre.

At Surfleet the telegram was duly delivered. A messenger was despatched hot foot—or hot tyred—to Spalding to inform the waiting deputation, and together the municipal procession returned to Surfleet.

Promptly at 4.6 the Mayor and Corporation was back at Spalding Station, but there were no brass hats ejected from the train. The deputation waited, and the address of welcome was redrafted. Time passed and the watchers at Surfleet, where flags were flying in honour of the expected visit, began to get fidgety. Had the Mayor and Corporation also been lost A search party was sent out. No, his worship was still at Spalding Station. What had happened at Peterborough was, of course, still unknown, and the search party was left to do the waiting while the Mayor and Corporation went back to Surfleet to refresh himself with tea.

By this time all chance of a peal of Cinques was out of the question—others had to get home that night—but there might be time for a quick peal of Caters. But as the fateful minutes slipped past, even this possibility receded, for the search party themselves had failed to return.

MAYOR PRESENTS REVISED ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

So once again the Mayor and his deputation went to Spalding Station, found the missing search party and sent them back with the metaphorical flea in their ear. At length a dilatory train disgorged a pair of very repentent figures, not looking a bit like real brass hats, and the Mayor and Corporation had difficulty in recognising them as they tried to escape by the back door of the railway station. The revised address of welcome presented to them on the way from

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PETERBOROUGH GUILD'S LOSSES.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Great Doddington. Ringers were present from Wellingborough, Finedon, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Yardley Hastings, Earls Barton, Raunds, Brayfield and Overstone, together with the local band. The Guild service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D., Rector of Wilby. Mr. Edwards, also of Wilby, kindly assisted at the organ.

Before commencing the service, Dr. Robinson made reference to the deaths, since the last meeting, of three members, the Rev. W. R. Finch (late Vicar of Great Doddington), the Rev. F. T. B. Westlake (late Vicar of Easton Maudit) and Mr. J. Packwood (late of Wellingborough), and a moment in silent thought was observed. The short address that followed was much appreciated, and was based on the words, 'Wist ye not, that I must be about my Father's business.' He appealed to the ringers not just to look on ringing as their one and only work, but to take a wider view and work in fellowship with the other branches of church life, giving thanks and glory to God.

After tea, which was served by the local ringers' wives, in the adjoining Church Hall, a short business meeting was presided over by one of the two churchwardens present, Mr. H. G. Robinson.

Yardley Hastings was chosen for the next meeting, and one honorary, one ringing and one out-county members were elected. Votes of thanks were passed to all concerned for the arrangements, the enjoyable service, tea, etc.

After a little handbell ringing, the light five tower bells were again set going until all were satisfied.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—At Christ Church on Sunday, July 28th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob with tenor covering: J. Rothwell 1, J. Lunnum 2, C. Bradley 3, J. Taylor 4, T. Rothwell 5, J. Brown (conductor) 6, J. Marsh 7. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, on a visit from Beverley Minster, and rung after meeting short for Stedman.

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Spalding to Surfleet cannot, we regret to say, be printed in our columns. Suffice it they have promised never to do it again—if ever they do get another official invitation to Surfleet.

This contretemps was not the first in connection with the peal. The member of the party who arrived the worse for wear on Friday was no better on Saturday, and a good part of the morning had been spent in finding a substitute for him. On Sunday his condition was such that his host had to undertake a 230 miles' car drive to get him home again, where a doctor is keeping him in bed.

When the host reached home on Sunday night, he found the three menfolk he had left behind engaged in bowls. Mr. Pye admits that he is the worst player in England, but he beat Mr. Walker and Mr. Ayre, who, he says, can't play at all. In fact, he could have beaten them even more easily if the woods (yes, Bob, woods, not balls) had only run straight. Probably the next competition played at Glyn Garth, on one of these 'annual' occasions, will be marbles.

The host, who had taken Mr. Coles with him on his long run, just to keep him awake by a discussion on the relative importance of Leads and Leeds, and the conflicting merits of Grantham and Spalding as the stepping off place for Surfleet, also took back with him from Woking a couple of passengers who were to drive home a stranded car, belonging to the worse-for-wear member. These young men left Surfleet at 10 p.m. on a 130 miles run south. All went well until 2 a.m., when the petrol feed pipe broke—which made another mess of things, seeing that there was no available garage within four miles.

But brighter times dawned with Monday. The second peal of the visit was to be Cambridge Royal on the ten bells at Wisbech, Cambs, and, with the real brass hats safely 'in hand,' so to speak, everyone answered the roll call, and a very good peal, the first of Surprise Royal in Cambridgeshire, was rung.

The railwayman, having to be at his office next day, would not trust to the train to get him home. He went by car. The schoolmaster, having a month's holiday in front of him, was left to get home as best he could, but the last news of him was that he was wandering round North Lincolnshire looking for a train to take him to Grantham. But that is only hearsay.

The Mayor and Corporation of Surfleet has got back to work again, the decorations have been taken down, and for a week or two, at any rate, the tide of affairs in the little Lincolnshire village is likely to flow undisturbed.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S PRACTICAL ADVICE.

A fine afternoon, a musical ring of eight with a 17 cwt. tenor, a good tea and an attendance of nearly 30 all contributed to make the summer meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Whitley Bay on Saturday week a very successful one.

After tea, in the Parish Room, in thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., the president (Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead) said that St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, had happy memories for him, as it was there that he began his ringing career, in 1912. In conversation with the verger of the time, he had expressed a wish to become a ringer, and that worthy gentleman not only invited him to come to the next practice, but called at his home and brought him along! Councillor Payne urged the members to do likewise, to talk more about their art, and to persuade others to become ringers..

In concluding, the now somewhat portly president said that the belfry stairs must have contracted considerably since he first ascended them!

The bells were kept going until a late hour in touches of Cambridge Minor, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob Major, etc.

BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S BRANCH.

LIVELY DOINGS AT CHENIES.

A lively party of 'Bright Young Things' met at Chenies to further the art of change ringing, but where were the ladies to meet these handsome young stream-lined experts? Three of the 'evergreens' brought thir own, but did not share them. The frog-hunter was soon recognised (oh, Ellesborough), also Freddy (always in a hurry). Two 'Wings' were 'passing through,' and a crowd of others who came from over the border, but did not wear their 'old school tie.'

A surprise item was the arrival of a bag of handbells, thoughtfully brought by Mr. C. W. Taylor, of Watford. Neither Reginald Dixon or Teddy Brown being present, we had to fall back on some of the evergreens, but where was W. L. G.? The 'Old Hackney' harmonics in the 'Blue Bells of Scotland' wanted the 'top four' to put a finish on it. There was a large and appreciative audience all round the tea gardens.

Two of the 'Rochester Roughs' rolled up after tea and took the 'prize' home. Tom turned up, but he was just too late for a bit of cake for the poor old cockatoo.

Methods were rung to suit all, including Kent and Oxford Spliced (modern). The spliced Cambridge and London came to grief through the conductor doing some laminating. Fortunately for him there were no Co(a)les of fire for his head, or (h)Ealing balm to dominate his hair. (Don't Taunt 'en.) A 'not too bad' run down brought the meeting to a close, but who was responsible for taking the speed merchant nearly into Amersham, so that he had about ten miles downhill, on a fixed wheel?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT LITTLEBOURNE.

Favoured with a fine afternoon, and amid very pretty surroundings, a very happy by-meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Littlebourne on Saturday, June 1st, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Manley). The bells were ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and before the service a representative gathering of the district had arrived, including visitors from Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, Deal, Goodnestone, Sturry, Throwley, Whitstable, Wickhambreaux, Ashford, Brabourne, Swindon and the local tower.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a most interesting address. He was at one time a keen bellringer, and is an honorary member of the association. Mr. J. P. Cobbold, the local secretary, presided at the organ, and the service was fully choral. Mr. Masters (Throwley) read the lesson.

After the service the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage, where a magnificent tea had been provided by the Rev. C. A. Manley. Forty members sat down and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In replying to a speech of thanks to the Vicar, Mrs. and Miss Manley, by Mr. Masters, the Vicar paid a very warm tribute to his own band of bellringers at Littlebourne. 'They were,' he said, 'undoubtedly one of the most loyal bands in the county. Many of them were also members of the church choir, and other branches of the church's activities.' It would be an interesting point, he thought, to know actually how many ringers in the district were, or had been, members of church choirs, as, judging by the singing at the service, he thought the percentage must be high.

Subsequently a pleasant half an hour was spent in the beautiful grounds of the Vicarage, where several touches in various methods were rung on the handbells.

The methods rung on the tower bells included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise.

Before the bells were finally lowered, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by R. H. Maile 1, S. Finn 2, E. Bankes 3, W. Savage 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5, S. Walker 6.

The next meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 6th.

SPLICED SURPRISE IN SIX METHODS.

A CLEVER NEW COMPOSITION BY MR. E. C. S. TURNER.

A 5,216 Spliced Surprise Major, as arranged for the following six methods: Ealing, London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. The peal was composed by Ernest C. S. Turner.

23456	M	W	R	Methods
56234	2	—		E (R), B, S, R (L)
32465	—	—		E (L), S (C), L
64523	—	—		L, S (C), E (L)
54326	—			R (L), S, E
23645	—	—		R (L), C (S), E
34562	—	2		R, C (S), B, R (L)
46325	2	2		E, B, C (S), B, E
25463	2	—		R (L), B, C (S), R
64352	—	—		E, C (S), R (L)
53246	—	—		E, C (S), E
42635	—	—		R (L), C (S), E
23564	—	2		R, C (S), B, R (L)
36245	2	2		E, B, C (S), B, E
45362	2	—		R (L), B, C (S), R
63254	—	—		E, C (S), R (L)
52436	—	—		E, S (C), E
34625	—	—		R (L), S (C), E
42563	—	2		R, S (C), B, R (L)
26435	2	2		E, B, S (C), B, E
35264	2	—		R (L), B, S (C), R
62453	—	—		E, S (C), R (L)
56423		—		E, S, R (L)
24365	—	—		E (L), S (C), L
56342	—	—	—	L, C (S), E (L)
43265	—	—		E (L), C (S), L
62534	—	—		L, C (S), E (L)
42356	—	2	—	R (L), S, B, E (R)
34256			—	E (R), S (C), E (R)
35642	2	—	—	E (R), B, S, R (L)
46253	—	—		R (L), S, L
65324	—	2		L, C (S), B, L
52643	2	2		L (R), B, C (S), B, L (R)
43526	2	—		L, B, C (S), L
25634	—	—		L, S, R (L)
36452	—	—		R (L), S, L
65243	—	2		L, C (S), B, L
54632	2	2		L (R), B, C (S), B, L (R)
32546	2	—		L, B, C (S), L
45623	—	—		L, S, R (L)
26354	—	—		R (L), S, L
65432	—	2		L, C (S), B, L
53624	2	2		L (R), B, C (S), B, L (R)
24536	2	—		L, B, C (S), L
63542	—	—	—	L, S, R (L)
23456	—	2	—	R (L), S, B, E (R)

B—Bristol; C—Cambridge; E—Ealing; L—London; R—Rutland; S—Superlative.

First rung by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on July 27th, 1935, conducted by the composer. Any method shown in brackets is an alternative and may be used in the place of the method which precedes it.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FIRST MEETING AT PEBMARSH.

A most successful meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Pebmarsh on Saturday, July 27th, between 40 and 50 ringers being present from 14 parishes. Ringing was engaged in during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m., a break being made for a short service in the Parish Church at 4.30. This was choral and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. D. S. Bayley), who, in his address, gave the association a warm welcome to the parish and expressed the hope that they would experience an enjoyable time.

Following the service, an excellent tea was partaken of at the Hut, through the kind invitation of Mrs. Dickinson, O.B.E., and the Rector, the latter presiding. Valuable assistance was also given by Mrs. R. Potter and Mrs. G. Trendell.

At the business meeting three probationers, all of Pebmarsh, were elected.

Coggeshall and Greenstead Green were put forward as the venue for the next meeting, and, on a vote being taken, it was decided to meet at Greenstead Green on September 14th.

The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, his excellent address and presiding at the tea; also to the organist and choir and Mrs. Dickinson and the ladies who assisted at the tea.—The Rector and organist responded.

The bells at this church were recently augmented to six and the tower became affiliated to the association. The Rector and Mrs. Dickinson became hon. members. As far as records show, this was the first association meeting to be held in this parish, and would certainly rank with the best.

OVER THE DOWNS.

YOUNG BILL DESCRIBES AN EVENING IN RURAL BERKSHIRE.

One day last week, Stella, Old Tom and Young Bill were bowling along the Bath Road when they overtook Stan, Charlie and Sydney (Oliver), who were making the pace hot to reach Lambourne by 6 p.m. This was accomplished within a few minutes of 6 o'clock, after stopping a few minutes to look down on the quiet churchyard and beautiful old village of East Garston, where the 'Master' lies amidst the country he loved so well.

Arriving at Lambourne, the cars were 'parked in' by young Cyril, who had run over from Ilsley, bringing Buffer and Marnie, whilst in the churchyard were Edgar and Old Harry. Just as we were about to mount the steps of the belfry a tremendous noise, such as a traction engine would make, was heard, and E. J. T. in his 'Rolls,' together with Reg, rolled up in time to make the party complete to start the ringing.

The fine old peal at Lambourne were soon going to Stedman Triples, and then George from East Garston showed us how the tenor should be rung behind Grandsire. Before proceeding to Aldbourne we thought it good missionary work to show the locals that the tenor was not so bad as she is painted, so Old Tom turned her in to a very fair course of Double Norwich.

Thanks, everyone at Lambourne. The party moved off to Aldbourne in regimental style, the 'Rolls' leading, not, however, before a quick visit had been made to purchase postage stamps. Then a beautiful run over the downs to Aldbourne, the view of this village from the hill outside being one of the glories of the down land, and so to the home of famous bellfounders.

Here the bells were rung to Stedman, Grandsire and quite a decent course of Cambridge, the party being reinforced by Charlie from Swindon, who, unfortunately, couldn't stay to buy too many stamps, as his last bus left 20 minutes after the bells were lowered. Here, also, a touch of Grandsire was rung with three of the local ringers, who much appreciated the chance of method ringing. At 9.30 p.m. the party started for their various homes, the 'Rolls' and the Austin taking a wrong turning at the half-way house at Kintbury. It was just after 10 p.m. before the right road was found again, but it was agreed by all that the evening had been well worth while, and all felt better men and women for an all too short visit to the glorious downlands.

W. H.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. A. Mitchell 1, R. J. Goodship 2, J. Burles 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, G. Morrad 5, R. A. Munn 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. J. Seabright 8. Specially arranged for the ringer of the second, from Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

LEYTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 27th, nearly 20 members and friends of the Leyton Society held their annual outing. Soon after midday the party left Leyton en route for Bishop's Stortford.

A stop was made at Harlow Common to pick up Mr. Cordell, and at Sawbridgeworth for Mr. Rochester. At Bishop's Stortford they were met by Mr. Springfield, of the local band, and ringing on this fine peal of ten bells was enjoyed. Stansted Church, situated in most picturesque surroundings, was next visited, and here they were met by Mr. Watts, Mr. Cavill and other members of the local band. With their help touches of Grandsire Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. After an hour's ringing the party returned to Harlow Common, where a splendid tea awaited them at the White Horse. In the evening the bells of Harlow Common were placed at their disposal, and some good ringing was indulged in.

Throughout the day, although the ringing was not in the higher methods, the striking was quite good. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the society thank the incumbents of the respective churches for allowing them the use of the bells; Mr. White, of Bishop's Stortford, Mr. Watts, of Stansted, Mr. Cordell, of Harlow Common (who acted as guide), and especially Mr. George Dent, of Harlow Common, who was responsible for the arrangements for tea and bells.

THE SURPRISE MAJOR COLLECTION,

FALSE COURSE ENDS FULLY DEALT WITH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The new book on the Surprise Major methods is now finished, and no material additions or alterations will be made. The group of five false course ends given in last week's issue is referred to. They will allow 30 true courses, but there seems to be no means by which a sufficient number of them can be joined together to make a true peal. However, a peal is given in the book for certain methods with these false course ends.

The method in this week's 'Ringing World' appears to be pretty hopeless under ordinary circumstances. There are 18 groups of five false course ends which will allow of 30 true courses, but only one is of any practical value. To talk about any formula explaining anything is, ipso facto, to talk nonsense. There seems no reason why we should take any notice of anonymous statements or why we should submit to be cross-examined by persons, not members of the Central Council, whose object is to demonstrate how much more they know about the matter than we do.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There are probably many of our readers who are waiting 'to see what it's like' before ordering their copy of 'The Great Adventure.' When they have seen what it is like they will, we are sure, be anxious to possess a copy—but it may be too late; the spare copies, very limited in number, may be sold. Do not risk disappointment, therefore. Send your order at once, with a remittance of 2s., to 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

The tour was unique; the book is unique in ringing literature, and it will be found of great interest as well as providing an historical record of the adventure. There are 144 pages and 43 photographs.

A reunion of the Australian tourists is to take place in London on the anniversary of their sailing—Saturday, September 14th. After ringing together at St. Clement Danes Church (the Australian Church in London), where they hope to attempt a peal, they will dine together at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Mr. Rupert Richardson will then exhibit his cinema pictures of the tour.

All ringers will be welcome at this gathering. Dinner tickets are 4s. each, and application should be made not later than Saturday, September 7th, to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking. If sufficient applications are received, an effort will be made to get the use of another peal of bells for visitors.

Congratulations to Mr. John Hobden, one of the young ringers at Banstead, Surrey, who has passed his examination for his B.A. degree, with honours, at London University. He started ringing at Banstead about three years ago, and has since rung peals of Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich.

A fortnight ago a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was lost at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, after 3½ hours' ringing. But that was not the worst of it. One of the band had come from Birmingham. He had to walk home three miles from New Street Station after three o'clock in the morning! It's a long way at that hour after you've lost a peal that you travelled more than 200 miles to ring.

Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, Mass., U.S.A., who rang his first peal with a band of College Youths on July 22nd, had previously rung only two quarter-peals 'in hand.' The first some five or six years ago, and the second on the day before the peal, both with the same band.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. last week removed the heavy ring of six bells of Hoar Cross Church, Staffs. This is one of the heaviest rings of six in the country, the tenor weighing 30 cwt. (approx.), and the peal is to be hung with modern fittings in a new framework, also tuned and partly recast. This church, with its beautiful central tower, is one of Bodley's masterpieces and is most charmingly situated.

THE PROOF OF TREBLE BOB

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Baker's letter of August 2nd, showing the proof of a method, is too good an example to be missed of the striking contrast between the older method of proof, as used by him, and that offered to the Methods Committee in my 'open letter' recently.

Mr. Baker has printed 16 false lead heads, and must have discarded eight more—24 in all—from the 24 rows he thought necessary to prove (the remaining eight rows of the lead being unnecessary, due to symmetry in the sections).

With the newer system, eight rows are redundant by symmetry; twelve are judged to be clean *at sight*; the system discards half of the remaining twelve, leaving three pairs to be proved, the results then coming half by 'work' and half by formula in the shape of tables. Three transpositions out of 24, just one-eight of *this part* of the work entailed.

In passing, I must confess that I see no real use, to the majority of readers, of baldly quoting the false course ends, as done by Mr. Baker and everyone else (so far as I remember) who publishes a method. If they mean anything at all as they stand, to the prover of peals, well and good—I have something *else* yet to learn. If they need amplifying, in the shape of lead locations, before a peal can properly be proved, why not amplify? For instance, if Mr. Baker's course end 24365 affects the 'out' and 'wrong' leads of the peal only, and no other leads, why not say so? In the newer system this comes automatically.

'MINORMANIA.'

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

BY NOLAN GOLDEN

23456	M	W	H
54326		2	2
53246		1	2
36245	1		2
32465		1	2
64235		2	2
45236	1		2
36524	1	2	2
35264		1	2
32654		1	2
23456	2		2

The first peal of Treble Bob Royal to be published containing tenors together, 4-5-6 only in 6th's; the extent of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and the 6th the extent home.

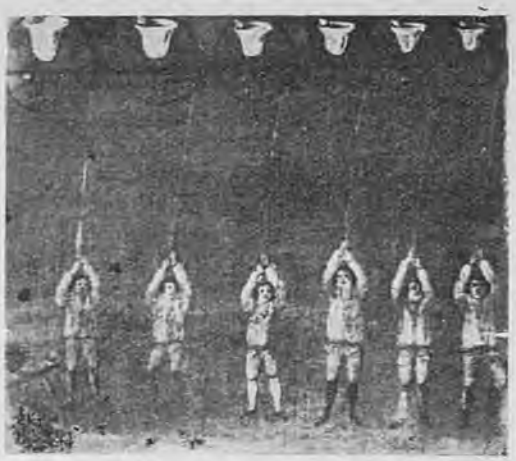
ECTON BELFRY AND RINGERS OF LONG AGO

AN UNIQUE RECORD.

BY THE REV. J. MAURICE TURNER, B.D., MOULTON.

In the belfry of Ecton Church, Northamptonshire, the parish of which was the birthplace of the father of the celebrated Benjamin Franklin, is a unique oil painting on the wall. It is dated 1756 and depicts the six ringers of those days. With great difficulty I was able to get a photograph of it in that darkened chamber. The picture throws light on the dress of those days. The ringers are wearing knee breeches, stockings and buckled shoes. Open-necked shirts seem to have been the fashion, and one ringer has his frilled, wears white stockings and has keys on his fob.

There is an inscription above the painting which identifies the ringers. The inevitable beer jug can be seen, also the clay pipes and the tobacco pouch on the old-fashioned stool which may be seen in the belfry to-day. Evidently there were no pegs, as the ringers have 'hung' their clothes on the floor.



ECTON RINGERS NEARLY 200 YEARS AGO.

The inscription records the heights of the ringers as well as the names as follows:

Treble.—Thomas Cox, 5ft. 6in.
2.—Thomas Collins, 5ft. 6½in.
3.—John Childes, 5ft. 9½in.
4.—John Langly, 5ft. 6in.
5.—Willm. Smith, 5ft. 7½in.
Tenor.—John Jelley, 5ft. 8in.

Above the names are the words, 'April 21st, 1756. We the under writen Ring the First Six Bell peal 720 upon 6 Bells of this Parish.'

This historic peal no doubt is connected with the story of another tablet, dated 1721, giving the names of five ringers, viz.: 'John Mallard, William Langdell, Joseph Morris, Francis Chambers, Thomas Morris. Ringars 1721.

All you that come Thro this place
Thare names may read But not Disface.'

Evidently there were only five bells in 1721. Records state that the present treble was added in 1749, so it took them seven years to get this peal.

All honour to these old Ecton ringers. What hours they must have spent learning hand stroke and back stroke, to raise and fall the bells, controlling them, gauging the pull so as not to break the stay or cause the bell to come over before its time, learning to follow the right rope to avoid a clash, as well as an intensive study of the method they were to ring, which possibly was Plain Bob.

How proud they would feel on April 21st, 1756, when their strenuous efforts were crowned with success. We can imagine the well-earned rest on the old-fashioned stools, the lengthy pull at the beer jug, the solemn puffs at the churchwarden pipes and the momentous decision that a beautiful oil painting in the belfry must record the marvellous feat for all time.

BELLS' ANNIVERSARY.

At Sulgrave, Northants, on Sunday, July 28th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor, but was lost in the second 720. The occasion was the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the bells: A. Bearman 1, M. Saunders 2, M. Smith (conductor) 3, J. Mardell 4, W. Branson 5, C. Hinton 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor by A. Bearman 1, M. Saunders 2, W. Branson 3, A. Humphrey 4, J. Mardell 5, C. Hinton (conductor) 6. This is the first quarter-peal of Minor on the bells and the first by treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers.

MR. E. BARNETT'S 400 PEALS.

Mr. Edwin Barnett, who has just rung his 400th peal, has made up his list with a great variety of methods.

Maximus:—	
Cambridge Surprise	3
Kent Treble Bob	4
Plain Bob	2
Little Bob	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1
Cinques:—	
Stedman	17
Royal:—	
Cambridge Surprise	5
Double Norwich	1
Duffield	1
Forward	2
Kent Treble Bob	6
Granta Treble Bob	2
Plain Bob	2
Caters:—	
Stedman	14
Grandsire	1
Spliced Methods:—	
Cambridge and Superlative	1
London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative	1
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob	2
Double Norwich and Double Oxford	1
Double Norwich and Plain Bob	1
Double Oxford and Plain Bob	1
Bob Major and Canterbury Pleasure	1
Bob Major and Stedman Triples	1
Major:—	
Bristol Surprise	3
London	15
New Cumberland	3
Norfolk	3
Yorkshire	1
Cambridge	42
New Cambridge	1
Superlative	17
Double Norwich	78
'Real' Double Norwich	5
Double Oxford	7
Kent Treble Bob	25
Oxford Treble Bob	2
Granta Treble Bob	1
Plain Bob	26
Reverse Bob	1
Double Bob	1
Canterbury Pleasure	2
Crayford College	1
Little Bob	1
Little Canterbury	1
Crayford Little Bob	1
Erith Little Bob	1
Northfleet Little Bob	1
Triples:—	
Grandsire	26
Stedman	57
Erin	1
Union	4
Plain Bob	1
Canterbury Pleasure	1
Total	400

Twelve of the above peals were also conducted, viz., one each of Grandsire and Union Triples, two each of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and six of Stedman Triples. One peal of Cambridge, one of Superlative, and one of Double Norwich were rung non-conducted. Five peals of Bob Major, one of Bob Royal, and the peal of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells. One hundred and fifty-eight peals were rung at Crayford. One peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by six fathers and their six sons. In 18, three generations of the family took part.

ALDERTON BELLS REHUNG.

The ring of five bells at Alderton in the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Guild have been rehung in a new frame, and the ropes, which before rehanging were in order 31245, now fall in a proper circle.

The work has been done by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in their usually excellent manner. The work was dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on August 3rd, when ringers from neighbouring towers attended and tried out the bells. The Alderton ringers have now a good peal of bells, after waiting for several years, and their keenness should soon result in their advancement in the art.

CHANGE RINGING IN POETRY.

BY J. A. TROLLOPE.

To one of some small literary taste, few things are more pitiable than the efforts of those misguided persons who try to make poetry out of bell ringing. There always have been such persons. Years before the Sixes were invented some man was scribbling doggerel on the lime-washed walls of a belfry; and when at long last our Art dies out some ancient will be found, white haired and broken in body, trying to set down in verse the glories of the change ringing he had known and loved. And between there are many, many others. For the writing of verse is a disease which, like influenza or the measles, goes through the land, striking here and there without distinction of person or place. The learned and cultured are just as likely to be affected as the poor and ignorant, but fortunately recovery is usually rapid and complete.

Not all or many are attacked. I never heard that Mr. William Pye was writing an epic on heavy bell ringing, or Mr. Pitman a lyric on spliced peals; but making verses came as natural to Mr. William Willson as quoting Latin or drinking (in the pages of 'The Ringing World') mild and bitter. Even I have written verse, and (heaven forgive me!) got it into print. I remember the time when two wretched beings carried on, in what they supposed to be poetry, a correspondence in the 'Bell News' over some dispute about the authorship of peals; for allowing which thing, no doubt, the editor of that journal is at present spending a few extra days in purgatory.

The aggregate output of these poets must be pretty large, if one were at the pains of collecting it. I knew of a man who was engaged in preparing an anthology, but whether he was including poems generally relating to bells, or only those relating to ringing I forget. If the latter, I fear it would be poor stuff. The poetry about ringing varies very much in quality, the highest being doggerel, and the lowest 'tripe'; with but one or two exceptions to prove the rule. Perhaps the best of all was the verses that Martin Routh wrote on the death of Jasper Snowdon. Simple, direct and unaffected, their appearance was perfectly timed, and they expressed the whole feeling of the Exercise. But they were only incidentally connected with ringing and would have been just as effective if Snowdon had been a writer on any other subject.

Of poems that deal exclusively with change ringing the best is William Woty's 'Campanalogia,' and the very worst, without any shadow of doubt, Wm. Laughton's account of the Rambling Ringers. Laughton's lines are almost unbelievably bad, far worse than the modernised extracts printed by Mr. Daniell and Mr. Morris would lead us to suppose. I turn to the 'poem' and the very first lines that catch my eye are the following:—

'At Spittle feilds we met again
And punctily Came ev-ry man
And Rang five hundred of bob major
But indeed twas not without hard labour.'

and a little later:—

'We met again at Brother Ned-s
And had for supper two noble leggs
Of Weather Mutton fresh Cut up
And both with pickled herring stuff'd,
An od sort of dish it is tis true.'

They are quite good and fair samples of Laughton's rhyme and scansion. And when I think of what he might have told us about the London ringers of Annable's time and what, in fact, he did tell us, I feel (as a would-be historian) a personal grievance against him.

William Woty's effusion is a different sort of thing. It is not poetry, but at any rate it is good rhetoric; for Woty had some pretensions to be a minor poet and published three or four poems on various subjects. He calls this a poem in praise of Ringing, by the author of the Shrubs of Parnassus, and dedicated it to the Society of College Youths and to all ringers in general. There is a finely printed and bound copy in the King's Library at Bloomsbury, and it is interesting to notice that the original price was one shilling. Dr. Raven reprinted it in his Bells of England, and so no doubt it is familiar to many of my readers. Here is a sample, in which the writer traces the evolution of the complete ringer. After saying that

'First the Youths try one single bell to sound.'

he goes on

'In order due to Rounds they next proceed,
And each attunes numerical in turn.
Adepts in this, on three bells they assay
Their infant skill. Complete in this they try
Their strength on four, and musically bold,
Full four and twenty changes they repeat:
Next, as in practice gradual they advance
Ascending unto five they ring a peal
Of Grandsires, pleasing to a tuneful soul.
On they proceed to six. . . . .'

And so on until

'Caters with tenor behind on nine they ring,
On ten Bobs-royal; from eleven Cinques
Accompanied with tenor, forth they pour.
And the Bob Maximus results from twelve.'

Of course, it is not poetry, and I was not surprised to find a contemporary critic making fun of the attempt to turn Bobs-royal and Grandsires and the rest into poetry. But what a world of difference between this and Laughton!

Woty also wrote the Ode to be Sung at the Feast of the College Youths, which surely ought to be rendered to its proper tune, 'The Early Horn,' when two years hence the tercentenary of the society is celebrated. Dr. Raven says that Woty wrote under the pen name of I. Copywell, but there is nothing about that, so far as I could see, in the printed book.

Woty was friendly with some of the great literary persons of his time and among the subscribers to another of his poems appear the names of Dr. Johnson, Mr. Reynolds (not yet Sir Joshua), Mr. Boswell, Mr. Garrick, and Mr. Dodd—the last the unfortunate clergyman who was hung for forgery.

No other poem on ringing ranks with Woty's 'Campanalogia,' but more interesting to us are Robert Roan's lines on the presentation of Grandsire Bob to the College Youths. Roan was a better composer than he was a poet and he hampered himself by trying to write thirty-three lines all ending with the same rhyme, and except in three instances, not using the final word twice. As Dr. Johnson said of the dog standing on his hind legs, it was not well done, but the wonder is that it was done at all.

I should liked to have given some of the ridiculously bad lines I have come across from time to time, but space fails me. I must not, however, close without some mention of Mr. William Scott, who did elegantly sing about the first peal of Stedman Triples. He wrote doggerel, but it was good doggerel.

'As for the sweet and pleasant Treble, she
By Melchior well was rung that bell and
Call'd the Bobs so free.'

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THE PERSONNEL OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE TYPE OF MEN WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I thank you for your admirable article in last week's 'Ringing World.' I should just like to say that I quite realise that some of the leading peal ringers have been, and would be, of little use to the Central Council. I was not suggesting that this type of ringer was the kind to elect—far from it.

I think there should be a happy medium. The ideal representative, in my opinion, should have the following qualifications: First and foremost an active and competent ringer, if possible, an instructor. Secondly, if I may use your own words, have courage and the ability to express his thoughts. At the moment, judging by reports, only about one-quarter of the members ever say anything at all (if as much as that). Generally the same members every year, too! Thirdly, a good organiser, who can discuss each year at the meetings what he has done for his association to improve it. This would give suggestions to all members. I don't think that quibbling about whether certain Surprise methods are really Treble Bob ones will advance the Exercise nearly so much as a general discussion *for all members* as to how many ringers they have in their respective associations who are interested, etc. Judging from conditions I have noticed in different parts of the country, the most important work to be done is missionary work. There are still too many towers not in union with their association, often because they have been shown no interest by anyone. In my own association—the Kent County—we have 218 towers, and of these only 114 are in union. Again, over 20 of these towers in union cannot muster enough ringers to ring all the bells. There is considerable need for organised and intensive instruction, financed by the association—not only in mine, but in many others.

I have several constructive ideas on the subject, and should be pleased to discuss them with anyone, either by letter or 'viva voce.'

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Deal, Kent.

A WONDERFUL WEEK.

A COACHING-RINGING TOUR IN THE WEST.

Nothing appears to be wanting, except fine weather, to assure a most wonderful week for those who are taking part in the series of tours in the West of England promoted by Bristol United Ringing Guilds, and which begins on Monday. Complete arrangements have been made by the committee, of which Mr. Edgar Guise is the energetic hon. secretary, and the party of 30 who are joining forces are promised a most enjoyable and interesting time.

The headquarters for the week are at the Assize Courts Hotel, Bristol. Here are brief outlines of the daily itinerary:—

Monday, depart 8.30 a.m., ringing at Marshfield, Wootton Bassett, Highworth, Northleach, Burton-on-the-Water, Stow-on-the-Wold. Dinner at Swindon, tea at Stow, returning through Cheltenham and Gloucester.

Tuesday, depart 10 a.m., ringing at Kelston, Bradford, Devizes, Bishop's Cannings, Lacock (where Abbey will also be open), Keynsham and St. Stephen's, Bristol. Dinner at Devizes.

Wednesday, depart 10 a.m., ringing at Chew Magna, Chew Stoke, Compton Martin, Ubley, Blagdon, Wrington, Congresbury, Yatton and Clevedon, with lunch at Blagdon and tea at Yatton.

Thursday, depart 8 a.m., visiting Taunton, Exeter and Buckfastleigh, reaching Bristol at 9 p.m. Ringing and dinner at Buckfastleigh, tea at Exeter.

Friday, depart 10 a.m., visit Wills' Tobacco Factory and Fry's Chocolate Works. Evening social at Assize Courts Hotel.

Saturday, depart 9 a.m., ringing at Churchill, Banwell, Wells Cathedral, Shepton Mallet, Wanstrow, Frome and Tinsbury; lunch at Cheddar, tea at Frome.

The party includes Mr. and Mrs. E. Burnett (Penrith), Mr. Arrowsmith and Mr. G. W. Biddulph (Stoke-on-Trent), Mr. G. Clark (Doncaster), Mr. D. Cooper (Croydon), Mr. F. W. Corney (South Woodford), Mr. J. A. Dart (London), Mr. G. Dent (Harlow), Miss E. Foulk (Duffield), Miss D. E. Fletcher, Miss K. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), Mr. T. R. Griffiths (Gresford), Mr. H. D. Harris (Woburn), Mr. W. G. Hiscott (Plymouth), Mr. E. Hudson (Sharrow, Yorks), Mr. H. Knight (Cleeve), Mr. and Mrs. A. King (Luton), Mr. E. F. Poppy (Eye), Mr. B. W. Pettitt (Hedingham), Mr. W. C. Rhodes and Mr. J. L. Stokes (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker (Manchester), Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Burton), Mrs. and Miss Thompson (Nottingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Woodley (Plymouth). Two members of the B.U.R.G. accompany the party each day.

It was in 1932 that the first experiment of this kind was made, and it says much for the pleasurable nature of this form of holiday that no fewer than 17 of that company are going again this year.

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And again

'Near to this place John Webster fell,
Beloved by all who knew him well,
The most ingenious noted ringer
St. Giles sixth bell around did bring her.'

That is the sort of jingle that sticks in the memory when far better stuff is forgotten as soon as it is read.

RINGS OF BELL IN DEVON.

HOW THEY HAVE INCREASED.

More Change Ringers Wanted.

Some remarkable details of the increase that has taken place in rings of church bells in Devon were given by Mr. A. W. Searle, of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, in a paper read before the Exeter Diocesan Architectural and Archæological Society. In 1553 there were 1,588 bells in the county; in 1865, 2,139; in 1900, 2,393; and now about 2,700. Rings of eight had increased during the past 70 years from 19 to 78 (including one on Lundy Island); and sixes from 137 to 242, but rings of five had decreased from 122 to 52; fours from 64 to 20; and threes from 96 to 56. The decreases were explained by conversion of four and five bell rings to sixes or eights. Seventy years ago Devon had only one ring of 10 bells—Exeter Cathedral—but now it had four—St. Sidwell's (Exeter), St. Andrew's and Charles (Plymouth) and Cullompton. Exeter Cathedral's ten had been increased to twelve, and Buckfast Abbey also had a corresponding number. The former had an additional half-tone, known by the curious name of Pongamouth, while Buckfast Abbey ring, when rehung, would have two half-tones and there would be a Bourdon bell of 7½ tons. The half-tone bells gave scope for a great number of combinations, and in this respect Worcester Cathedral, with three such bells and a ring of 12, held pride of place. Exeter had for a long time the heaviest ring and, perhaps, also the lightest ring in the Cathedral's ten and St. Petrock's six, with tenors of about three tons and six cwt. respectively. But at present Exeter Cathedral, even with its ring increased to 12, was second in aggregate weight to St. Paul's (London), while Lye, Worcestershire, where there are eight bells with tenor of 3½ cwt., had the lightest ring in the country. The lightest ring now in Devon was at Loxore, with a tenor of 5 cwt. for six bells. Exeter Cathedral tenor (Grandisson), at 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., was the heaviest in the world for ringing purposes, but that did not entitle the ring of 12 to be styled the heaviest also. And from a ringing point of view Grandisson was a doubtful asset because of its demands on man power.

BELFRY REFORM.

The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, some time Rector of Clyst St. George, who during 1864-5, when midway between 70 and 80 years of age, examined the bells in all church towers in Devon except two (which he also visited but could not obtain access to), recorded 439 out of an aggregate of 481 towers as having rings of three or more bells. Four hundred years ago there were 434 such towers and at present 454; the others had single or two bells. Mr. Ellacombe described 233 towers as having bells in bad order and belfries that were dirty, 98 as good and clean, 62 as having good going bells but dirty belfries, and 25 as having bells in bad state but clean belfries. The wave of church restoration that had prevailed since Mr. Ellacombe's time had very properly included bells, and coincident with this there had been belfry reform. Beer for ringers was a frequent item in churchwardens' accounts quoted by Mr. Ellacombe and others, and had given rise to belief that ringers were topers, but they were, probably, more temperate than other folk in similar station, for the simple reason that drunken conditions would be dangerous when ringing.

Mr. Searle said he had visited about 325 towers in Devon—is this a record as regards one county?—for ringing purposes and propaganda during the last 50 years. Nowhere had he seen any signs of drinking in belfries; the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the Devon Association of Ringers and kindred bodies would not tolerate it in any shape or form. There were some places—and unexpected ones, too—where improvements could be effected in belfries, and if clergy generally would peep in now and then, especially those belfries away from the floor level of churches, the ringers might be induced to always keep things spick and span. But, on the whole, there was not much of which there could be serious complaint, and most belfries, upstairs as well as downstairs, were a credit to the users. Many belfries, including the Cathedral, had been excellently equipped, but none in Devon could rival Bridport, which when Mr. Searle visited it possessed toilet requisites. Perhaps the Dorset town's superiority could be attributed to the fact that one of the ringers was some time Mayor.

SAVING ANCIENT BELLS.

Devon still had many ancient bells, but considerable numbers had been melted down. The Diocesan Architectural and Archæological Society could be very helpful in preserving old specimens. It might be argued that some castings were so bad that they could not be tuned to fit into a proper ring. But they might be none the less worth keeping. Wolborough's (Newton Abbot) example might be followed. There, near the chancel of the church, were specimens of two ancient castings and in the tower a fine modern ring of eight bells. In many places, especially urban areas, where counter attractions prevailed, there was a shortage of ringers, and the recruiting of new members for change ringing was particularly urgent. An objection was often made that ringing seemed hard work, but with average knack and good going bells the exercise was not very exhausting—three hours of it would take less out of individual strength than one and a half hours of football. Once adopted, ringing usually proved fascinating both physically and mentally.

Photographs of bells, rings and carillons, kindly provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, added to the interest of the paper.

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A CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.

ENJOYABLE VISIT TO BERKSHIRE.

It all happened many weeks ago, but there were certain happenings during those days when, defying superstition, a party of thirteen (eleven parsons and two wives) met at Wantage, Berks, for a ringing week, that makes it still worth while putting on record, despite the fact that the Central Council, more ponderous if not more important, held a meeting the report of which has temporarily crowded out the record of this pleasant week.

[For the unavoidable delay that has occurred in publication the Editor of 'The Ringing World' apologises.]

The party included the Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Benson (Quatford), the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell (Staverton), the Revs. C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton), H. S. T. Richardson (Hereford), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar) and C. Elliot Wigg (High Wycombe). The majority of the party met on Monday.

The start was made at East Ilsley, a pretty village on the Berkshire Downs, where a quarter-peal of Bob Major was brought round after attempts for Stedman had failed. The Rev. A. and Mrs. Ogle kindly gave tea, and after a talk with Mr. W. Hibbert, who had kindly had the bells ready for us, we made our way to the Bear Hotel, Wantage, our headquarters.

On Tuesday morning a start was made for Bob Major at St. Stephen's, Clanfield, Oxon; after an hour's good ringing, a rope, apparently mended with string, broke. We then adjourned to Bampton, where the Vicar met us, and rang Stedman and Bob Major on this fine ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.). This church has a grand central tower and spire, and many interesting objects inside, including an Easter Sepulchre, ancient stone reredos, and some old brasses. After lunch at the White Horse, we decided to try again at Clanfield, where a miscall put a stop to things after 2½ hours' ringing. The conductor said the yawns of one ringer sent him to sleep, also that. . . . .!

Sadder and wiser, we went to Faringdon, where tea was very welcome, while sleet and hail fell outside. After a few touches at the Parish Church, where the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne and some of the local band rang with us, we visited West Hendred, an interesting little church, with many 14th century tiles on the floor. Mr. H. J. Balcombe had kindly arranged an evening practice for us here on this handy ring of six (they weren't so handy after we had finished with them).

MAKING THE PARSONS PUNCTUAL.

Hitherto, arrangements seemed at times to be a little unpunctual, but there was to be no more of this, for on Wednesday the Rev. E. V. Cox arrived.

He had arranged the whole week, but a fall on Jubilee Day prevented his arriving before. This, to our disappointment, meant no peal attempts for him, but he made up the deficiency in other ways. His great points (among others) are efficiency and punctuality, and the rest of the week went like a Cook's tour: 'Now, gentlemen, we have exactly 45 minutes to ring here, eight minutes to get to Soandso, and I have allowed you 40 minutes for lunch there, so please get the bells up quickly. . . .'

On Wednesday the first clerical peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, at East Hagbourne, where, in addition to the fine ring of eight, there is a curious stone sanctus bell cot, complete with original bell, on the top of the tower. The Vicar met us here, also the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, of Deane, Hants, who rang a course with us. After lunch at Wallingford, we visited the Priory Church of Dorchester (Oxon), by far the most interesting church we saw, where Stedman and Grandsire were rung. An interview with a Press representative followed; we really tried to get the details right in the paper for once, and actually succeeded, more or less—but still, I should like to hear Cambridge 'Major' rung on the six at St. Nicholas', Abingdon; also, as the names of the 'side' who rang at Hagbourne were so correctly given, it might have made things more complete to give the names of the opposing side.

Benson was the next stopping place, where Cambridge and Stedman were rung. The Vicar and his wife very kindly gave us tea; and afterwards we returned to Wallingford, where Grandsire and Stedman were rung, the Rector (the Rev. H. P. Bowen) taking the tenor for Stedman. At Brightwell (Berks), Cambridge and Grandsire were rung on the ring of six; and Dean Inge's house was inspected—discreetly, from a distance.

VILLAGE INVADED.

The day ended with a ring at Ardington, kindly arranged by Mr. Balcombe. The Vicar, the Rev. F. R. Standfast, appeared not a little astonished at seeing his lovely little village invaded by a crowd of parsons, as he had not been interviewed about our ringing; but he most kindly allowed us to go ahead; and touches of Kent and Cambridge were rung on the six bells, together with raising and falling in peal (which we always attempted when practicable).

On Thursday we met at Drayton for a peal attempt. As the band was composed of four Cambridge and four Oxford men, we decided to go for Cambridge, and, if this failed, to try Oxford; as neither would work, we had to be content with touches and courses of Cambridge, Kent, Superlative, etc.

Lunch was taken at the Lion, Abingdon, after which we rang Double Court and Bob Minor at St. Nicholas' Church, which adjoins the Abbey gateway (Abingdon was once one of the greatest abbeys in England). Next time we go there we will borrow two of the ten bells at St. Helen's and try Cambridge Major. Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Helen's, a fine ring of ten (we must remember not to set big bells at backstroke in future!). Some fine early roof paintings have just been restored in this church. Bidding good-bye to Mr. Lock, who had kindly had the bells ready for us, we made for Steventon, where the Vicar (the Rev. A. Robinson) met us, and rang Cambridge, etc., on the six bells there. Double Stedman may sound all right when rung properly; we are going to try and learn it for next year! At Harwell we were met by Mr. R. G. Rice, and after tea we rang Double Norwich, etc., on the fine ring of eight, recently rehung by Taylor. This most interesting church appears to have had a central tower originally. Practice night at Wantage was the last item. Here we rang Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire with the local men. E. G. B., who arrived late, was appropriately 'paid out' by being asked by an innocent local if Grandsire was the only method he could ring! Afterwards the four representatives of the Cambridge University Guild rang Bob Major and Grandsire on handbells.

'WHEN MEN *WERE* MEN.'

On Friday, Grandsire Caters at Appleton went west after 55 minutes owing to a miscall. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich and Kent Major were then rung. After a talk with George Holifield (who also rang with us), we had lunch at the Thatched Tavern, and then paid a visit to Fred White's workshop, where we inspected a fine new oak bell frame for Kedington Church, Suffolk. The time table was rather upset at Hinton Waldrist (six bells), owing to an accident on the road, but we put in about 15 minutes here, ringing Cambridge and Grandsire, and talking to the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Keates). Buckland was next visited, where Cambridge and Stedman were rung on a fine peal of eight. This is an interesting church, with a central tower and two Norman doorways. The last church visited was Stanford-in-the-Vale; here we had tea with the Vicar and his wife (Canon Farmer and Mrs. Farmer). The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne again joined us here, and we rang Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob on the ring of six. The iron ring on the floor had, we were told, a curious use. Before the bells were equipped with stays, the only way of keeping the bells up, after ringing, was by tying the ropes tightly down to this ring. Ah, those were the days when men *were* men, and when ropes didn't shrink in wet weather. Can't you imagine Old Uncle Tom Cobley telling his grandchildren how he remembered the time when the 'owd tenor' went over, and dragged the floor up after her, so they couldn't ring for Guy Fawkes night!

We also heard that Stanford-in-the-Vale tenor got changed over with Buckland tenor, when both were being rehung once. But, of course, both tenors were so good it didn't really matter.

And so the ringing week came to an end. We can only say it was most enjoyable, and we must not allow 24 years to elapse again before having another. Our gratitude is due to all the incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells; to those, and their wives, who invited us to tea; to Messrs. R. G. Rice and H. J. Balcombe for their help; to all the steeplekeepers, foremen and ringers who helped us; to the Bear Hotel, Wantage, for providing breakfast and dinner at odd hours; and, most of all, to the Rev. E. V. Cox for his wonderful organisation, to which the success of the week was due.

A. G. G. THURLOW.

ESSEX RINGERS IN KENT.

All Saints' Society, Maldon, Essex, had a tour into Kent for their annual outing, accompanied by their wives and friends. Starting from Maldon at 7.30, they crossed the Thames at Tilbury by ferry to Gravesend. They were welcomed at the church by the Vicar and the steeplekeeper (Mr. Hadlow), and the bells were soon going in Stedman and Bob Major. At Rochester they were received by Messrs. Easter and Rayner. After the long journey up to the ringing chamber, a course of Caters and some Bob Major were brought round, which were much enjoyed. Lunch was partaken of at Maidstone, and they then went on to Tunbridge Wells, where they were met by Mr. Latter at St. Peter's Church, and some ringing in various methods was enjoyed. A look round the town was followed by tea at the Cadena Cafe before going on to Tonbridge, where further ringing took place. Home was eventually reached at 11.15 after a most enjoyable day's tour through the Kentish scenery, which was much admired. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells and the steeplekeepers for meeting them and helping to make the tour an enjoyable one.

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It was remarked during discussion that restorations were being continued in the county, and there was a general feeling that Devon, as regarded its rings and their condition, could challenge comparison with any other county. References were made to rings of bells at churches that had become redundant owing to transfer of population by housing schemes and from other causes. It was resolved that representations be made to governing authorities for ensuring the safety of the rings and their possible rehanging in other churches.

'DEVONIAN.'

WESTONIANS IN WILTSHIRE.

AN ENJOYABLE EXCURSION.

The recent annual outing of the Weston-super-Mare Parish Church ringers gave them a long day's run into Wiltshire. At Bradford-on-Avon they were welcomed by Mr. T. Baker (captain of the local ringers), who took them over the Church of Holy Trinity, which dates back to the year 1100. The bells were put into motion by the sensiders to the time of Grandsire and Stedman Triples; this ring of eight bells, by the way, is one of the best toned peals in the country; the tenor weighs 32 cwt.

After enjoying an hour's 'pulling,' the party left for Trowbridge, where they did not forget to call on Mr. Sam Hector, captain of the team at the Parish Church. The next stop was Devizes, for luncheon, which was served by Mr. B. Taylor (Elm Hotel), after which a visit was made to St. John's Church, where Mr. Hillier kindly escorted the party around and later to the tower, which holds a fine peal of eight bells—timbre and tone excellent—with the tenor weighing 19 cwt. Again some merry touches were rung for upwards of half an hour.

Then on the road again, passing through beautiful country, with Salisbury away on the right and Mamingford to the left; more thatched houses being encountered than the party had seen for some time past; then through the pretty village of Pewsey and on until a fine panoramic view of Marlborough and its environs was obtained. Next came the most enjoyable part of the journey, viz., the ride through the Savernake Forest—in the shade for a change—with here and there picnic parties enjoying themselves in the cool and sequestered spots which abound on almost every sector of the roadway. Marlborough was reached at 5 p.m.; tea at the Knapton Cafe was followed by a 'look around,' and then off again through Calne and on to Chippenham, where a halt was called. Mr. Perry (secretary of the local branch) met the visitors at the Parish Church, but before entering the edifice, the writer noticed that the local Salvation Army Band was rendering various items of music near to the church, and was slightly worried as to what the ultimate effect would be when the bells burst forth! However, the metal was soon set on the move, and it was sincerely hoped no one was upset thereby; in any case, on emerging from the church it was observed that the band was still busy! At 8 p.m. the homeward journey commenced, the ride back in the cool of the evening, through the beautiful countryside, being much enjoyed. On reaching Bristol the company had supper at the Assize Court Hotel, followed by a smoking concert, the following artistes contributing to the programme: Messrs. Milton Jones, L. Tanner, A. Wilkinson, W. Thomas and several Bristol friends, Mr. H. Minifie being at the piano. Weston was reached at midnight, everyone having enjoyed the outing, thanks largely to the efficient manner in which the general arrangements were carried out by Mr W. Popham.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 3rd, at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, the wedding took place between Mr. William F. Harwin, a regular Sunday service ringer at this church, and Miss Queenie Shaw, of Kentish Town. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. F. Jackson. The bride was given in marriage by her brother. As the happy pair left the church a 720 Bob Minor was rung and the bells afterwards lowered in peal by F. Smith 1, F. Bonfield 2, J. Payton 3, W. J. Norton 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, A. Bonfield 6.

LATE NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Shillington, Saturday, August 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Aug. 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, St. Michael's on the 13th, St. Andrew's on the 15th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newton, near Wisbech, on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Aug. 10th, commencing at 3 p.m.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Please notify me if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Ransford Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 7 p.m. Nominations of officers for the following year.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Aug. 10th. 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.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—The bells (8) will be reopened on Saturday, Aug. 10th, after rehanging by Mears and Stainbank. Service at 3, ringing after. All are welcome. Please send postcard. — F. Vickers, New Road, Linslade, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Stapleford on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Followed by tea at the Magpie Café, price 1s. each. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, in Fabb's Restaurant, at 5.30 p.m. Quarterly business meeting afterwards. A hearty welcome to all ringers and their friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s., each, at 5.30. Please advise C. T. Coles, address below, by 14th inst. Bus 29 from Wood Green, or 134 from Victoria, to Potter's Bar Garage, thence by 205 to Northaw. Trains at 2 and 2.39 from King's Cross (L. & N.E.) to Cuffley, thence by bus 205 to Northaw. Buses from Potter's Bar Garage at 2.43 and hourly, also at 3.13. From Cuffley at 2.53 and hourly, also at 3.23, all to Northaw.—W. Nash, North Mimms; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Teas will be arranged only for those who notify Mr. Arthur A. Saxby, 117, Canterbury Road, Margate, of their intention to be present, on or before Thursday, Aug. 15th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A special joint meeting of the Maidstone and Tonbridge districts will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Special short service, important nature, at 5 p.m. Special attention will be given to members desiring to ring Grandsire and Kent. Please notify Mr. F. Mitchell, Knowles, Howland Road, Marden, for tea, by Wednesday, Aug. 14th.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Tonbridge District.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6, tenor 16½ cwt.) available during afternoon and evening. Tea has been arranged. Interesting church, fine bells, delightful surroundings, please come. —Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. G. Hall, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Aug. 15th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Unveiling of peal tablet and service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend, and a good muster is requested. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. E. Garside, 57, Stamford Street, Mossley, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Woodchurch (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Please let me know in good time if you intend to be present. — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The six-bell ringing contest will take place at Clowne Church on Saturday, Aug. 17th, for the Society's Silver Cup. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Tower open after contest. Please notify Rev. J. Waugh, Rectory, Clowne, for tea (without fail). All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District. — A meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Isleworth, on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 9d. per head, for those who advise me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 14th. All welcome.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A ringing meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, at moderate charge. Please send names of those requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Audlem (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 14th inst.? Ringing from 3 o'clock. — Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Beddington on Wednesday, Aug. 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at The Harvest Home. All are welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Kippin, 6, Courtney Road, Croydon, by Monday, Aug. 19th. — Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Ewhurst on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Aug. 17th and make an effort to attend this meeting, as it is hoped to revive interest at Ewhurst. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 21st. All ringers welcome. — Joseph Wm. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. —The fourth annual dinner of the above association will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan. Arrangements are now well in hand, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets 4s. each, and early application will save a lifetime of regrets. Tickets may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 245, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Wigan; Mr. W. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan. Please apply early. Fuller details later.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Det.-Sergt. Harold J. Poole, Hon. Sec. of the National Guild of Police Ringers, has changed his address and now resides at 'The Wayside,' Narborough Road, Leicester. Will members kindly note?

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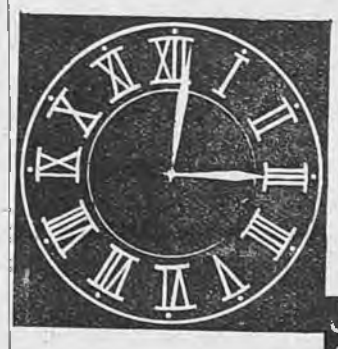
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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ...	7
HENRY HODGETTS	2	THOMAS LANGDON	8
HERBERT LANGDON	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	9
CHARLES S. BURDEN	4	ERNEST BRETT	10
HENRY G. MILES...	5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ...	11
RICHARD T. HIBBERT... ...	6	JAMES H. RUMLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	*Treble*	ALBERT FLEET	6
HARRY TYSOE	2	*GEORGE W. HELEY	7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	8
MISS EVELYN STEEL	4	HERBERT J. SHARP	9
GEORGE MARTIN	5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Royal.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 33¾ cwt.

*J. WILLIAM SANGWIN	*Treble*	*CYRIL E. LANXON	6
*CHARLES SANGWIN	2	*FREDERICK SANGWIN ...	7
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ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... ...	5	FREDERICK WHITE ...	*Tenor*

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On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JOHN W. CORNFORD ...	*Treble*	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ...	6
ERNEST W. PYE	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ...	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	JAMES BENNETT	9
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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... ... ...*Treble*		ALBERT J. HUGHES 5	
HAROLD EDWARDS 2		WILFRED HALLIWELL... ... 6	
FRED DUNKERLEY 3		HERBERT DAVENPORT... ... 7	
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REGINALD A. REED 2	LOUIS T. LOCKYER 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
†WILLIAM G. YOUNG 4	WILLIAM A. HOULTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal; a member of the local band. † First peal of Triples.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS ... ...*Treble*	JAMES E. BROWN... 5
*STANLEY CLIFFORD 2	J. GORDON WHITTAM 6
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL... ... 7
HORACE L. WAITE 4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ...*Tenor*

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* First peal of Major. The ringers of 3, 4, and 7 belong to Apsley, Herts.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST COX... 5
JOHN J. WEBB 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON... ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... ...*Treble*	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
JOHN J. WEBB 3	WILLIAM POSTON... 7
ERNEST COX... 4	HENRY J. TAYLOR... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.
The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' at this tower, and has also completed 25 years' association with this church.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOSEPH HUGHES... ... ...*Treble*	*HORACE L. WAITE 5
JOHN HUTCHINSON 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
JAMES E. BROWN 3	J. GORDON WHITTAM... ... 7
*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* First peal of Triples. 75th peal as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd belongs to Cleaton Moor, Cumberland; ringers of 4th and 5th are from Apsley, Herts.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD ROWE... ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	CHARLES CAMM ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...*Treble*	GEORGE LEE... 5
RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 2	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 6
CHARLES H. MOORE 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
*FRED W. BALDRY 4	ALBERT G. WARNES ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ...*Treble*	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	JACK DAFTERS 6
WALTER J. TYLER 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
EDMUND MOUNTER 4	JOHN PARSONS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.
This peal was specially arranged to oblige the conductor, Mr. H. Warnett, sen., leader of the band at St. Mary's, Lewisham, it being 21 years (August 4th, 1914) since he last rang a peal at this tower. The tenor man was on a visit to his native town.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... ...*Treble*	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.... 5
FRANCIS E. DAWE 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
MISS RENE REDPATH 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
MISS MOLLIE REDPATH .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by MISS M. REDPATH.
First peal of Major as conductor.

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AUGHTON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
*JAMES TAYLOR	2	EDWIN BIRKETT	6
THOMAS EGAN	3	JOHN BROWN...	7
FRANK VARTY	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung for the wedding, earlier in the day, of Thomas Rothwell, a regular Sunday service ringer at the tower.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Wednesday, August 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt.

MISS K. M. SHEPHERD ...	*Treble*	GEORGE KING	5
*RICHARD D. DIVALL	2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	WILLIAM H. KITCHENSIDE...	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	ALFRED L. RYMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* 25th peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. E. J. Ladd and Miss Marjorie E. Elms, and Mr. E. W. Edwards and Miss Gladys E. Pearson.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY...	*Treble*	*FRANK VARTY	5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ...	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
WALTER J. BOWDEN	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
DRIVER'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON...	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	*EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	EDWIN BARNETT	7
JAMES BENNETT...	4	*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No 377). Conducted by E. A. BARNETT

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. This peal contains 2,528 Oxford, 2,496 Kent and 46 changes of method. It is similar to that rung at Willesden, except that Oxford was rung for the four consecutive leads of Kent in the 4th-8th courses inclusive, which is possible only in special cases. The first peal rung of Spliced Treble Bob in which all the bells do all the work of both methods.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS...	*Treble*	JOHN W. SYKES	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... ...	2	*GEORGE GORDON GRAHAM	6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	3	WILLIAM H. TURTON... ...	7
PERCY J. JERVIS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	*Tenor*

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

* First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. W. Bradshaw and Miss M. B. Jervis, daughter of Mr. P. J. Jervis, which took place at Eckington, on the above date. The composition, No. 328, is rung for the first time.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. JEANES... ...	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
*WILLIAM C. WARREN ...	2	JACK ROY	6
ALFRED J. WYATT	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
JAMES HUNT	4	WILLIAM A SIVIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

* First peal on eight bells.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PETER ROGERSON	*Treble*	HORACE L. WAITE	5
STANLEY CLIFFORD	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ...	3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL... ...	7
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE...	4	HERBERT S. PALMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples. The ringers of 3, 5 7 belong to Apsley, Herts.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM	*Treble*	SHELFORD SPARROW... ...	5
*KEITH W. WHITTLE... ...	2	*HARRY D. LISTER	6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	4	JOHN J. CREASY...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MEASHAM, STAFFS.
On Saturday, August 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER BELCHER	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ...	4
REG PRICE	2	F. G. BAILEY	5
SIDNEY G. MUNTON	3	WILLIAM ATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. G. BAILEY.

* First peal and aged 13 years.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*FRED LACY	*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN	4
FRANK LORD	2	JACK BRAY	5
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Molly Frankish and Mr. Bernard Gillatt, jun., the bridegroom being a member of the local band.

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On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

TOM WORRALL	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS... ...	4
HARRY BARNETT	2	ALBERT MARTIN	5
JACK DEAN	3	CHARLES HODGES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK MATTHEWS ...	*Treble*	FRED WIGMORE...	4
*LEWIS BUSH	2	†CLAUDE COUSINS	5
WALLACE COUSINS	3	TONY PRICE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre, (2) London and Wells, (3) Norfolk and Primrose, (4) York and Durham, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Hexham and Berwick, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY...	*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	3	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 15 Minor methods.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.

*HARRY LOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	4
†JOE WITTEKER	2	ALBERT V. REES	5
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	WILLIAM GAYES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MISS ADELINE A. STOKES...	*Treble*	*WALTER TOMLINSON... ...	4
JOHN WALDEN	2	HARRY CARTER	5
MOSES BILLINGS	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. W. STOKES

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells since re-hanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Jackson (one of the local ringers).

CROYDON VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, for evensong, on Sunday, July 21st, on the occasion of the 75th birthday of Mr. David Wright, the ringer of the treble: D. Wright (conductor) 1, A. Jones 2, O. Dean 3, W. Bulpitt 4, F. Larbey 5, F. Jones 6, F. Leeks 7, R. Simmons 8, E. Denham 9, H. Simmons 10. It was the first quarter-peal of Royal for the ringers of the 2nd, 6th, 8th and tenor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GETTING AWAY FROM PLAIN BOB.

There is a variety of ways in which the beginner, and the not-so-much-of-a-beginner, can break away from the Plain Bob method, if he will take the trouble to look. But let us direct you to one of them. Learn to ring Court Bob Minor. It is a very good introduction to more advanced methods, and yet is not difficult if carefully studied. Here is a lead of it:—

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123456
214365
241356
423165
432615
346251
364521
635412
653142
561324
516342
153624
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135264
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Write out the complete course of five leads, and draw the continuous line through the same figure from top to bottom; in other words, make a diagram, from which it is so much easier to study the work than it is from one lead of figures alone.

The thing in which this method differs chiefly from Plain Bob is that you do not in all cases hunt right through from front to back. Twice in each lead a bell goes up only as far as 4th's, and, having made 4th's place (as you would at a bob in Plain Bob, only it is not done when the treble leads) returns to lead again.

The first time 4th's is made is when the bell the treble takes off lead reaches 4th's, his second blow before hunting down being over the treble. After having led, this same bell again makes 4th's, the first blow, this time, being over the treble, and down he goes to lead again.

The other bells, after leading, all hunt up behind. If you pass the treble in 5-6 on the way up, you lie a whole pull behind and dodge in 5-6 down before returning to lead.

If you pass the treble in 4-5 you dodge both in 5-6 up and 5-6 down, with, of course, the whole pull behind coming between.

If you pass the treble in 2-3 you dodge in 5-6 up, and the treble then turns you from behind.

Passing treble in 3-4 or 1-2 involves making 4th's place already described.

At a bob the bell that passed treble in 2-3 also makes 4th's and returns to lead (as in Bob Minor). This causes the two bells dodging behind, when the bob is called, to continue their dodging until the one dodging down strikes over the treble.

Now Court Bob has a very near relation in Oxford Bob. In actual construction the methods differ only a very tiny bit, as so many pairs of methods do. In Court Bob a bell lies its whole pull behind when the treble leads. In Oxford Bob a bell makes second's place over the treble when the latter leads.

Write out your course of Oxford Bob from the figures of Court Bob which is given you above, but substituting 156342 for the 135264 under the line. When you have drawn your diagram you will find that your 'graph' gives you what appears to be a very different method. But examination will show there is not so much in it after all.

The bell that in Court Bob makes 4th's place twice, for instance, still does it in Oxford Bob, the only difference being that before he makes his first 4th's he has to dodge in 3-4 up, and after he has completed the second 4th's he has to dodge in 3-4 down. At a bob this dodge is cut out by a bell making 4th's when the treble leads.

At every lead (plain or bobbed) the two bells behind continue dodging until the treble separates them (as at a bob in Court Bob).

The only other bell is that which, having been taken off at lead by the treble, makes 2nd's place, as in Plain Bob, and leads again. And, as in Plain Bob, when a bob is called, it runs out, but only as far as 3-4, where it dodges and makes 4th's.

Thus you have a table by which you will see that if you pass the treble in 5-6 you lie a whole pull behind and keep dodging in 5-6 down until you strike over the treble.

If you pass the treble in 4-5 you dodge three times in 5-6 up before lying the whole pull behind, when the treble comes up.

Passing the treble in 3-4 up involves making 4th's and dodging in 3-4 down; passing it in 2-3 up involves dodging in 3-4 up and making 4th's.

Pass the treble in 1-2 and you make 2nd's (a whole pull over the treble) and lead again.

The work does not come in this order, but it will pay you, when you have got out your full course, to find out the sequence and memorise it.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Saturday, July 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Slingsby 1, R. H. Maile 2, W. E. Pitman 3, F. G. Brett 4, E. Bankes 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6 (tenor 15 cwt.). The noisiest six in the county!

CONDUCTORS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I.

There are many kinds and degrees of conductors. At one end of the scale is the man who rings the observation bell, who never opens his mouth save to call the bobs, and who trusts to luck and a couple of part ends to know if the bells are right. At the other end is the man who calls from inside, who attempts (often with success) to dominate the whole belfry, who likes himself and others to hear his voice, and thinks his skill wasted if, during a peal, he has not, once or twice, dragged the bells out of an apparently hopeless muddle.

The man who called the first peal I ever rang on tower bells belonged to the first sort. He was a good ringer, and an industrious and (according to the standards of the time) competent composer. But he had little experience or knowledge of conducting. He rang the tenor and called one of his own compositions on the middle eight at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Years afterwards I was told that some time during the peal two of the bells shifted, and remained shifted until the conductor called 'That's all,' when they jumped into rounds. It may have been so; but at the time no one (except the culprits) knew anything about it. Certainly the conductor did not; for he was an honest man, and would not wittingly have rung a false peal; and I think he went to his grave never doubting that the peal was true. I knew nothing, for though I had already myself called a peal (on handbells), my knowledge was no greater than his.

When we look for an example of the other sort, we naturally think of James W. Washbrook. If half the things are true that are told of him he was the greatest genius that the ringing Exercise has, up to now, produced. There were few things in the art and science of which he was not a master, but probably what most showed his greatness was the extraordinary way in which he dominated and controlled a band of ringers in the tower. W. W. Gifford used to say that if only the men kept pulling the ropes, Washbrook could make them ring any method he pleased. That, of course, was an exaggeration—an intentional exaggeration; but Mr. Gifford assured me that he had known Washbrook, not once nor twice, deliberately let a trip develop into a muddle and even encourage it, until everybody was hopelessly lost, and then with a few words and a few gestures straighten things out in a minute or so.

There is a tale I have often told which will, perhaps, bear retelling in this connection. I first heard it many years ago, with all the details of persons, place and time, but these I have long since forgotten.

During the comparatively few years that Washbrook was really in his prime, he and the Rev. F. E. Robinson used to go about the country peal ringing, and one day they were to attempt a five-thousand of Superlative somewhere in the Oxford district. Superlative at that time was a very 'posh' method, only rung by the very best bands and pretty nearly as much thought of as Spliced Surprise is to-day. Well, they met short and so they turned out a local man to ring the tenor, intending to go for Stedman instead.

But presently Robinson turned to the original treble man and said, 'But, Mr. Smith (or whatever his name was), you ring Superlative, don't you?' 'No, Mr. Robinson,' he replied, 'I don't.'

'But I saw you ring some at Oxford last association meeting.'

'I tried to, Mr. Robinson, but I didn't know it and I couldn't ring it. And I have not looked at it since.'

'Oh, that's all right. You get on the seventh box and do what Washbrook tells you. You'll be all right.'

Well, after another protest, so he did, and they rang the peal. When they had finished 'Father' Robinson walked across the belfry to shake hands and congratulate the man. 'Never tell me again, Mr. Smith, that you can't ring Superlative!'

'Look here, Mr. Robinson,' he replied, 'I know just as much about it now as I did before we started, and that's nothing at all!'

It has to be admitted that Washbrook had the defects of his good qualities. He knew he was gifted beyond all other men and he quite reasonably and rightly loved to use his gifts. But where ordinary ringing did not give him opportunity to exercise them there was always the temptation to create artificially the opportunity as in the cases mentioned by Mr. Gifford. And he would do other things. Sometimes wilfully miss a bob to have the pleasure of putting the thing right by other calling and still ring the peal. Sometimes he would start a peal almost anyhow and put the composition together as he went along.

All of which was perfectly legitimate and admirable up to a point, but there is not much doubt that at times he far passed that point. There was the peal of Treble Bob Royal that he called at Dublin, so obviously false that the veriest novice must have spotted it; and that was done with a first class band, which included five or six really good conductors. At another time he started at Ross, in Herefordshire, for Holt's Original, and after a while, getting tired of it, he called up the corresponding changes of Penning's one-part and finished the peal with that composition. An extraordinarily clever thing to do—but not peal ringing.

The worst of it was that these things led to deception, to the withholding of figures of the peals, or the publication of figures which were not those which had actually been rung. No one probably would have known anything about the Ross performance, had there not been outside a man blessed with an extraordinarily acute ear and a capacity for taking down the changes as they were rung. There was little chance of a false peal escaping detection if Edwin Barnett was listening outside.

Few conductors have anything approaching the gifts that Washbrook had, and so few have any temptation to misuse them as he undoubtedly sometimes did. But when an opportunity does occur to put right a mistake by means which are not quite the thing it is well to remember that such things have a way of leaking out, that they lose nothing as they are repeated and that men will remember them when they forget the good peals the conductor has called. Washbrook rang many hundred peals, but it is only the Ross and the Dublin performances that serve my purpose 'to point a moral and adorn a tale.'

Between these two men I have cited as examples lies the whole range of conductors. They were as unlike as is possible, and yet there is one thing they had in common—the name of neither was an absolute guarantee that the peals they called were really true peals. Edward Francis was not clever enough; Washbrook was too

(Continued in next column.)

FALSE COURSE ENDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In 1924 the then Methods Committee, by their spokesman, knew everything; there was nothing left for anyone else to know.

In 1931, their spokesman made the following statement: 'The chief thing they had learned was how little they knew about the whole thing. When they drew up that report they thought they knew everything, but they were not quite so sure now.'

The sixty 'even' course-ends consist of the fundamental row 23456 and 59 other rows as follows:—

24 Complex rows that will produce round blocks of five courses.
20 Complex rows that will produce touches of three courses.
15 Simple transposition rows that produce touches of two courses.

The row 23456 is a simple transposition row, and there are three others with the sixth at home, i.e.:—

32546
45236
54326

If these three rows are transposed by the 24 complex five course rows the result will show 24 round blocks of five false course-ends in all, but these actually can be reduced to six, the remaining eighteen only being variations.

Of these six, I am advised by Mr. A. G. Driver, the wizard figure king of Belvedere, Kent, only two are sound; that is to say, the other four would, in a method, entail additional false course-ends beside those of the particular block.

So again in 1935 the spokesman of the Methods Committee is out in his reckoning.

A word to Mr. Joyce. The people who are uninitiated to his new system will understand the proof as given by me, and once a round block of five false course-ends has been discovered it is quite easy, when you know how, to find the 30 true courses.

Once you have these, and you keep to them, all you have to do in composing peals is to see that M. W. B. and H.'s are true.

GEORGE BAKER.

(Continued from previous column.)

clever; but the result was pretty much the same. Neither is a model to be followed. And yet were I asked which of the two names really gives the best assurance that an honest peal had been scored, I think—mind, I say I think—I should say it was Francis.

(To be continued.)

SOMERSET VILLAGERS' EFFORT.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW TREBLE BELL AT STOKE TRISTER.

Early in 1933, the ringers of the tiny village of Stoke Trister, which stands on the hills of East Somerset, almost touching the Dorset border, decided to make an effort to add a new treble bell to their existing ring of five.

Money soon came in and plans were put forward, but for some reason best known to themselves, the diocesan authorities delayed matters for over a year, and finally 'mislaid' the plans.

The subscribers were determined that their scheme and none other should be adopted, and after a duplicate set of plans had been put forward, permission was granted to commence the work. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. cast a beautiful new treble bell, well in keeping with the existing ring of five, which had been tuned and overhauled by them some years previously.

The dedication was fixed for Thursday, August 8th, at 7 p.m. Before the service, ringing took place on the back five, the ringers being in full view of everyone as they entered the small but well-kept and imposing church.

The Bishop of Taunton performed the ceremony and preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation of villagers and visiting ringers, some of whom came from a distance, namely, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary of the Central Council, and Mrs. Fletcher, who were on a ringing tour at Wrington; Mr. J. T. Dyke, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. H. Shepherd from Swindon; and Capt. H. J. Cann from the Guildford Guild.

The clergy present were, in addition to the Bishop, the Rector and curate of Cucklington-cum-Stoke Trister, and Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

After the service, the ringers gave a good account of themselves up to a late hour, and everyone was full of praise for the excellent work which had been turned out by the Loughborough Foundry.

THANKSGIVING FOR BELL RESTORATION.

At Linslade, Bucks, on Saturday, a service of thanksgiving was held at St. Barnabas' Church for the rehanging of the bells. Ringers were present from Buckingham, Bushey, Coventry, Dunstable, St. Albans, Southwark, Tring, Leighton Buzzard and the local band.

All the ringers were pleased at the 'go' of this light ring. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

In the evening All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, was visited, when Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich Major were rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A reunion of the Australian tourists, to which all ringers are invited, will take place in London on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing will be arranged in the afternoon, if sufficient numbers are present. Dinner, 4s. each, at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, in the evening, will be followed by an exhibition of Mr. Rupert Richardson's cinema pictures of the tour. Those who would like to join the party should send their names and remittance for dinner not later than September 7th to J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

The heavy ring of six at Modbury Church, South Devon, is being removed to the Loughborough Foundry for tuning and rehanging in new framework.

The peal of Cambridge Major rung at Liscard, Cheshire, on August 8th, was their 50th peal together by Lester L. Gray and Thomas W. Hammond, and, incidentally, the first 'touch' in the method by Frank Varty.

Four visiting members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on Monday, with the Bedfordshire Association.

When Mr. George Williams called a peal at Romsey, Hants, on August Bank Holiday, he celebrated the jubilee of his membership of the Royal Cumberland Youths, which he joined when he first called Holt's Original, at Arundel, Sussex, on August Bank Holiday, 1885.

In that peal James Hewett (who knew and, we believe, rang with William Shipway) and Henry Dains took part. Mr. Williams is the only survivor of the band.

Mrs. Williams, who has recently undergone a second operation, is now at home again, progressing slowly. She was the first lady to ring a peal, and altogether she rang three on handbells.

It is hoped that the William Pye memorial appeal will be made during the course of the next few weeks. A few preliminaries have yet to take place. This note is inserted in reply to several enquiries. August 14th was, it is interesting to note, the birthday of the late William Pye.

There was a 'spot' of peal ringing last week in Somerset, and a ringing tour has been in progress during the present week in Norfolk.

On August Bank Holiday, Mr. Edwin Jennings, of Kendal, Westmorland, rang his one hundredth peal in Lancashire. What makes this more remarkable is that he is Westmorland born and bred and has never lived in Lancashire. He is the only Westmorland man to ring a hundred peals and to conduct 75.

The only peal rung in the City of London on Jubilee Day, Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex County Association at St. Giles', Cripplegate, is to be commemorated by a board presented by the churchwardens. It is to be unveiled at evensong, on St. Giles' Day, September 1st.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Lowestoft, on July 30th, was William Baldry (not Bawdry as printed). It was his first peal. Mr. Richard T. Woodley rang the 3rd. The initial J. crept in in error.

After ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Ash, Kent, on Bank Holiday, a further attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major at Walmer the same day, but this unfortunately came to grief four courses from the end, owing to the indisposition of one of the band.

'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'

INTERESTING VOLUME PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY.

This volume, which, now that it has made its appearance, is a good deal larger than was originally intended, will, we feel sure, be read by all ringers with great interest. It was published on Wednesday.

While the Australian tour was in progress, the adventures of the party were closely followed by ringers at home. The tourists were making history, and what they were doing on the other side of the world was, of course, of more than passing interest to the Exercise.

In this book, the disconnected narrative published in 'The Ringing World' has been brought together with new material, and a number of additional photographs, including those of some of the early pioneers of Australian ringing like William Shenton, Arthur Bames and John Guest.

Both the Australian and New Zealand portions of the tour are fully described, while the impressions of other places visited, like Malta, Port Said, Aden and Ceylon, to say nothing of the Maori Settlement in New Zealand, make interesting reading.

The book is in stiff covers, with, appropriately, an attractive picture of Melbourne Cathedral on the front. There was a considerable demand before publication, and the surplus copies are likely to be quickly taken up. Ringers who wish to possess a copy and have not already ordered one should send 2s. to 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey. Those who have sent their order but not yet forwarded remittance should do so at once in order that delivery may not be delayed.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL BELLS.

BICENTENARY OF THE RING OF TWELVE.

THE HISTORY OF THE PEAL.

Recorded in this issue is a peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, to commemorate the bicentenary of the opening, on August 2nd, 1735, by the society of the ring of twelve bells.

The connection between the two events is of more than passing interest, for the College Youths' association with the tower has been practically unbroken through the intervening two centuries.

THE TOWER OF ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

In the current issue of the 'The Parish Paper' for St. Saviour-with-St. Peter, Southwark, Mr. E. Spice, the Dean's verger, has a most interesting article on the Cathedral bells. He says:—

Within the tower hangs a ring of twelve bells, unsurpassed for purity of tone throughout the kingdom.

Guilds of bellringers were formed in mediæval days as bellringing performances were made much of during church processions, etc.; but there were few rings of bells over eight in number, and no twelve in Surrey before 1734-5.

Our bells, originally a peal of seven, were made a peal of eight in 1424. Six of these were purchased by the parishioners, at the dissolution of the Priory, from Henry VIII. and made a peal of twelve by Samuel Knight, of Winchester Yard, Southwark, in 1734-5, and rung for the first time by the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday evening, August 2nd, 1735.

Numbers 1 to 6, and the 8th and 9th are of that date. Number 10 was recast in 1844, 11 in 1820, 12 in 1910, and Number 7 on November 12th, 1931, all recast by Mears, at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which is the oldest bell foundry in the world, founded A.D. 1570.

An inscription on the tenor bell records that it commemorates the happy reign of King Edward VII. and Edward Stuart Talbot, Bishop of Southwark.

It is usual to place an inscription on bells with some motto or Latin quotation. On the 6th bell is 'This peal of twelve bells began to be cast in Anno. Dom. 1734 and completed in A.D. 1735.' On the 5th is 'May Love be without Limitation.' On the 8th, 'Samuel Knight performed right well when he remade me Dowsabell.'

The weight of the peal of eight was 155 cwt., the peal of twelve 215 cwt.; they now weigh 214 cwt., the tenor having been reduced in weight to better balance the ringing tone of the whole set.

It was upon these 'six large bells' bought by the parishioners that the first great performance in change ringing that we have any record of was achieved. This was when the College Youths rang, in 1684, three seven hundred and twenties, consisting of 2,160 changes, without stopping. The methods, we are informed, were Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, and Oxford Single.

Among the memorable complete peals recalled by Mr. Spice are:—

'The College Youths rang in this Steeple, March 12th, 1758, a complete Peal of 5,040 tripple bob 12 in, in four hours thirteen minutes, being the greatest performance ever done on twelve bells.'

In the same year, a complete peal of 6,336 Bob Maximus was rung in five hours thirteen minutes. In 1784 another complete peal of 7,008 Triple Bob Twelve in, in six hours five minutes.

On peal boards in the ringing chamber are records of fourteen peals during the last 150 years, in methods Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, College Single and Oxford Single, by the College Youths or Cumberland Society, setting forth either as masterpieces of ringing, intricate method, record, time or noble peal.

The newest peal board records: 'On May 21st, 1923, there was rung on these bells 12,675 Stedman Cinques in nine hours forty-seven minutes.'

Some of the metal of these bells, adds Mr. Spice, will have rung a knell at the suppression of the Priory, and also on the demise of King Henry the VIII.; greeted Queen Elizabeth here at a wedding, in 1577, also Queen Anne, in 1702, coming to hear the famous chaplain of the parish, Dr. Sacheverell; welcomed the men returning from the national victories: The Armada, 1588, Trafalgar, 1805, and Waterloo, 1815. Shakespeare, 'Our greatest Parishioner,' possibly heard 'the forenoone knell of the great bell' rung at his brother's funeral, December 31st, 1607. Jubilee peals were rung at the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of Queen Victoria, and at the Silver Jubilee of King George V., whom God Preserve.

One notable peal, of which Mr. Spice does not give details, was the first peal on the twelve bells rung in the year of their opening. It was by the College Youths, probably by the same band, or nearly so, that opened the bells in the previous August.

'St. Saviour's, Southwark,' runs the record. 'The Company rung on Monday, December 15th, 1735, a complete peal of 8,008 Grandsire Cinques, being the longest peal that was ever done on twelve bells, and in 6 hours and 25 minutes it was performed: William Pickard, 1; Samuel Lee, 2; John Dearmor, 3; James Watson, 4; Robert Mobbs, 5; Samuel Jeacock, 6; John Ward, 7; John Trenell, 8; George Elton Hill, 9; Benjamin Annable, 10; John Cundell, 11; Richard Spicer, Matthew East and R. Wendleborough, 12. Mr. Benjamin Annable call'd bobs.'

There was a good deal of competition between the College Youths and the Cumberlands during the eighteenth century, and among the performances, which were evidences of the rivalry on Southwark bells, were the 5,040 Treble Bob 12 in, in 4 hours 12 mins. on March 12th, 1758, 'being the greatest peal done before on 12 bells,' as recorded by Mr. Spice. In this peal the tenor was rung by Joseph Monk. In 1766 the Cumberlands rang 5,136 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in 4 hours 8 min., but the tenor was double-manned.

In 1777 the College Youths recaptured the honours by ringing with two men on the tenor, 6,000 Treble Bob Maximus in 4 hours 58 mins., and in 1784 raised the Treble Twelve record to 7,008 at St. Saviour's, S. Muggeridge ringing the tenor single-handed in 5 hours 48 mins.

This record stood until 1802, when the Cumberlands, with J. Marlton on the tenor, rang 7,104 in 18 minutes less, viz., 5 hours 30 minutes.

This appears to have been the end of the rivalry at Southwark, but many notable peals have been rung there since, the last, of outstanding interest, being the 12,675 Stedman Cinques in 1923, to which Mr. Alfred Peck rang the tenor in 9 hours 47 mins.

St. Saviour's tower, as it stands by London Bridge, is a noble pile, and its glorious peal is a joy to all lovers of bells.

HELSTON, SOMERSET.—On August 5th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: P. Cruickshank 1, Rev. E. W. Poynton 2, F. Stanton 3, C. Booty 4, W. G. Brown (conductor) 5, A. E. Baverstoke 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3 and 4. First quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles by ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: A. E. Baverstoke 1, Rev. E. W. Poynton 2, F. Stanton 3, C. Booty 4, P. Cruickshank 5, W. C. Brown (conductor) 6. First 720 Minor by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MODERN RAMBLING RINGERS.

'RINGING'S WORST POET' CLAIM.

By John Binques.

Quite deliberately this is written in defiance of Mr. J. A. Trollope's article on 'Change ringing in poetry,' but it is written with an object. 'Writing verse,' Mr. Trollope told us last week, 'is a disease which, like influenza or the measles, goes through the land, striking here and there without distinction of person or place.'

'Poetry' about ringing is very dreadful stuff, Mr. Trollope would have us believe, and until you have read old William Laughton you can never realise how dreadful it can be.

After Mr. Trollope's article no ringer ought ever again to attempt to write verse about ringing or ringers, and I would not dare have ventured had it not been for one thing. William Laughton wrote the 'worst ever,' in his account of the Rambling Ringers, two hundred years, or whatever it was, ago.

Now, what I want to know is why should William Laughton hold the record for all that long time and never be challenged for the title of 'Ringing's Worst Poet'? It isn't right, so here and now, Mr. Trollope notwithstanding, I set down my verse and claim the title. It happens also to deal with an incident in the affairs of some modern Rambling Ringers, and I have borrowed an idea from another poet of the Exercise, Robert Roan, and ended all my lines (as long as you read them the right way) with the same rhyming syllable. I agree with Mr. Trollope that it cramps one's style, and I must give old Bob the palm for finding a greater variety of words to suit his purpose than I have done—but then he lapsed into French, didn't he? Some of mine, too, are, perhaps, a bit far-fetched, but what is a fellow to do under the circumstances? But I've stolen one on Robert by spelling mine all the same way—well, very nearly.

The scansion, of course, is a bit loose; the internal rhyming is not all it might be, and taken all in all, I think old Laughton's laurels may now be very fairly said to descend upon me. Here it is:

A party of ringers, of real ding-dong-dingers, who wanted a peal of Cinques,
Travelled one day, with spirits quite gay, to the village of Surfleet in Linques.
There should have been twelve, but only ten came, to join in the holiday jinques.
The two, where were they? Had they been led astray by some pretty designing young minques?

The Mayor went to meet them; was waiting to greet them, as well as to offer them drinques,
And give them a welcome—not printed on vellum, or written in fancy inques.
His worship, who's portly, and handsome and courtly, patient waited within the precinques
Of the railway at Spalding, while northward were snorting, the men who were wanted for Cinques.

The train stopped at Grantham—they joined in an anthem; they were still in the county of Linques.
Excuse then they hatched; a wire was dispatched; they'd be back in a couple of winques.
But alas! by a minute, a very brief minute, they missed their connecting linques.

And now getting breezy and rather uneasy, the Mayor thought this playing of pranques
Unfitting his dignity, office, benignity, and called them a couple of cranques.
The hours passed apace, there still was no trace of the two missing brass hat 'delinques,'
Till at last came the train, out of which crept the twain, but gone was the chance of the Cinques.

(Continued in next column.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BETTER STRIKING WANTED IN WIGAN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Rainford on Saturday, when members were present from Poolstock, Aughton, Wigan, Standish, Halsall and Southport. It was a great pleasure to have the presence of Mr. Wright, of Westhought, Mr. Gilmour and Mr. Hammond, of the Liverpool Branch, and Mr. Flint, of Norfolk. An excellent tea was provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

Mr. J. W. Hall presided over the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary reported it had been a better year with regard to attendance of meetings, but a lot of subscriptions were still outstanding.

Mr. J. Booth was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. W. Grounds was elected Deputy Ringing Master, a vote of thanks being accorded to the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. J. Ridyard.

Mr. W. O. Farrimond was elected branch secretary.

Mr. Wright gave an inspiring address, and urged the necessity of getting young men to take up change ringing. He hoped when the Wigan Parish Church bells were put in order again a drive would be made to have some good ringing there.

Mr. Brown referred to the striking in the branch. He hoped an effort would be made to improve it during the coming year. He said it was no use beating about the bush—the striking was at present bad throughout the branch. Friends and enemies would be made, but in time they would see the difference between good and bad striking.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for allowing the use of the bells and providing the tea, and to Mr. Hall and his boys.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, August 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): P. J. Spice 1, A. James 2, G. F. James 3, W. Grace 4, I. Emery 5, G. Letchford 6, G. Huxley 7, Edmund Mounter (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 8.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. H. Alexander (conductor) 1, S. B. Carey 2, *Miss F. Childs 3, †B. Thomas 4, N. Perkins 5, †F. L. Alexander 6. * First quarter-peal of Doubles. † First quarter-peal and first attempt. First quarter-peal as conductor. Arranged for the 3rd ringer, who was on holiday from Bournemouth.

GLASGOW.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service at St. Mary's Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Ewing 1, H. Sargent 2, W. A. Wreaks (Paisley) 3, T. Winderam 4, S. Lewis 5, E. Stafford 6, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 7, J. Carmichael 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples.

HILLINGDON.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters in six two-course blocks, alternate tittums and handstroke, arranged by C. W. Roberts: J. Pratt 1, G. R. Gutteridge 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, Mrs. A. D. Barker 6, L. Stilwell 7, W. R. Coles 8, A. R. Pink 9, W. Honor 10.

(Continued from previous column.)

In the eyes of the Mayor was that terrible glare, under which ev'ry criminal shrinques,
And the two real brass hats looked down at their spats, but failed with their smiles and their blinques.
They sought to escape by the station back gate, but the Mayor shouted, 'Come here, you minques,'
You've messed up the peal, I cannot conceal my anger and grief, and methinques
If you had what you ought, now that I have you caught, you'd be shut up in separate 'clinques.'
But we want you for ringing, so to pay for your sinning, we'll cut down your food and your drinques,
And further for penance, we'll make you joint tenants with the pigs in the sty and their stinques.

And thus as they travelled, the brass hats felt gravelled, and blushed all the reds and the pinques;
They wished that the ground, they saw all around would turn to convenient sinques
Down which they could vanish, and further astonish the Mayor of Surfleet in Linques.

But when they arrived, his Worship contrived by the aid of prodigious winques,
To show to his burgesses that human to err it is and you cannot account for such kinques.
This tale has a moral, that's easy to follow: never trust to the man who just thinques,
Though he may be quite sane, that he knows the right train, that will take him to Spalding in Linques.

MELBOURNE RINGERS' BAD LUCK.

FAILURE AFTER GREAT PEAL ATTEMPT.

A shocking piece of bad luck attended the efforts of the band at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters on July 2nd.

They had rung 3 hours and 25 minutes when, two leads from home, something unexpected—and still unexplained—happened, the bells got into a muddle and failed to come round at hand!

It would have been the first peal of Caters in Australia, and everyone will sympathise with the band in their disappointment. We are glad to know the St. Paul's Society are determined to make another attempt.

After ringing the quarter-peal, which were recently recorded, two attempts for a peal were made before the one which failed after so great an effort. The first attempt came to grief in a general mix-up, after ringing more than 2,000 changes, and the second try came to an end through a change course.

The history of ringing in Australia has been full of disappointment and valiant perseverance, and those who would read of many of the early struggles and the occasional successes should buy 'A Great Adventure,' published on Wednesday, which tells the interesting story of ringing in Australia from the year 1855, as well as recounting the events of the tour made by English ringers last autumn. The price is 2s., post free, from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

DEATH OF NORTH STAFFS RINGER.

ONE OF THE FIRST 'SILENT' SURPRISE MINOR PEAL BAND.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Charles Preston which occurred on Saturday, August 3rd, at the age of 63 years. The cause of his death was an insidious disease, known locally as 'silicosis,' which is prevalent amongst the workers in the pottery trade, in which Mr. Preston had been engaged all his working life.

Mr. Preston had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, for upwards of 40 years. At the belfry he was a great advocate of punctuality, and was very keen to notice and to admonish lateness in others. He was a great friend to the probationers, for whom he would fix a separate evening apart from the usual practice night in order to coach them personally until they could handle their bell sufficiently well to ring in rounds.

Mr. Preston took part in the first 'silent' seven-method Surprise Minor peal ever rung, which took place at Bucknall on April 6th, 1897. Of this band, only two members now survive, namely, the brothers J. E. and W. Wheeldon.

The deceased was borne to his last resting place by two of the Bucknall and two of the Norton ringers. The towers of Lawton, Stoke and Kingsley were also represented at the funeral. The Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, of which society Mr. Preston had been a valued officer for many years, also sent representatives, as did the Potters' Union, of which he had been a very active member. He leaves one daughter to mourn her loss, and the Bucknall ringers and the writer will greatly miss his cheery disposition and familiar figure from amongst them.

J. E. W.

COMPOSED FORTY YEARS AGO.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal of Treble Bob Royal, published by Nolan Golden in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' was composed by the late Mr. George Hayward, of Bromsgrove, about 40 years ago. It is included in his collection of peals which is in the charge of the Vicar of Bromsgrove.

SID T. HOLT.

Crowle, Worcester.

LEFT TO THE CHURCH.

Dear Sir,—The 5,000 Treble Bob Royal, by Mr. Nolan Golden, published in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' was composed by the late George Hayward, of Bromsgrove, and he has the same peal in his 'collection of peals' of this and other methods which he left to the church of his native parish when he died in September, 1929.

H. PRICE.

Stratford-on-Avon.

RUNG AT QUEX PARK.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to point out that the peal of 5,000 Treble Bob Royal, published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' as the composition of Mr. Nolan Golden, is the property of the late George Hayward, of Bromsgrove. It was rung at Quex Park on April 7th, 1901, conducted by the late William Pye, and was published in the Kent County Association report for 1902.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

London.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.—On Tuesday, July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Kinchin 1, W. Rawlings 2, H. Price 3, C. R. Steed 4, W. Cockins 5, H. Brookes 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, B. Meganyhey (first quarter-peal) 8.

CLERICAL RINGERS.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow's account of the Clerical 'Ringing Week,' which appears in the current issue. Each week I look through 'The Ringing World' for names of clerical ringers, because, in my opinion, that shows progress. When one comes down to rock bottom (someone else had 'brass tacks' this week) the incumbent has the last word in all matters regarding the bells in his tower. I contend that the more clergy that become more interested in campanology, the longer will it continue.

I do not like pushing work on to anyone, but Mr. Thurlow's article could not have appeared at a more opportune time. May I suggest to him that he 'ropes' in every ringing clergyman and has his name inserted in the 'Ringers' Directory' which is about to be published?

I can assure him that we laymen are proud to have the clergy actively associated with us. There is no need to remind anyone of the names of clerical stalwarts who have been of wonderful assistance in the past. Many have passed on, and their places must be filled, and it is the ringing clergy who can get the ear of their brother clerics much more easily than the layman.

Here is an opportunity to revive the waning interest of some and to show others that the art of ringing our church bells is a worthy one for the clergy and laymen alike.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES,
Hon. Treasurer, Lancashire Association.

NEW TREBLE BELL AT TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN.

SCHEME COMPLETED AFTER 36 YEARS.

In 1899 the 3rd and 4th bells of the peal of five in Tuddenham St. Martin (near Ipswich) church tower were recast and the peal hung in a new frame for six. It was desired at that time to complete the ring, but funds would not allow this to be done. Various efforts have been made, but some set-back or other has been received. Now, however, with continued efforts by the local ringers the completion of the scheme has been made possible.

On Sunday afternoon, August 4th, over 50 ringers turned up to try the new bell, which has been cast and installed by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who also cast the other two. The dedication service was performed by Canon H. R. Wilkinson, O.B.E. (Bishop's Chaplain), of Melton. He stated that he had at one time been a ringer, and gave a very interesting sermon.

The little country church was filled to overflowing with ringers from a dozen towers, including Great Bentley, Essex.

After service an opening touch was rung by A. Bowell 1, C. Parker 2, Miss P. E. Tillett 3, P. Parker 4, F. Bowell 5, A. Wright 6. The bells were then open to visitors, and ringing was continuous with Cambridge and London Surprise till late evening, when the first 720 on the bells was scored by a local band, viz., 720 Plain Bob by Fredk. Bowell (Ipswich) (conductor) 1, O. Kidby (first 'inside') 2, C. Parker 3, E. Simpson 4, P. Parker 5, A. Wright 6. Visitors generally expressed satisfaction at the splice made to this very light ring and at another six-bell tower being available.

PEAL LOST BY BROKEN ROPE.

On Monday, August 5th, at the Parish Church, Winslow, Bucks, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Doubles unfortunately failed owing to the 5th rope breaking in the last 500 changes. The bells are somewhat on the heavy side, the tenor being 19¼ cwt., and that, combined with the heat, made ringing not altogether comfortable. J. W. Rea 1, F. S. Hopgood 2, Dennis T. Brock 3, W. E. G. Hewson 4, W. Massey (conductor) 5, D. L. Price 6. The peal was attempted as a birthday compliment to F. S Hopgood, and it was the longest length by the treble and tenor ringers. The band wish to thank Mr. Banner, the local captain, for kindly having everything in readiness for them, and the Vicar (Rev. Beamish) for the use of the bells.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, on Saturday, August 4th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. D. Hughes, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Cardiff, formerly Vicar of Pentre Rhondda: J. Lovett 1, T. Page 2, G. Page 3, W. Palmer 4, T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, W. J. Cross (conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

SHIPLEY AND IDLE RINGERS AT HAWORTH.

Members of the Shipley and Idle company recently paid a visit to Haworth, Yorks, 'for a night's pleasure.' The methods included Bob Minor, Oxford, Kent and Violet Treble Bob. It is believed to be the first time that four lady ringers have taken part in ringing at this church. They were Mrs. A. Bairstow (Haworth), Miss M. White, Miss W. Foster and Miss E. Wright, of Shipley.

THE SURPRISE MAJOR COLLECTION.

A REPLY TO 'MINORMANIA.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The prefaces to the Central Council publications prepared by the Methods Committee show that that committee have always been pleased to receive and acknowledge publicly advice from members of the Exercise, but if the committee take any notice whatever of the open letter from 'Minormania' in your issue of July 26th, 1935, I shall be greatly surprised.

An open letter of this type is at its best undesirable and can have no justification unless the addressee has previously refused even to consider a suggestion, while anonymity is still more objectionable, though admittedly it is a good cloak behind which to hide if one's statements prove incorrect.

I am not an experienced Surprise ringer, and if anybody better qualified than I should answer 'Minormania's' letter I shall be pleased. Failing that, here are a few points which occur to me:—

1. The mistake (in the Doubles and Minor Collection) regarding the 6-5's is relatively unimportant, and that it does not detract from the value of the book is proved by the rapidity with which the edition has been sold. In any case, once a mistake has been pointed out, it shows bad taste to continue to refer to it.

2. I have seen several ways of working out the false course ends of a method, and the difficulty lies, not in finding a system, but in explaining it in writing.

I was privileged some months ago to see the draft of the chapter of the proposed Surprise Major Collection which deals with this matter. The whole explanation is given in short, yet very lucid, sentences, and its total length is considerably less than one-third of 'Minormania's' letter. A *half lead only* of the method is required, and from that, in about ten minutes, anybody capable of transposing one row of figures by another could, without previous experience, work out all the false course ends (with the tenors together) of *any* Surprise Major method. The whole system could be remembered and applied much more quickly after it had been used two or three times. What is more, the necessity for working out the problem a second time, as a check, is obviated, as the system is self-checking.

3. What 'Minormania' means by the last sentence of his sixth paragraph I haven't the least idea. I know of no reason to suppose that the Exercise will be told 'that it may use rows of like nature only'—the explanation to be given in the book deals with rows of opposite nature as well as rows of the same nature.

4. 'Minormania' says that since his system was published in 1928, 'The Mad Hatter' (more anonymity) is 'the only man I know who thoroughly grasped the principles upon which the system stands.' Not a very good advertisement!

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Alperton, Middlesex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BARNES.

A most successful meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, July 20th, at Barnes, Surrey. A band was in attendance punctually at 3.30, and touches in various methods were rung up to service time, under the supervision of the District Master (Mr. H. Mance). The Rector (the Rev. W. Patrick-Dott) kindly conducted a short service, and in the course of his address some interesting facts in connection with the ancient church were enjoyed by the members present. After tea, to which 25 sat down, including the Rector, business of the usual routine character was transacted, the Master presiding, and having the support of the Rector.

During the evening ringing which ensued, a high standard was struck, and methods ranging from the simplest to London were rung on this charming eight in splendid style.

During the proceedings a vote of thanks was tendered to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, and also to Mr. 'Charlie' Hunt, who, as usual, gave a breezy welcome to the 35 people who attended.

THE PERSONNEL OF THE COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Cannon's outspoken remarks are certainly to be admired; but does not the fault of putting men on the Central Council 'who never say anything' lie with the ringers themselves who never say anything when it comes to their annual meeting and these men are put up for election? Many are afraid to say anything for fear of being considered personal, or of being left out of a band when there is a peal going or outing to be fixed with these men or their friends. Personal influence plays a big part in scores of things connected with ringing. Mr. Cannon talks of a certain person as being 'an example to follow.' I cannot agree that any man whose peals only support one particular section of the Exercise and are mostly rung with his own particular circle (however great a ringer that man may be in himself) can be an example for others to follow: least of all can he be a 'missionary.' The example for others to follow, I maintain, is the man who will ring a peal of anything and on any number of bells. Mr. Ernest Morris and Mr. Nolan Golden are two such examples.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

MR. ALBERT RELFE'S FOURTEEN HUNDRED 720's.

ONE THOUSAND AS CONDUCTOR.

A 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on Sunday, August 11th, for matins, was the 1,400th rung by Mr. Albert Relfe and the one thousandth he has conducted. Even in these days of great records, this is no mean performance, and we remember that some of Mr. Relfe's Minor ringing has been done in the most complicated of spliced extents. Sunday's 720 was rung by A. Marshall 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, T. Fuller 4, A. Relfe 5, J. Waghorn, jun., 6. It was the first 720 in the method by the ringers of 2 and 3.

WEDDING BELLS.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Withyham on August 7th was rung in honour of two weddings, and also of three birthdays. On August 4th Mr. E. J. Ladd, an enthusiastic member of the Kent Association and the East Grinstead and District Guild, was married at Tunbridge Wells to Miss Marjorie E. Elms, and last Saturday Mr. E. W. Edwards, son of the conductor of the peal (Mr. A. E. Edwards), and who was at one time a member of the Salehurst band, was married at Salehurst to Miss Gladys E. Pearson. The birthdays celebrated were those of the wife and daughter of Mr. W. H. Kitchener (ringer of the 7th) and of Mr. F. H. Hicks, who rang the 3rd.

On Saturday, August 3rd, the wedding took place at the Parish Church, Rotherfield, of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brasier, of Rotherfield. Mr. Brasier is one of the local ringers. As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells were set going to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but this came to grief. On Tuesday evening, August 6th, the local ringers met one short for Triples, and a quarter-peal of Minor was therefore rung, with tenor covering. The ringers who took part were as follows: R. Mitchell 1, F. H. Hicks 2, F. Hammond 3, A. F. Lewry 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, C. Brasier 6, H. Hinson 7. The first 720 was Plain Bob, conducted by A. F. Lewry, the second 720 was Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by C. Brasier. The ringing was also in honour of the birthday of Mr. F. H. Hicks.

WELL-KNOWN EAST GRINSTEAD RINGER MARRIED.

The marriage of Mr. E. J. Ladd, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ladd, of East Grinstead, and Miss M. E. Elms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Elms, of Tunbridge Wells, was solemnised on Sunday, August 4th.

The wedding took place at the Emmanuel Church, Tunbridge Wells, and the bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in oyster satin and carried a shower bouquet of red and white carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids—Miss Eva Barber (cousin) and Miss Grace Osborne (friend). Mr. Alec Richardson was best man.

Mr. Ladd is well known both in East Grinstead and Tunbridge Wells, and prior to the ceremony 630 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of St. Peter's Society, at St. Peter's Church, where he is a frequent visitor: A. J. Battin 1, A. Worsfold 2, B. V. Collison 3, Miss G. Collison 4, W. Collison 5, S. Russell 6, A. E. Richardson (conductor) 7, Major Yorke 8.

CLEVEDON RINGERS' CAPTAIN MARRIED.

The marriage took place at Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucester, on August 5th, of Mr. Stanley E. James (captain of the band of ringers at Clevedon Parish Church, Somerset), and Miss Rachael Elizabeth Underhill, of Synwell, Wotton-under-Edge.

The Rev. D. J. Buckley (Vicar) officiated, and Mr. T. K. Penwarden played organ voluntaries. The bride was given away by her father, and her dress was of peach crepe satin, with hat and shoes to match; she wore pearls and a gold wristlet watch, the gifts of the bridegroom. The groomsman was Mr. F. James, brother of the bridegroom. There were two bridesmaids, Miss Florence James (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Young, a friend of the bride.

Through the courtesy of the Vicar, the Clevedon ringers were granted the use of the bells, and as the bridal couple left the church the bells were raised in peal, and a short touch of Grandsire struck. This came as a complete surprise to the happy pair, who did not know of the arrangements made by the Clevedon ringers. The ringers were later guests at the reception held in the Church Hall.

The bridegroom has been associated with the bells at Clevedon Parish Church since the inception of the peal in 1925. He was vice-captain on the formation of the band, and took over the captaincy on the resignation of Mr. T. E. Francis, who had coached the ringers in the early days.

The newly-married couple will be returning to Clevedon to reside, after their honeymoon, so the ringers will not be losing their able and popular leader.

CHATHAM.—On Monday evening, June 24th, previous to the induction, at Chatham Parish Church, of the Rev. C. A. H. Lowe, M.A., as Rector, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Norris (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Shellock 2, H. Hogarth 3, H. Springate 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, V. Jarrett 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

SURREYITES VISIT KENT.

AND SPEND A PLEASANT WEEK-END.

On Saturday, July 20th, the Putney ringers met, a dozen strong, for their annual outing. At 8 a.m. a workmanlike little 'bus' was boarded and crept away from the Bridge, and on over the hills and dales to the first 'port of call,' to wit, East Grinstead. This church contains a really good eight bells of about 23 cwt., and a particularly well-kept belfry. After ringing for about 45 minutes and leaving all 'as before,' the ringers descended to find the Vicar with a hearty welcome and ready to show the visitors over the church, with its objects of interest, etc.

At Wadhurst, reached via Crowborough, a beaming gentleman met the party at the church gate, and informed them he was going to see if his ropes were all right. They thought he was going to ring a peal, but found he had a bosun's chair up steeple, and the visitors learned he was the steeplejack, not the steeplekeeper. There are six bells at this church, so some Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung with new ropes like, as someone said, 'larstic.' After the bells had been lowered, cries of distress were heard. A slight lunch was, therefore, hastily procured and despatched. Hawkhurst was reached in due course and the bells made good use of for awhile. The journey was through the loveliest of country lanes, freshened by heavy showers which the excursionists were fortunate in missing. There were expansive views of the splendid countryside with the Downs in the 'offing.' Tenterden was reached soon after 2 o'clock, and dinner was a welcome relaxation. A meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was attended, and both Romney and Marsh said they'd be pleased if we opened the meeting, as they couldn't. So we did it, some very good touches being rung. Was there any doubt about this being a good peal? None! 'On, Charlie, on,' said the O.S., so off to Biddenden, where hangs a lovely tenor, and touches were rung during a thunderstorm. Next to Tonbridge, which was the venue for Saturday night and Sunday. Quarters were allotted and a visit paid to the Parish Church to try out the bells for an hour. Half an hour before midnight two more of the band arrived. On Sunday morning the ringers were off to Speldhurst for ringing and service. The local men were in force, and some were persuaded to 'stand in.' A touch of Stedman here deserves special mention. The Rector, in welcoming the visitors, gave them the privilege of looking over his garden, a delightful spot. Back to dinner and then to Withyham, where a grand peal were at their disposal. Met here Mr. S. Green, who had given advice with regard to this tour, and good it was. Stedman and Double Norwich go well on these bells—they must know the methods. Evening service ringing at Tonbridge completed the campanological programme, and the party headed for home via Westerham, Brasted, etc., and arrived safe and sound at Putney at 9.30, having 'knocked up' 182 miles. They have to thank all incumbents and other gentlemen who helped to make this another delightful excursion.

A CIRCULAR TOUR.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS RINGERS IN THREE COUNTIES.

On Bank Holiday the members of the St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, held their annual outing, making a circular tour through Sussex, Surrey and Kent. At Turners Hill an hour's excellent ringing was enjoyed. Then on to Rusper, an old-world village in a beautiful setting, with a church full of historical interest. The belfry was not too encouraging, but a good effort was made before moving on to Dorking for lunch.

Ranmore Common was then visited, after a steep climb presenting glorious views of the countryside. Unfortunately ringing was curtailed here, but good use was made of the extra time available, inspecting this fine church and generally enjoying the surroundings, which make this one of Surrey's beauty spots.

The journey was then continued to Godstone, where tea was served, and the party adjourned to the church, where full use was made of the permission to ring this splendid peal. The ringing here was excellent, and, after catering for all tastes and abilities, a thoroughly enjoyable day was brought to a close with an hour's good ringing at Edenbridge, on the sister peal to St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

The ringing programme was in the hands of Mr. A. Richardson, vice-captain, and before leaving Edenbridge belfry, Major Yorke, supported by Mr. A. J. Battin, expressed the appreciation of all the members for the general success of the day.

Thanks are also due to the incumbents and steeplekeepers of the various churches for permission to ring and for having everything in readiness. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Court Triples, with plenty of rounds for the youngsters, were the order of the day.

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NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The meeting at Woodchurch arranged for to-morrow has been postponed to Saturday, August 31st.— H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Aug. 29th, St. Magnus' on the 22nd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Bus 29 from Wood Green, or 134 from Victoria, to Potter's Bar Garage, thence by 205 to Northaw. Trains at 2 and 2.39 from King's Cross (L. & N.E.) to Cuffley, thence by bus 205 to Northaw. Buses from Potter's Bar Garage at 2.43 and hourly, also at 3.13. From Cuffley at 2.53 and hourly, also at 3.23, all to Northaw.—W. Nash, North Mimms; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, Aug. 17th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A special joint meeting of the Maidstone and Tonbridge districts will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Special short service, important nature, at 5 p.m. Special attention will be given to members desiring to ring Grandsire and Kent. — Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Tonbridge District.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6, tenor 16½ cwt.) available during afternoon and evening. Tea has been arranged. Interesting church, fine bells, delightful surroundings, please come. —Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Unveiling of peal tablet and service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend, and a good muster is requested. Tea, 1s. each.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District. — A meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Isleworth, on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. All welcome. — M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Shillington, Saturday, August 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The six-bell ringing contest will take place at Clowne Church on Saturday, Aug. 17th, for the Society's Silver Cup. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Tower open after contest. Please notify Rev. J. Waugh, Rectory, Clowne, for tea (without fail). All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by Bishop A. E. Joscelyne. Tea to follow. Upwey (6) and Wyke Regis (8) bells also available. Buses every 15 minutes from Weymouth.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Beddington on Wednesday, Aug. 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at The Harvest Home. All are welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon, by Monday, Aug. 19th. — Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Ewhurst on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Aug. 17th and make an effort to attend this meeting, as it is hoped to revive interest at Ewhurst. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 21st. All ringers welcome. — Joseph Wm. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Haxey on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Tea at the Duke William Hotel, price 1s. 3d. Visitors kindly advise H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, by the 21st inst. — H. Morgan and E. Cooper, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Andover, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. O. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Desborough (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Will those coming to tea please notify (without fail) Miss A. Deacon, Harrington Road, Desborough, near Kettering, by previous Wednesday —S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than Aug. 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Chequers Tea Rooms 4.45. All those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Littleham and Lympstone towers also available. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Aug. 26th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Fulbeck (6 bells) Saturday, Aug. 31st. Tea will be provided for all who notify Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ivanhoe, 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at Dog Inn at 4.30, 1/- each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, August 31st. Service 4.30, followed by a tea in the Church Room. All welcome. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. W. James, 18, Freelands Road, Cobham, by the 28th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14th.—At Abbot's Langley, Herts. Full particulars later. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The fourth annual dinner of the above association will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester. The Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, will preside. Tickets, 3s. each, are now available, and may be obtained from the branch masters and secretaries, any member of the Dinner Committee, or from Joseph D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held in Croydon on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Please book the date.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The fourth annual dinner of the above association will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan. Arrangements are now well in hand, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets 4s. each, and early application will save a lifetime of regrets. Tickets may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 245, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Wigan; Mr. W. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan. Please apply early. Fuller details later.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong, Aug. 4th: Miss M. Cosgrove 1, J. Igglesden 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, F. Nicholas 4, J. O. Weller (conductor) 5, G. Steer 6, G. Selby 7, W. Cosgrove, sen., 8.

ASHFORD, KENT.—For evening service, on Sunday, August 4th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, T. Cullingworth 2, P. Page 3, H. Castle 4, G. Swaffer 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, D. Godden 8.

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Our readers will peruse with interest a statement, quoted elsewhere, with regard to church bells made by the general secretary of the Anti-Noise League. Church bells have occupied a good deal of attention in the public press recently, through the activities of those who object to bells, and the League has been urged to include church bells in the list of things which some of its members, as well as a small section of the public, would like to see suppressed. The ranks of the League, however, are divided on the subject, as was revealed in the report of their recent meeting. In an interview, which was given to 'The Daily Telegraph' representative, the secretary of the League pointed out a way of removing the annoyance which those living near a church might experience from the bells. The method advocated is one which is well known to all ringers interested in the subject and is the most efficacious of all—that of lowering the bells in the tower and letting the sound out through the roof, as has been done at Lincoln and elsewhere.

Unfortunately, this way of dealing with the trouble is not always possible—architectural as well as financial difficulties being among the obstacles. There is, however, an effective alternative which is simple and inexpensive, namely, the blocking up of the louvres and other openings in the tower with sound resisting material, and providing an outlet for the sound through the roof. This is a definitely proved method and one which, if the more elaborate changes are impossible, should be employed at all towers where the public have reasonable grounds for complaint. One thing which ringers must not lose sight of is that the public look upon ringing from a totally different angle to the ringers themselves. They do not always understand why bells are being rung for long periods at a time, and where this happens, and, as must be admitted in some cases, the bells are unduly noisy round about the church, they have a genuine grievance. Let us not be blind to this fact.

In populous areas we are already suffering from the restrictions imposed by incumbents, in what they claim to be the interests of the public. If ringers could induce church authorities in these cases to do something to moderate the sound which comes from the belfries, these towers might yet be saved to ringing. Indeed, in thickly populated areas the day may come when the church authorities will have to take such steps, or silence their bells. It is better, as we pointed out only recently, that action should come voluntarily from the church itself, than be thrust upon it from outside. In the meantime, what may be taken, we think, as the official attitude of

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the Anti-Noise League towards church bells is one to which ringers can take no exception. There are ways and means of removing annoyance to the public without sacrificing the bells, and in their own interests, as well as those of the church, ringers themselves should be advocates of meeting the reasonable objections of the public by the methods which are now available. It is better to realize the position and take action first, thus removing any cause for complaint, than to wait until something happens which forces the issue. In the meantime it is gratifying to know that the Anti-Noise League is prepared to suggest remedies. A reasonable approach to the subject from both sides is much the best way of dealing with the matter, which is coming more and more under public notice.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 11 cwt.

LESLIE A. PORRITT ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD A. BALDOCK ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	FREDERICK G. BRETT	6
WILLIAM E. PITTMAN... ...	3	HARRY PARKES	7
H. RICHARD FRENCH	4	HORACE WHITEHEAD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

ASH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES H. SONE ...	...*Treble*	JAMES G. POWELL	5
PERCY PAGE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
HARRY BAKER	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	...*Tenor*

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

The composition, No. 227, is rung for the first time.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

BRIAN J. E. WHITE ...	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	RICHARD F. ROE	6
EDITH K. FLETCHER	3	STEPHEN H. WOOD	7
ALBERT A. HUGHES	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER... ...	...*Treble*	CECIL NICE	5
KEITH HART...	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
CHARLES W. CLARK	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	...*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	*RICHARD F. ROE	5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
BRIAN J. E. WHITE	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	7
EDITH K. FLETCHER	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, August 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	*Treble*	GEORGE WHITING	5
GEORGE PRYKE	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.
L. C. Wightman has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY...	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
EDWIN BARNETT	3	PERCY J. SPICE	7
ALFRED G. HILL...	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 421). Conducted by J. BENNETT.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CARISBROOKE DELIGHT MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	WILLIAM FERNLEY	7
LIONEL CLOUGH	4	JOHN WORTH...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
The 100th peal to be rung at this church. This method is now rung for the first time.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT	*Treble*	ERNEST J. TAYLOR	5
*PATRICIA HOLLOWAY... ...	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
NORAH G. WILLIAMS... ...	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY...	*Treble*	ALFRED G. HILL	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JAMES E. BAILEY...	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRED J. CULLUM.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

MISS JOAN PEARCE ...	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ...	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ...	*Treble*	MAURICE T. SYMONDS... ...	5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ...	2	HAROLD E. SYMONDS	6
ALBERT E. SYMONDS	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ...	7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS
Arthur Symonds is father of F. G. and Stedman H., and grandfather of M. T. and D. A. S., who are sons of Stedman. Harold E. is son of the conductor. Albert E. hails from Hitchin, although a native of Suffolk. It was the 300th peal by the conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 120's, five 240's of Pitman's and six of Morris'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLIFFORD J. WATKINS	*Treble*	JAMES P. HYETT	4
*THOMAS BEAVER	2	ALBERT E. JONES...	5
WILLIAM BEAVER	3	FREDERICK J. WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
* First peal 'inside.' 25th peal of Doubles in the tower.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
On Wednesday, August 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ...	*Treble*	JAMES BASSETT	4
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
WALTER MARSHALL	3	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
This peal was rung to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Morland from their honeymoon.

OAKLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six six-scores of St. Simon's and 12 six-scores each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW...	*Treble*	FRANK C. TYSOE	3
DONALD COCKINGS	2	HENRY W. GAYTON	4

HENRY STAPLETON ... *Tenor*
Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

*CLIFFORD THOMAS ...	*Treble*	ALFRED J. WYATT	4
EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER ...	2	S. PERCY MERSON	5
Stoker F. BRANCHFLOWER	3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.
* First peal and birthday peal. Arranged for Frank Branchflower, who is home on leave prior to proceeding on foreign service.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*VERNON TAYLOR...	1-2	†JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON... ...	3-4	*HARVEY E. BURRELL ...	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' with an 'inside' pair.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK TOUR.

This tour, which concluded on Saturday last, resulted in 12 peals being scored out of 14 attempts. They consisted of two peals of Double Norwich at Wymondham and Clare, two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major at Swaffham and Debenham, three of Superlative at Diss, Leiston and Wilby, Norfolk Surprise at North Lopham, Yorkshire Surprise at Lavenham, London Surprise at Mildenhall, Cambridge Surprise Royal at Great Yarmouth, and Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

A peal of Cambridge was lost at Redenhall and a peal of Yorkshire at Pulham Market.

HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

ENJOYABLE JOINT MEETING AT NORTHAW.

The borderline tower of Northaw was chosen for this year's joint meeting between Hertford and Middlesex Associations, which was held on Saturday last, and, although holidays caused the absence of many prominent members of both societies, the attendance of some 30 or more ringers was very satisfactory. For the first time it was possible to avoid the long walk from the nearest railway station, if one happened to catch one of the few buses now running to Northaw, but apart from this, only motorists and cyclists found it easy to reach the tower. The ringing, under the guidance of Mr. A. W. Coles, suited all present, and included some spliced Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minor, which might be recommended to any ringers who have not yet made an effort to get away from 'one method at a time' ringing.

In the absence of the Vicar, the service was taken by Mr. E. A. Gardner, a Cuffley lay reader, who, in the slight reference he made to bells, made it apparent that he knew something about ringers and ringing, and who gave his congregation some excellent lessons from ringing to take away with them. Altogether the service was one of the nicest and brightest attended by the writer for some time at a ringers' meeting.

After a very refreshing tea, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president, Middlesex Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. L. Sparkes for the use of the bells; to Mr. Gardner for his address at the service; to Mr. R. Stiles and the local ringers; to Mr. Hambling, the organist; as well as to the organ blower; and to the ladies who had prepared tea. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gardner replied, and it transpired that many years ago he was a ringer at Elstree, and that he knew quite a lot about bells. He also knew how to tell a good story!

Mr. C. T. Coles said that he had to apologise for the absence of Mr. W. Nash (district secretary, Herts Association), who had started his holidays that day! and for Mr. Walter Ayre (president, Herts Association), who was holiday making in Lincolnshire. At least, said Mr. Coles, he presumed that Mr. Ayre was in Lincolnshire, but he might not yet have reached his destination. He seemed to be in some doubt as to where he was going and how to get there, but they would all hope that Mr. Ayre would have a nice holiday, wherever he was.

Some handbell ringing afterwards entertained the company until the noise of the church bells put an end to this form of amusement, and most of the party returned to the tower for a last pull before their long trek, or bus ride if lucky, back to the nearest railway station. Altogether this was a pleasant and enjoyable meeting, without a lot of business and speech-making to waste good ringing time.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A CHANGE OF METHOD.

Having shown the elementary six-bell ringers, and by 'elementary' we mean those who are sticking at their first method, how to get on to something different, let us turn to the aid, if we may, of many companies at six-bell towers, as well as those who have only five bells, who have never given a thought to ringing anything but Grandsire Doubles. If their field is more limited than that of the six-bell method men, there is still scope for them to get away from the monotony of ringing only one method.

There is a company we know, and they are probably only one of many, who for more than 30 years, although they have six bells, have never rung anything but Grandsire Doubles. They are hopeless, not because they have stuck to the one method for so many years, but because they avoid every effort to get them to move from it.

That sort of company are, frankly, not worth wasting time on, but there must be many bands up and down the country who with a little help would be glad to scramble out of their rut and 'do something different.'

We suggested to the Bob Minor ringers that one of the best ways to leave their very-much-beaten track was to ring what was virtually the same method in a different way. Let us do the same with regard to Grandsire Doubles.

This method, as you know, consists of plain hunting, until the treble has led, when one bell, coming from the front, makes 3rd's place and goes back to lead, causing the two bells behind to dodge. Reverse Grandsire is a similar method of plain hunting, the difference being that the 3rd's place is made, after the treble has laid its whole pull behind, by a bell coming down from the back and then hunting up again, causing the two bells on the front to dodge. Although one is simply the reverse of the other, it makes it appear at first a totally different method to ring.

In the plain course of Grandsire the second is 'in the hunt,' and the little table by which you memorise the other work is: Pass treble in 3-4 (as you hunt up), dodge in 4-5 down; pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 4-5 up; pass treble in 1-2, make 3rd's and lead again.

For Reverse Grandsire you can make a similar table. The second is 'in the hunt,' but the table which you need to learn runs thus: Pass treble in 3-2 (as you hunt down), dodge in 1-2 up—that is, after leading your whole pull; pass treble in 4-3, dodge in 1-2 down—that is before leading; pass treble in 5-4 (that is when the treble has turned you from behind), make 3rd's place and hunt back again.

In the same way that the normal 3rd's place is made after the treble has laid behind, so the bob is also made when the treble is behind. The bob should be called when the treble strikes its blow in 3rd's on the way up (instead of on the way down in the ordinary method). The bell that passed the treble in 4-3 then makes 3rd's and hunts up, turning the treble from behind. This bell is now 'in the hunt.'

The two bells on the front have a double dodge in 1-2, the bell that is coming out of the hunt dodging up, and the bell that passed the treble in 3-2 dodging down (that is before leading, instead of having a single dodge after leading).

To ring 120 the conductor should call exactly as for Grandsire, except that, as mentioned above, the bob should be called when the treble is on its way up, instead of when on its way down.

Here are the figures of the first lead. Notice how the bells start off. No 3rd's place to start with, but even bells straight down, odd bells straight up. Get yourself out a diagram, by writing out a full course and drawing a continuous line through a same figure (representing one of the working bells) from top to bottom. Learn the tables and the effect of the bob work, and you will be able to do something which will give you a new interest in your ringing.

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54321	42351	42531
45312	24315	24513
54132	42135	42153
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'A WORLD OF ITS OWN.'

WELL-KNOWN WRITER'S VIEW OF BELLRINGING.

Church bellringing has this week received an interesting commendation from the pen of a well-known writer in the widely-read columns of the 'Radio Times.' Mr. Filson Young, who regularly contributes an article under the heading, 'The World we Listen in,' has the following to say about bellringing and 'The Ringing World.' Those of our readers who did not see it in the 'Radio Times' will, we feel sure, peruse it with interest and appreciation:—

There is a subject in many ways closely allied with broadcasting, the subject of bellringing. It is one of the very oldest forms of broadcasting. The broadcasting of bell music is merely the rediffusion of something that is already, on its own account, making a wide and unindiscriminating appeal. One point of contact between the two does not appeal to me personally—I mean using records of peals of bells as an interval signal. That seems to me to be treating these noble sounds with less than due respect. Bells should be listened to for their own sake; not merely as a means of filling up a gap between programme items. But that is a mere personal opinion. The broadcasting of Big Ben was one of the first national events in the history of the B.B.C., and it remains a symbol of the link between London and the whole of the English-speaking world; for I believe that there is no part of the British Empire in which its voice has not been heard.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

There was a letter in 'The Times' a few weeks ago asking for information about famous peals of bells on the Continent; but as a matter of fact English people have no need to go abroad to hear the best bellringing. England has long been famous not only as the home of the finest peals of bells; it also is the acknowledged home of the highest skill in change ringing. But though it is a part of the everyday life of everyone in the land, how little most of us know of the craft of the belfry! It is a world of its own, speaks a language of its own, and has a newspaper of its own with the delightful title of 'The Ringing World,' a copy of which was sent to me the other day. In the pages devoted to the account of the peals rung throughout England to celebrate the Royal Jubilee one can read a great deal of information that is nevertheless intelligible only to those initiated in the art of ringing. In conveys little to me to know, for example, that on a certain day at St. Giles', Cripplegate, there was rung 'a peal of Stedman's Cinques, 5,055 changes,' in three hours and thirty-nine minutes; and that throughout the country such nobly-named sequences as Grandsire Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Majors, Surprise Minors, Double Norwich Court Bob Majors, Grandsire Doubles averaging 5,000 changes each, and occupying three to four hours, were being rung. Of the various peals engaged in these musical salutes, the tenor bells are of various weights up to a ton and a half. And in one country church, where a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, a little footnote declares that it was 'rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to George Page Moore, for many years captain of the Hethersett company of ringers, who was interred that day.'

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

And I read that in the village of Wonersh in Surrey the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on May 6th was 'believed to be the first peal ever rung by a local band at this tower; the first peal for all except the conductor; and his first peal as conductor.' What an excitement there must have been in that belfry! Although it is only a six-bell peal, the turn of each ringer comes all the oftener for that; and once you are off on that three-hour journey of sound, there is no stopping or faltering; and if you get out of turn and time, it may take you a long time and much confusion and anxiety among the other ringers, and much calling on the part of the conductor, to get back into your place in the melody.

BELFRY TALK

Ringers are a very close corporation and, as I said, they have a lore and a language of their own. If you open the publication referred to above at random you come across sentences like this:—

> In the previous notes on conducting Bob Minor we have referred only to two calling positions—Wrong and Right (or Home). There are three others: one known as 'In' which causes the observation bell to miss the dodge, which it would otherwise have made in 3.4 down, and run in to lead after the treble.

That is what I call good writing, and consists of some lovely expressions, although it might as well have been written in Chinese so far as it conveys anything to me. But I like the sound and the sight of it, and I should love to hear a talk broadcast in that language and on this delightful subject. I can never keep away from the belfry of a church where there is ringing going on, if (as it seldom is) it is accessible to a stranger.

I love the bowing figures, the rhythmic movements, the curt commands, the majestic rise and fall of the tossing ropes, and the great bourdon of glorious humming music that fills the tower.

THE BELLS OF ST. PAUL'S.

There are people who think that bells sound at their best on some country hillside, where the wind causes their cadence to swell and fade; but the finest effect of bells that I know is in the heart of Lon-

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BELLS AND THE PUBLIC

VIEWS OF SECRETARY OF ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE.

The 'noise nuisance' in various forms has recently been prominently before the public in the correspondence columns of the 'Daily Telegraph.' The subject has ranged from pneumatic drills to church bells. To a representative of the 'Daily Telegraph' Mr. Richard F. Millard, general secretary of the Anti-Noise League, of which Lord Horder is chairman, had the following to say with regard to church bells:—

'As for church bells, much can be done by the proper construction or reconstruction of belfries. They can be designed or altered to reduce the loudness of the bells in the immediate neighbourhood. Sound waves are projected up instead of down, and the loud "clang" can be diminished. At the same time, the quality of the bell music is improved and the distance increased over which the bells can faintly be heard.'

In the reconstructed Lincoln Cathedral the bell frame was lowered in the tower. Previously it had been impossible to remain at the foot of the tower when the bells were rung without being deafened, but after reconstruction a match dropped on the flagstones could be heard above the bells.

Twenty-one local authorities have followed the lead given by Edinburgh in 1930, and have secured important new powers to mitigate noise nuisances.

'People are more aware of noise in summer than in winter,' added Mr. Millard, 'and are apt to think there is more. Open windows, and the fact that sound travels further in hot weather, accounts for this.'

ELLACOMBE CHIMING APPARATUS.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In this parish we have quite a good ring of six-bells, dating from 1662 to 1893. Unfortunately, these bells are very seldom rung, but we have an Ellacombe apparatus, and the bells are chimed by means of this for from 10 to 20 minutes every day of the week by one who, I believe, knows nothing about church bells. This, of course, is very annoying to the inhabitants of the parish, but, apart from this, can you or your readers please tell me whether this constant jarring of the stationary bells does them. or is likely to do them, harm?

For obvious reasons I cannot give my name and address for publication, but I enclose my card.

'CAMPANOLOGIST.'

BOLTON RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. J. E. Markland, who, for the past 40 years, has been a ringer at All Souls' Church, Bolton, Lancs, passed away on August 5th.

The funeral took place on August 8th, when the bells were rung fully muffled to the 'whole pull and stand.' Handbells were rung over the grave by P. Crook, sen., 1-2, H. Johnson 3-4, R. Holden 5-6, Jack Kay 7-8.

On Sunday, August 11th, with the bells half-muffled, deceased's colleagues rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in his memory before the evening service: C. Pike 1, J. W. Kay 2, J. Helme 3, R. Holden 4, C. Brownlow 5, H. Johnson 6, Jack Kay (conductor) 7, N. Critchley 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

POOLE, DORSET.—On August 11th, at St. James' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, I. Davis 2, R. Hurst (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Houlton 4, J. Arbury 5, W. Young (first quarter-peal) 6, H. C. Baverstock (conductor) 7, P. Davis 8.

MARGATE.—On Sunday, August 4th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden 2, E. Allen (St. Lawrence Jewry) 3, J. Steddy (Edenbridge) 4, T. Sone (Paddock Wood) (conductor) 5, E. Burgess 6, J. Waghorn 7, R. Whybrow 8.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, July 14th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Finn 1, A. Webb 2, L. Finn 3, W. Cheesman 4, G. Webb 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6 (tenor 6 cwt.). The lightest six in the county. Mr. A. Tanton, of Lyminge, aged 78, also rang 120 Grandsire Doubles. Kindly arranged by Mr. A. Philpott for the conductor, from Deal.

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, July 14th, 720 Minor with tenor covering: R. Sharpe (conductor) 1, R. Heath 2, S. Howlett 4, S. Ward 5, W. Upton (Newport, Isle of Wight) 6, A. Beale 7, J. Beale 8. Also on July 21st, 720 Bob Minor: R. Sharpe 1, S. Howlett 2, R. Heath (conductor) 4, W. Upton 5, F. Turner 6, A. Beale 7, J. Beale 8.

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don on a Sunday afternoon, when the great peal in St. Paul's Cathedral is rung before evensong.

To stand in one of the small streets in St. Paul's Churchyard off Ludgate Hill, when there is no sound of traffic and in the empty streets no footfalls echo, and to hear the tremendous and melodious clangour that fills these aisles of humdrum commerce is, I think, to hear bell music at its best.

PEALS IN SPLICED METHODS.

THEIR SUPPOSED 'DEFECTS.'

AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Members of the Central Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is with a certain amount of hesitation that I venture to address you at this time of the year. Most of you will, I trust, be enjoying your annual holidays, and therefore may not desire to be worried with such matters as occupy our time at Council meetings. On the other hand, it may be that those of you who have a little leisure may care to think over one or two matters which, in the rush of a Council meeting, you have not sufficient time fully to ponder upon.

It may be true that some of you are terribly bored with any matter that requires a little thinking about, as was suggested to you at Shrewsbury; and to some of you anything you do not understand may sound a lot of twaddle. Some of you may even sit like owls whilst others endeavour to impress you with their ideas on this or that matter, but there are still, I think, a large majority of you who really take seriously any and every matter brought before you, as good councillors should. To those of you who were interested in the discussion at the Shrewsbury meeting on the series of resolutions which endeavoured to place some limitation on peals which could be called 'spliced,' I take the liberty of addressing this letter.

There are at least two reasons why the matter may be considered just now, notwithstanding your holidays. First, the discussion at Shrewsbury ought still to be fresh in your minds; and second, as this is the time of the year when few peals are rung, such a letter as this may fill a corner in 'The Ringing World' which, at any other time, would be required for something that would interest everybody, if such a subject exists.

If you will turn to 'The Ringing World' of May 10th you will find, on page 296, a letter from Mr. John Worth, an able conductor of Spliced Minor and Major peals. In this letter he makes some criticisms of the Rev. H. Law James' peal in four Surprise Major methods. He says: 'The tenor and seventh only ring two out of seven leads of London and Bristol, and one lead each of Superlative and Cambridge. So there are, at any rate, two bells which never ring a full course in any of the methods. To my mind, this robs Spliced Surprise Major of its value.'

Well, we have been into all that. Many cases have already been quoted to show that a similar thing happens in peals in one method only, so that Spliced Surprise Major does not stand alone. At the recent meeting of the Council the point was used against spliced peals on eight bells, and from that, and the quotation above, it might be inferred that this so-called defect is common only to Major. But is it? Let us examine the figures of the 42 Minor methods peal, published on March 22nd. This peal, which was rung at Disley on February 9th, was conducted by Mr. John Worth himself. Each 720 in this peal contains one method of which there are three leads only, with the fifth and the sixth doing the same work in each lead. Obviously none of the bells can do all the work of the methods concerned, and the fifth and sixth each ring the work of one lead only. Exactly the same 'defect' as in the Major! In each 720 there are also two other methods, of which less than five leads are rung, so that none of the bells do the full work of these methods either.

The 32 Surprise Minor methods peal, which was rung at Lamberhurst on March 2nd, the composition of which was published on August 2nd, has similar 'defects.' Six of the seven 720's in this peal contain at least one method, the full work of which is not rung by any of the bells, and in three of the 720's the fifth and sixth each ring the work of one lead only of one of the methods. The fact that the so-called defect exists in some methods only has no bearing on the principle involved. The 'defect,' if any, is there; it is purely a matter of degree.

The real point is, of course, that in all these multi-method peals the necessity of truth makes it impossible for composers to use whole courses, especially in Major, and the greater the number of methods put in a composition the more limitations the composer has in what he is able to include. There are, in truth, no defects in these peals at all. If it is an impossibility to ring multi-method peals in certain Minor or Major methods without being limited to certain leads for certain methods, that is no reason why ringers should be debarred from placing such peals in the highest possible class. Look at the two peals of Minor already mentioned! Are they not sufficient to tax the abilities of the most expert ringers? Why should it be considered wrong to make an endeavour to place such peals as these in a different class to peals where the 720's are in two methods only, with but one change of method in the 720?

Another composition well worthy of your attention is that in six Surprise Major methods published in 'The Ringing World' of August 9th last. This peal has 45 courses, each consisting of three, four or five leads, 163 leads in all. There are 140 changes of method, and thus there are only 22 occasions in the peal when two leads of a method are rung consecutively. Is not this peal in an entirely different category to a peal in (say) two methods with just one change of method throughout? Is not this peal in an entirely different class to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in which Oxford places are used in lieu of bobs? We go to the trouble of classifying our methods. We argue about what should be called a Surprise method, and what should be called a Treble Bob method. We place these in different classes, and yet there is very little difference from a ringing point of view, between certain Surprise and certain Treble Bob methods.

Why not, then, classify peals in more than one method? Perhaps the name suggested for the easier peals does not commend itself. 'Combined' certainly does not sound as nice as 'Spliced,' but surely the name is not an insurmountable difficulty? If you can make up your minds that it is desirable to make a distinction, then we have only to decide where the line shall be drawn, and the distinctive name to be given to those peals excluded from the 'Spliced' class.

I did not wish to go into the amendment(?) again, but from a letter appearing in 'The Ringing World' a week or two ago it would seem that the mover has perhaps realised the difference between '224 changes' and a 'full course,' which he certainly did not when he framed his amendment. Apparently, too, from the letter it would appear that there are other matters he is still undecided about, but I will let them pass, for the present, at any rate. That the 'amendment' has no bearing on the subject, and, in fact, only confuses the issue, is shown by the following. The Rev. H. Law James' peal in four Surprise methods contains, in the extent as rung at Warnham, 5,408 changes in 50 courses. Thirty-one of these courses consist of three leads each, and 19 of four leads each. Each of the 50 courses contains one lead M to W, which may be rung either as Cambridge or as Superlative. Let us assume that 25 leads of each method are rung. Thus the 25 leads rung as Cambridge are all M to W, and it is obvious that, as the seventh and tenor are fixed bells throughout, these bells will do no more work of the method in 25 leads than in only one lead. Thus the amendment, whichever way it is worded, entirely fails in its object (which we were told was to cause all the bells to do all the work). And the latest suggestion of its mover makes matters definitely worse, because it means, 'You must not ring one lead (32 changes) only, but you may ring seven leads (224 changes), or more, even though for some bells the work is the same in each lead.'

We must therefore come back to this very definite standpoint, that the whole work of a method is contained in a lead. If we go away from that, we shall have to admit that the treble to (say) Bob Major never rings the method, or, indeed, any method, because it does not do the work of the method. We should have to admit that the treble to a Surprise method rings neither Surprise nor Treble Bob because it does no place making. The fact is that all the bells, including the treble with its plain or dodging hunt, are necessary to the method, and when one lead of the method has been completed then the whole work of the method has been rung.

When we look at the compositions of Minor in 32 Surprise methods and of Major in six Surprise methods which have recently been published, let us try to realise what ringing such peals means to those concerned. Let us give these peals their just due by placing them in a class of their own and not confusing them with a peal which contains only two or three methods with just one or two changes of method throughout.

I hope you all enjoy your holidays none the less for having had this letter inflicted upon you.—Yours fraternally, C. T. COLES.

FIFTEEN HAPPY HOURS IN ESSEX.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The Lavenham ringers held their 13th annual outing on Saturday, July 27th, when they spent an enjoyable day in Essex. The following churches were visited by the party: Witham, Maldon (2), Great Baddow, Widford, Writtle and Chelmsford Cathedral. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, and Superlative. Lunch was partaken of at the Jolly Sailor, Maldon, where handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in.

Home was reached at 11 p.m., after 15 happy hours. The company wish to thank the incumbents of the churches visited, the towerkeepers, 'friend Ernie' for meeting them, and all others who helped to make the outing successful.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS VISIT SOMERSET.

On Saturday, July 27th, ringers and friends of St. John's, Bournemouth, visited Somerset for their annual outing. En route they stopped at Ditcheat, where they rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. After partaking of lunch at Bath, Twerton-on-Avon was the next tower visited. Here the visitors were met by Mr. T. King, of Twerton, and Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol. Much amusement while ringing here was caused by the tenor man missing his rope and then trying to 'hug it.' Tea at Westbury was followed by Grandsire and Stedman Caters on handbells by Miss M. White 1-2, F. Townsend 3-4, W. A. Cave 5-6, A. G. Rose 7-8, H. R. Mitchell 9-10. On the tower bells touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were brought round to fine striking. The 'Brown Ales' of Shaftesbury were sampled with satisfaction, and home was reached ('by the majority') at midnight. The band wish to thank all incumbents and towerkeepers for the cordial welcomes and permission to ring.

A FIVE-BELL TOUR.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT RINGERS AT LITTLE VISITED TOWERS.

Members of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association made a tour of several towers on the outskirts of the district not usually visited for meetings.

Arrangements were made for the bus to pick up in the many places from which members attended, viz., Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton, Earl Shilton, Stoney Stanton, Croft, Sapcote, Burbage, Barwell, and Higham-on-the-Hill. They first went to Market Bosworth with its odd-sounding five bells, but only half an hour could be spared (some said 'Long enough') before going on to Congerstone (once the church of the Lord Howes of Gopsall). Owing, however, to a death near the church, it was decided not to ring here, but after looking round the building the party 'set sail' for Sheepey Magna to try the only six on the afternoon's programme. The ringing here reached up to Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The Rector (Rev. G. Mathews) paid a welcome visit to the tower whilst ringing was in progress.

At Witherley tea was waiting (and soon vanishing), and with about 30 ringers round the teapot there looked likely to be a shortage. Afterwards the ringers felt like trying the five bells in this tower, but with the long draught some had difficulties in handling the ropes. Rev. J. A. Wood invited the party to a very brief service, after which some of the keenest started walking to Mancetter for a 'go' on this fine though heavy peal of five. The rest stayed for a while at Witherley before following. The half-hour allotted to this church did not satisfy, for some still wanted to ring the church bells whilst others were found in a nearby inn ringing the bell for . . . (but, no tales), and all were at last loaded up for the last tower on the list (Fenny Drayton). Here the bells seemed to object to change ringing, for the whole frame 'went for a walk' round the tower, so that 'Enough' was soon called, and the party loaded up again. A brief halt was made at Higham, where the first of the party were set down. Although the members were only ringing on five bells most of the afternoon (and poor ones some of them were), they felt that some good was being done.

Rev. S. R. Pocock, of Peckleton, made the journey with the party, and other welcome friends were Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, Mr. R. H. Dove, of Headingley, Mr. Bowley, Kirby Muxloe, Mr. C. H. Webb, who cycled from Rugby, and cycled round the towers (what an example to some of the younger generation!—50 miles or more to ring on five bells), also a friend from Tamworth, who cycled (more grit).

Thanks are due to the various clergy for allowing the use of the bells and to the local captains who arranged for the ringing.

A. E. R

CARISBROOKE DELIGHT MAJOR.

FIRST PEAL IN A METHOD COMPOSED IN NEW ZEALAND.

The first peal of Carisbrooke Major was rung on Saturday at Norbury, Cheshire. The method is by Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, who was formerly a very active ringer in Cheshire. The composition is by Mr. G. Baker, of Brighton.

THE METHOD.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The copies of 'A Great Adventure' are going like the proverbial 'hot cakes.' Don't miss yours, gentle reader, by delaying too long. 'It's a wonderful two shillingsworth.' That's what many have written to tell us after having seen it. The edition is limited; when it is gone there will be no further supply.

Those ringers who have ordered copies and have not yet applied for them with remittance, should do so without delay.

Ladies will be welcome at the reunion of the Australian tourists in London on September 14th. Dinner at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, in the evening, will be followed by an exhibition of Mr. Rupert Richardson's cinema picture of the tour. Dinner tickets are 4s. each. Those who propose joining the party should communicate with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, as soon as possible, and in no case later than September 7th, in order that, if there are sufficient numbers, ringing at one of the London towers may be arranged in the afternoon.

A letter from Mr. G. L. Joyce is held over until next week.

The late Mrs. Marion Nolloth, widow of Canon Nolloth (for 41 years Vicar of Beverley, to whose efforts the present bells at the Minster were due, and who had a large share in the restoration of the bells, including Great Peter, at York), left an estate valued at £87,132. She bequeathed £300 for the upkeep of the Beverley Minster bells.

Another bell bequest was recently made in the will of Mr. John Henry Rimmer, of Bickerton, Cheshire, who left £100 for the provision of 'a good and sufficient bell or bells' for the Parish Church at Bickerton.

'Ringing the World Through London' is the title of an article in a recent issue of the 'Daily Mail,' dealing with the linking up of every country in both hemispheres through the International Wireless Exchange in London.

But the telephone people are not the first to do this. Ringing the world through London has already been done by Mr. W. H. Fussell, who took 'The Ringing World' (No. 1,225, Vol. 39) through London and round the globe on the Australian and New Zealand tour. This paper is one of his most treasured souvenirs of the trip.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Norwich on August 5th was not Mr. W. J. B. Brown's first in the method. It may be well to point out, not by way of excuse, but as a warning to others, that the error was due to an overwritten figure in the footnote of the report sent to us, which left the Editor and the printers guessing—and this time they guessed wrong. Care should be taken, particularly in peal reports, to make every detail clear. We get many a headache trying to decipher the spelling of names.

The Hillingdon St. Andrew's ringers and friends spent a pleasant time on Saturday afternoon 'among the bells' in Surrey. It was gratifying to the younger members to hear the 'Big Boy' of the party meet his match during the journey homeward; in fact, one could almost imagine that 'Old Kate' herself had boarded the coach. Oh, Charlie!

The latter part of the last paragraph, sent to us for insertion, is a mystery to us, but perhaps the Hillingdon ringers know all about it.

The ring of six of Northchurch Parish Church, near Berkhamsted, Herts, are shortly to be removed to Loughborough, where they are to be tuned and refitted, after which the peal will be hung in a new framework and, it is hoped, augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles.

It is rumoured that the composition of the peal rung at Blagdon, Somerset, was not as published, but was Mussolini's variation of Hitler's two-part.

We learn the tower of St. Philip's Church, Sydney, Australia, which was out of repair when the English tourists were there, has now been restored and a team of beginners has been started to learn change ringing.

It was at this church that the first peal in Australia was rung in 1889. The story of this historic performance is told in 'A Great Adventure,' the book of the Australian ringing tour, published by 'The Ringing World,' price 2s.

The report of an interesting peal rung at Stowmarket appears in another column. It was a peal of Double Norwich rung by a band of all the same surname—a well-known name, too, in Suffolk ringing circles: Symonds. The 'plot' to ring this peal was hatched between Albert E. Symonds and Stedman H. Symonds. The footnote to the peal will tell our readers of the various relationships of the ringers.

It was the 300th peal by Mr. G. E. Symonds, of which he has called 201, in addition to a silent peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in 1898.

DEATH OF A SUSSEX RINGER.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS' STEADFAST SERVICE.

While ringing at his Parish Church, Lindfield, Sussex, with visitors from Hawkhurst, Mr. Herbert Tomsett collapsed in the belfry and died almost immediately.

Mr. Tomsett, who was 65 years of age, was one of three brothers who learned to ring at Lindfield, and for 45 years he had given steadfast service to the Church.

His brother ringers acted as bearers at the funeral.

CONDUCTORS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

II.

The conductor's real and essential duties are simple, though not easy. His job is to call the bobs, and to see that the bells are throughout in their proper places, and that nothing happens to invalidate the claim to have rung a true and complete peal. When he has done this and done it well, he has done all that his band has a right to expect of him.

But the aims and intentions of most conductors, and especially of the young and ambitious, go much further than that. They like to think of themselves as (at least for the time being) the leaders of the belfry. They claim sometimes the right to say what bells shall be rung by different men, or, in the old phrase, to set each man to his rope. They consider they have the right to issue orders and give instructions as to the striking and the ringing. And especially they are anxious to distinguish themselves in the putting right of trips and mistakes.

Now all these are important things and usually someone must do them. But they do not belong necessarily and of right to the conductor's office. It is well, as a rule, to have a leader, but it is better that he should be the recognised captain of the band; or, if the band be one brought together for a special purpose, such as peal ringing, that he should be one who by reason of his position, seniority, or the fact that he was the person who had made the arrangements, the ringers naturally trust and respect. Often enough the conductor is such a man and then he has a double authority, but, where the conductor is a younger man, often he had better leave these things to another.

As a rule the placing of the men at the ropes is best left to the ringers themselves; they can usually sort themselves out comfortably enough. But sometimes it is well to have things arranged. It may be that Mr. A. has an itch to ring a tenor, when the rest of the band mistrust his ability, or dislike his manner of tenor ringing. That difficulty is best got over by the leader previously asking another man to ring it and by avoiding any appeal to the authority of the conductor. Sometimes it is well that the whole band should be arranged beforehand. In my own tower at Christ Church, Ealing, the bells are extraordinarily odd struck; some are very quick and others very slow. We find by experience that if we want good ringing it is well to place the band according to each man's temperament and ability. It requires a little judgment and tact, but is justified by results. It would never do for the conductor to order each man to his rope like a sergeant-major detailing a party to fatigues.

Sometimes it is necessary to criticise a man's striking; in fact it should be done more often than it is. Far too many ringers are content with a low standard in the matter, and even the best do not always realise that, however good striking is, it can always be bettered. There is an artistic quality about really first class striking which is quite distinct from mere regularity, and no mechanical means can give the effect that a skilled band can, but, alas, too seldom does. Faulty striking varies enormously in degree, from that of the man who is content if his rope falls somewhere after the one he is following, no matter whether he is making a clash or a gap, to that of the man whose slightly close blow over the tenor at backstroke ruins the striking for a really sensitive ear.

When a man's striking is faulty he should be told, but he should be told so that he realises what he must do to improve it. Mere shouting and grumbling do no good; rather they do harm. It is better for a person of authority, whether the conductor or another, to tell the offender plainly to (say) ring his bell wider at backstroke, than for the conductor to be continually at him with orders to 'strike his bell.' There are some men whose faulty hearing or lack of sense of rhythm prevents them from ever being really first class strikers. When such a one is in the band and is doing his best, if he cannot understand why he must pull wider or closer, it is best to leave him alone and make the best of a bad job. Grumbling will only worsen matters. But much good, I think, can often be done by a few quiet words outside the tower.

But it is in the putting right of trips that many men most try to shine and about that matter much can be said. There seem to me to be two general rules to be observed. First that it is the duty of every one in the band alike, whether he is conductor or not, to correct trips according to his opportunity and ability. And second that talking, other than the calling of the bobs, is, in peal ringing, an evil against which everyone should set his face firmly.

My first proposition will not, I know, receive general assent. There are conductors, and really good conductors, who hold that when a man is calling he and he alone should put mistakes right. When 'Father' Robinson was calling his peal of Stedman Triples and one member of the band ventured to correct another he was speedily rebuked—'Leave the conducting to me, gentlemen! Leave the conducting to me!' Perhaps Robinson was justified, for he knew that peal as few ringers can ever know a peal. But, when a trip has been made, what matters is that it should be put right at once and that is the equal concern of every one alike.

Now there are two men, usually, who on the face of things have the best chance of correcting a trip. The one and often the best is the man with whom the erring brother is working. He knows quicker than anyone else that a dodge has been missed, or a place omitted, and he can often with a gesture bring the wanderer back to the right path. If he can do it, he is the man who should do it and all the others should leave the matter alone. The conductor, because he has knowledge of the composition which the others have not and because he is supposed to be more on the alert, should closely watch the situation, but he should not speak, even if he knows what to say, if the matter is already well in hand.

No doubt it would require a good deal of self restraint and a very great deal of skill; but it is the thing to be done. For though a man must be quick to be able to tell a man at once what to do, he must be far quicker still not only to be able to do that, but also to know that he must keep his mouth shut. If neither of these two men avail to put the mistake right then any other member of the band may take a hand. But they and everyone should remember that their first duty is to keep their own bells steady and in their proper places. If they do that the peccant member can usually soon be put right. It is because in their anxiety to put others right men break the time that so often a trip develops into a muddle and a muddle into a lost peal. And men should remember that for five or six people to shout at one does little good and only increases confusion. It may be true, as a

general thing, that in the multitude of counsel there is wisdom. Emphatically it is not true in peal ringing.

It is sometimes argued how far a man is bound to do what the conductor tells him. Like most questions, this does not admit of any one general answer. Some people say, 'Whatever you are told to do, that you must do without question. The responsibility is his, not yours.' To that I cannot agree. Generally, it is well to give way if only because there is always the possibility, perhaps the probability, that you may be wrong. Younger or less experienced ringers should usually give way when told by older and more experienced, if only as a matter of courtesy.

Always in Sunday service touches, where it is more important that bad striking should be avoided than that the changes should be true, it is better to give way, even when you are perfectly certain you are right. But in peal ringing the case is somewhat different. There, a true peal is everything, and if you are really *sure* you are right (and the proviso is all important) you may stick to your opinion and chance the consequences. Nor has the conductor any real grievance against you. Which reminds me of an incident which happened some time in the early years of the present century.

In those days 'Father' Robinson was going about the country trying to make up his thousand peals of Stedman Triples. He usually called one composition, ringing the seventh, and, as I said above, he knew that peal as few ringers can ever know a peal. One day he attempted it on the back eight at St. Mary's, Beverley, which are a heavy ring, and the seventh was rather a tax on the old man's strength. Bertram Prewett was one of the band. Who the others were I forget. Well, they rang some way and then someone made a trip, which proceeded to develop into a muddle. The style of conducting which Mr. Robinson used did not always allow him to put a trip right at once. He knew exactly what all the bells were doing at very frequent intervals and often he had to wait till he came to one of these places before he could straighten out the bells. It might be two or three sixes, which is, of course, time enough for the bells to get into a thorough mess, as these did.

However, having reached his point, he proceeded to tell everyone his work and Prewett among the rest. Prewett was in 6-7 and was thoroughly convinced that in 6-7 he ought to be. Robinson ordered him into the Slow and Prewett refused to go. Robinson repeated his order and Prewett his refusal and so they fired out. Robinson was furious and went to his lodging in high dudgeon and straight to bed. Canon Nolloth, the genial host, expostulated with Prewett and told him that as the younger man he should have given way and done as he was told, but the other remained impenitent, and justified his conduct on the grounds that he knew that, if he had given way, though they had finished the peal, it would have been false.

Was he right? I think he was; especially in view of the explanation he gave me. He said that Mr. Robinson, in the excitement of the muddle, had mistaken his own position and when he came to lead right, for his last whole turn, thought he was a quick bell and was trying to force up a later part of the course than that which the bells had actually reached. But we must not forget that Prewett's experience as a ringer, and even as a Stedman ringer, was little, if at all, inferior to that of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The obstinate ass who thinks he alone is right and everybody else wrong and will not be put in his place—he is in another case. This incident illustrates one of the dangers which beset the endeavours of some skilful conductors who fetch the bells out of an apparently hopeless muddle where everyone has been lost. They do bring up a correct change and usually at the right time. But it is at least possible that the bells may have been wrong before that and equally possible that part of the course may have been cut out. 'Give one good fire and do what Washbrook tells you,' may be good advice if you want to score peals. Whether they are fit to be called true peals is another matter. I am not quite sure whether the possession of this gift of being able to put the bells right when they are hopelessly muddled is altogether an unmixed blessing. It used to be said of the Ipswich band in the time of Motts and Catchpole that the undoubtedly high standard of their peal ringing was due entirely to the fact that they had no one who could put the bells right in a serious muddle. They had to ring their peals well or not at all.

JAMES WASHBROOK'S SKILL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have always been a keen reader of Mr. Trollope's writings, which are usually very entertaining or enlightening, and I personally have benefited from his literary efforts.

On this occasion, however, I am afraid he has taken the ground from under my feet.

His comparison between Edward Francis and J. W. Washbrook may be very interesting to those who knew both personally or to those who knew neither, but to one like myself who knew Washbrook in my learning days I was rather shocked to find that he had what is sometimes termed a 'past.'

I take it that the Ross peal which Mr. E. Barnett heard and proved to be separate parts of 'Holt's Original' and 'Penning's one part' was thrashed out in Washbrook's lifetime.

Even so, having seen Washbrook ring two tower bells to Stedman Triples, and turn the Manchester Town Hall tenor in to Cambridge Royal with a very moderate band a few days before his death, I think he will remain on the pedestal which we in Manchester have placed him.

I am looking forward to more from Mr. Trollope.

Manchester. R. LONGDON.

IN THE VALE OF WHITE HORSE.

A BERKSHIRE TOUR.

The annual outing of the St. Mary's bellringers, Rodbourne Cheney, took place on August 10th, when, accompanied by a few experienced colleagues from Swindon, another 'busmen's holiday' was spent under the capable management of 'Captain' Jack Roberts. A start was made at 12.30 p.m., al fresco lunch being enjoyed en route. The first halt was at West Hendred, where touches of Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. A move was then made to Harwell, where the recently rehung peal of eight was soon going, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor being rung, with great temptations to linger on for more. Ringing at East Hagbourne was followed by a visit to Drayton, where a light peal of eight was more to the liking of the party, and various methods were rung. After an inspection of a screen erected to the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the journey was continued to Abingdon, where an excellent tea was partaken of before going to St. Helen's Church to try the peal of ten. An opportunity was afforded the party to view the beautiful paintings in the chancel, ably described by the verger. Unfortunately the company had already got behind schedule time, but the 'sights' of Abingdon attracted some of the members, and both difficulty and anxiety was experienced by 'Captain' Roberts in getting his band together to move on to Hinton Waldrist, where a light peal of six were at their disposal. These bells were very much to the liking of the younger members, and the 'Long and Short of it' were soon pulling merrily in Grandsire Doubles. Despite the curtailing of the time allotted to this tower, the fine peal of eight at Buckland had, regretfully, to be cut out, and at Faringdon, owing to the late hour, only a short touch of Grandsire was possible before lowering the bells, which was one of the best 'let-downs' during the day. The band tender their thanks to the various incumbents, teworkeepers and others who helped to make the outing so enjoyable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH AT MOSSLEY.

On Saturday a meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Mossley-'up-the-hill.' Members and friends attended from Friezland, Newhey, Prestwich, West Didsbury, Ashton and Miles Platting, and there was a full muster of the local company.

A short service (conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Clarke) was followed by the dedication of a peal board recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the local company in June last, the first purely local peal in this tower for about 25 years.

In his address, which centred round the peal board and its significance, the Vicar, whilst praising the attempts of ringers to score peals and to learn as much as possible about the art they practised, sounded a warning note respecting peal ringing becoming first and foremost in the thoughts of ringers. He appreciated any effort to further the art, because he realised that such efforts ensured better service ringing. Also, he allowed for the ringers to get so much personal pleasure out of the bells in the way of peals, meetings, etc.; but he urged that the bells were placed in the church for the service of the church, and service ringing should therefore be put first at all times, and only the best the ringers were capable of giving should be offered.

After the service the Vicar and congregation adjourned to the tower, when the peal board was unveiled and dedicated.

Tea was afterwards served in the schoolroom, where the hungry hill-climbers kept the ladies busy in supplying their needs.

The business meeting was presided over by the branch president, Mr. C. Gudgeon, who congratulated the local company upon their achievement, and welcomed, amongst others, Mr. Jack Harrison, of Ashton, a familiar figure and ringer of these parts, who is now well past his eightieth year.

The following places were chosen for next meetings, viz.: Birch-in-Rusholme for September, Worsley for October, and Stretford for November. Two new members were elected, viz., George Brooks and Frank Reynolds, both of Prestwich.

The leaders of towers were asked to ascertain if any peal boards or records of peals rung prior to 1826 existed in their churches in order to further the Central Council's proposal to compile a register of such peals.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, the organist and choirmaster, and the ladies and local ringers for a pleasant day.

Towards the close of the day the inevitable 'something' had to happen. One member became so fatigued with his hill-climbing and ringing activities that he fell asleep on the tramcar on his way home and overslept his destination.

The meeting over and ringing done,
All went straight to their homes, except one.
He had a long tram ride, a King's-way to traverse,
And instead of being 'quick' he was 'slow' or e'en worse.
On waking up suddenly he looked out to find
He had left his own home stage nearly two miles behind.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW BRANCH CHAIRMAN WELCOMES NORTH DORSET MEMBERS.

At the last quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch Canon Hellins, the newly-elected chairman, expressed a wish to mark the jubilee year by entertaining the members and their wives at Marnhull Rectory. This kind intention was carried into effect on Saturday, August 3rd, when some 70 guests enjoyed the hospitality of Canon and Mrs. Hellins in their beautiful garden. Tea was provided at tables on the lawn, and an ingenious variety of games and competitions was arranged for the diversion of the visitors. Prizes were graciously presented by Mrs. Hellins to winners in the competitions.

After tea, Canon Hellins addressed a few words of cordial welcome to his guests, whose gratitude to their host and hostess was voiced by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and shown by vigorous applause.

Touches were rung at intervals on the rich-toned bells of St. Gregory's Church. The weather was perfect, and the company present dispersed to their homes deeply indebted to Canon and Mrs. Hellins for a most delightful time.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WARKTON, KETTERING.—On Monday, July 22nd, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 240 each of St. Simon's, Chase, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 300 of Grandsire: D. Bussey (first quarter-peal) 1, H. E. Eastbrook 2, Miss D. J. Moir 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. J. Moir.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, 720 Doubles, consisting of two six-scores of Grandsire and four six-scores of Plain Bob, each called differently: Miss M. Crossley (first 720) 1, Sam Graham (first 720) 2, Fred Marsden 3, Kenneth Lewis 4, Arthur Whiting (conductor) 5. All belong to the local band except third ringer, who is from Glossop.

A WEEK IN THE WEST.

A SIDELIGHT ON THE BRISTOL TOUR.

Those who took part last week in the tours organised by the Bristol United Guilds had a marvellously good time in the West of England. For the following sidelight upon the proceedings we are not responsible, and it is printed with the apologies of the writer to all concerned. It is astonishing what an inspiration a holiday gives some people.

Last week, writes our correspondent, a party of FOULK, in the GUISE of bellringers, met at Bristol to take part in another of those delightful tours organised by the Bristol ringers. They travelled many miles during the course of the week; sometimes the day was not long enough, so they journeyed on into the KNIGHT.

The driver would STOKE(S) up his coach each morning, and, the KING having taken his seat—for the tour was patronised by royalty—they would BID DULPH, and any others who had assembled to witness their departure, farewell, and follow the ARROW—SMITH made—which led out of the city.

They used to DART about the 'Dusty' RHODES in all directions, and yet, though this sounds rather contradictory, they always followed the WEST. The CLARK of the weather did his part right nobly.

They travelled past WOOD, LEY and moorland scenery, and the POPPY bloomed luxuriantly all the week.

The cowS (W)IN FIELDs looked up in blank amazement as the coach whizzed past, but though they travelled so fast, no DENT was made in any other coach or car.

An elegant orchestra and choir broadcast frequent performances from the back of the coach, but the conductor, who must surely have graduated with many distinctions, rarely put his HUDS ON. The baby of the party needed careful watching, for he often fell out of HIS COTT when the coach came to a sudden stop.

If anyone wanted to know anything, he would ask the man from Ripon, for if there was anything interesting to record, he always PETT ITT down in his notebook.

Many people suffered from CORNEY feet after visiting two factories in one day!

They found it rather chilly in Cheddar Gorge, but when they got to the botT(H)OM, SONshine appeared again.

Towards the end of the week, one lady had gone so far as to seek a separation from her husband, so they had to COOP 'ER up. Naturally, this SHUK 'ER up somewhat, so they were able to F(L)ETCH 'ER out again, and domestic peace reigned once more.

They enjoyed the tour so much that they are goinG, (R)IFF IT(H)S convenient, on the next one.

Now HARR IS the end, and all those who don't like this, can BURN ETT with pleasure.

AN ENJOYABLE EXCURSION.

ESSEX RINGERS' TOUR.

Loughton and Woodford ringers, with friends making up a party of 34, including Messrs. W. H. Theobald and J. Moule, of the Leytonstone band, had an enjoyable excursion through some of the picturesque parts of Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Withyham was the first objective, reached after a two hours' run via Sevenoaks and Westerham. The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, nestling near the stately home of Earl de la Warr, can rightly claim to have a most tuneful peal of eight, tenor 18 cwt. A warm welcome was given by the Rev. Layng and Mr. Collins. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were well struck, and the learners felt quite at home whilst ringing their call changes. After dinner, served at the White Hart Hotel, Cuckfield, Mr. Hounsell of the local band, joined in the touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major that were rung on a well-going musical eight, tenor 15 cwt., which are in keeping with the interesting church of Holy Trinity.

Redhill was reached after passing through some interesting well-wooded country.

At the conclusion of tea at the Plough, Mr. W. Rule, on behalf of the non-ringers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and to Mr. C. Morss (Woodford), the organisers of the successful outing, with feeling references to his old friends who had passed away since the last outing. Mr. J. Chalk voiced the thanks of the ringers. He referred to the absence through sickness of Mr. G. Carter, one of their stalwarts.

Mr. J. Rann and Mr. C. Morss suitably replied, the latter urging the Loughton non-ringers to take up the art, and so maintain the band at full strength.

Messrs. Willett and Claydon conducted the party to the tower of St. John-the-Evangelist, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung and enjoyed. This completed the ringing programme, and by 10.30 Woodford was reached after having spent a happy day, blessed with sunshine, attractive landscapes and good fellowship.

Sincere thanks are extended to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to those who assisted in the towers visited.

RINGING'S WORST POET.

THE VERSE OF MR. JOHN BINQUES.

By Our Own Representative.

The coming of John Binques into the 'constellation' of ringing poets, led the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to send me in search of this writer, hitherto unknown to the Exercise, to ascertain something more about his work. With an address in my pocket—copied from the somewhat stained MS. of the verses on 'Modern Rambling Ringers'—which led me to a country village, 'far from the madding crowd,' I eventually ran him to earth late one evening at the sign of the 'Red Cauliflower,' where, following what I afterwards gathered to be his daily custom, he was seeking relaxation in the fascinating game of darts.

When, at length, Mr. Binques was at liberty, and I had revealed the object of my interview, we settled ourselves in a corner of the bar parlour, and over a tankard of the best—in fact, it was over two or three tankards in Mr. Binques' case—I endeavoured to find out something of this unexpected claimant to the title of 'Ringing's Worst Poet.'

'Of course, " said Mr. Binques, from behind his spectacles and in front of his long hair, which give him the characteristic appearance associated with his profession, 'of course, I don't always try to write bad verse. It just comes. I can't help it; nor can any poet who faces his work squarely. You probably know what goes into editorial waste-paper baskets from some of these so-called poetical geniuses. But I only mention that just to show that we cannot always produce the best.'

'You are a bellringer yourself, Mr. Binques?' I asked.

'Oh, yes,' he said. 'I know a little about it. How else, do you think, I could write those knowledgable verses on the subject? When I want inspiration for my poems about bells, I go to the belfry, and I may tell you,' he whispered confidentially, 'I have many real gems which have never yet seen the light in cold print.'

And with this he began foraging in his pockets, as I have seen some well-known composers do when you begin to talk to them about peals.

While he was thus rummaging through a collection of odds and ends of paper, 'Mr. Binques,' I said, 'you are, I imagine, among the minor poets.'

'Yes, I suppose you would say I am,' he replied, 'but I am very near the fringe. I mean,' he added hastily, 'the fringe of the greater lights. And that,' he proceeded, 'gives me an idea. I have never yet written a poem on Minor. I must write one.'

He had stopped for a moment in his search through his little pile of oddments. After another deep pull at his tankard, 'How would it go?' said he. 'Yes, like this,' and he began to scribble on the back of an old envelope:—

There's nothing so sweet as Bob Minor
On a good old heavy six,
When the bells go along, with a smooth ding dong,
And . . .'

'and, and—" there's nothing to play you tricks." What about that? I think I could work up a good string of verses to that meter.'

Then he resumed his chase through his papers. By this time I had asked the landlord to refill his tankard. Stopping short after having unfolded at least a dozen of these worn-looking slips and glancing at their contents, 'Ah, here's what I was looking for!' he exclaimed. 'What do you think of this:—

The sound of the bells comes rippling; comes rippling on the breeze;
It finds an echo in the dell, it hovers in the trees.
And while I sit and ruminate, it mingles
With the humming of the bees.

'Now that,' said Mr. Binques, 'is real poetry. That's the first stanza; there are ten more like it. And what about this?' as his fingers gently opened out another frail-looking fragment. 'You'll like this,' and he began to read:—

Seated one day by the fireside, I was weary and ill at ease.
My thoughts wandered rather wildly, like the breezes in the trees,
Till my hand 'lighted a moment on the lid of something hot,
And my recollection turned again
To those nights at the Coffee Pot.

I sat once more in the Smoke Room, with the candles all aglow,
And saw through the haze the faces of the men of long ago.
There was Wood and Horrex and Pettit and others of the phantom host,
That had peopled the towers
And had passed their hours
In the places that they loved most.

They've gone from the scene of their labours, those men who were men indeed,
They were men of sterling merit; we could do with more of their breed.
I thought of their great-hearted doings, and wondered if ever again
We should meet their like in the belfries of the churches built by Wren.

Having read me a lot of his other poems, some good and some not so good, Mr. Binques reminded me, as the landlord brought him another tankard and loudly called, 'Time, please, gentlemen,' that he had his lighter moments. After a first half-turn with the tankard, Mr. Binques hastily extracted another morceau from his collection, and read:—

A ringer's life is the life for me,
Ding-dong, ding-dong, merry and free.
Come old, come young, we are men of might,
We could ring all day, we could ring all night.
We cheer the world and make it bright
With the sound of the bells,
Tra-la; tra-la; tra-la!

And then the landlord of the Red Cauliflower came to turn us out, and, the last half-turn having been performed by Mr. Binques' tankard, we left, but the poet stopped under the lamp outside the door, and after another hasty look through the handful of papers which he was still clutching, he thrust one into my hands: 'Here,' he said, 'perhaps you would like to publish this'—and with a curt 'Good-night' he disappeared. When I had opportunity to read his parting gift, this is what I found:—

Who is it from the old church tower
Sends forth the chimes at evening hour
To keep the milk from turning sour?
The Bellringer!

Who is it in the steeple high
Some strange new method oft will try,
Until the nearby stream runs dry?
The Bellringer!

Who is it tries, on summer's night,
To cheer us up with music bright—
But makes us shut our windows tight?
The Bellringer!

Who finds an outlet for his skill
By ringing peals and peals, until
The people cry out, 'Peace! be still!'?
The Bellringer!

Who sounds the bells while we're abed
On Sunday morn, with tired head,
Until we wish that he were dead?
The Bellringer!

Who gives a welcome to the brave,
Who often makes the public rave,
And tolls us lastly to the grave?
The Bellringer!

After that, I am not quite sure about Mr. Binques. He may be a poet, and love darts like he loves a full tankard, but, over bell-ringing I can't quite make up my mind whether he is a humorist or a cynic.

LAUGHTON STILL HOLDS RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My congratulations to Mr. Binques. William Laughton's record is not yet broken.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Aug. 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Ewhurst on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Please make an effort to attend this meeting, as it is hoped to revive interest at Ewhurst.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — Joseph Wm. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Branch Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Haxey on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Tea at the Duke William Hotel, price 1s. 3d. —H. Morgan and E. Cooper, Dis. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Andover, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. O. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Chequers Tea Rooms 4.45.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The-Oaks-in-Charnwood Church on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collinwood, Knightthorpe Road, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Culcheth, on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint practice of the Dorchester and Wimborne branches will be held at Kingston on Thursday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Kindly notify for tea by Tuesday, 27th inst. — C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Bramshott on Thursday, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) available from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Littleham and Lympstone towers also available. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Aug. 26th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Fulbeck (6 bells) Saturday, Aug. 31st. Tea will be provided for all who notify Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ivanhoe, 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at Dog Inn at 4.30, 1/- each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, August 31st. Service 4.30, followed by a tea in the Church Room. All welcome. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. W. James, 18, Freelands Road, Cobham, by the 28th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Abson on Saturday evening, Aug. 31st. No tea or service. Bells (6) available at 5 p.m. All welcome. Bus No. 19a, Staple Hill to Pucklechurch, at 35 minutes past each hour.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Broughton Astley, Saturday, Aug. 31st, from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Owing to catering difficulties, will all those who expect to attend please make an effort to notify either me or Mr. H. Bird, Broughton Astley, Leicester, by Wednesday previous? Cosby bells available in the evening.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me not later than the 28th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Aldermaston (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify T. W. Palmer, 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst, Berks, number for tea by Aug. 29th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stoke Goldington (5 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify in good time those requiring tea. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service in the Parish Church at 4, followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Short notice.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells ready 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, during which two important matters will be discussed. Tea free to those who notify me by Thursday, Aug. 29th.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely and Hunts Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Gamblingay on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—Miss K. Willers and H. J. Parker, Dis. Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth (12 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—J. G. W. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. H. S. Barker, Tregona, Hillside, Burnham-on-Crouch. Ashdown's coach has been booked to take ringers to this meeting, and will leave Market Road, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m., picking up en route; fare 2s.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Wortley on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. W. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, by Sept 4th for same.—F. Clark and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kenton on Sept. 7th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Aug. 31st.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, Sept. 7th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. A special request is made to ringers who require tea to let me know as early as possible. This is important. All ringers are welcome and a good time assured.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) arranged for those who notify Mrs. Jas. Harrison, Park Cafe, not later than Sept. 3rd.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—By the kind invitation of the Halesowen Society the next meeting of this Guild will be held at Halesowen, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. C. A. Colvile, M.A., R.D.). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. Will members please book date and turn up in large numbers so that we may have a record meeting here?—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following. All ringers welcome. Nearest station Hampton Court. Bus 214 from Kingston via Hampton Court, passes church. A p c. for tea will facilitate arrangements to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by Wednesday, Sept. 4th.—D. Cooper and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

PENARTH, GLAM.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 6 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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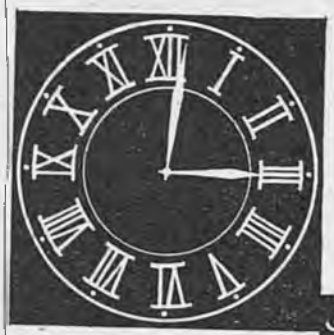

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On the other hand, the attitude of the antiquarians was that in no circumstances should those bells be touched, and it was much the same with regard to old bell frames. With some of them it appeared to matter nothing whether the bells were rung or not so long as the antiquarian interest was retained. In recent years, however, there has been a gradual drawing together of the opposing opinions, and not a little of this improved relationship has been due to the action of the Central Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The conference between representatives of the two bodies a few years ago resulted in the drawing up of an agreed report with regard to bells and bell hanging in old towers, and an extract from the recent annual report of the society, which we give in another column, will be read with much interest by those who make a study of the restoration of bells. It indicates that the society has come to recognise that some of the contentions of former champions of the antiquarian cause were misconceived; that the practice of bell engineers has ousted some of the theories of architects—and all for the good of the towers which the antiquarians themselves wish to preserve. For this ringers have largely to thank Mr. E. H. Lewis, whose investigations into questions relating to strains and stresses provided such valuable data in connection with bell hanging.

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too, we think, have most ringers with regard to the destruction of old bells, at any rate to the extent of seeking their preservation as relics rather than breaking them up. Their one desire is that, if they are inferior in tone, they should not be allowed to ring with the rest and spoil an otherwise harmonious peal of bells. With regard to bell frames, the ringers' contention is that a rickety frame is a menace to the tower; and, when it is no longer fit for the strain put upon it, it should be discarded. Whether a new frame in an old tower is of iron or wood matters little to them, as long as it is an efficient and lasting job which makes the bells go well. While we may all have our individual views, the choice of the material is one which can be settled between the authorities and the bell hangers. What we dislike so intensely is to leave bells silent or break our backs and hearts to ring them for the sake of the sentimental interest which a handful of people may have in a worn-out frame they never see and discordant bells they never hear. We can only hope that this report of the S.P.A.B. will be read by and influence those 'die-hard' gentlemen whose position in connection with Diocesan Advisory Committees is such a stumbling-block to efficient bell restoration in some parts of the country.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
GEORGE SPERRING	2	JOHN GRIFFITHS	6
FRED HARTMAN	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD	4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ronnie Jones, a Sunday service ringer at this church, also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sperring, daughter of the conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*MISS RENE REDPATH	Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	ALFRED G. HILLI	6
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
*MISS MOLLIE REDPATH	4	HARRY HOVERD	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	Treble	JAMES TOPP	5
*LESLIE PEARSON	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal, aged 16 years.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'. Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM J. CROSS	Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
ALBERT J. PITMAN	4	HARRY CRABBE	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL	Treble	REGINALD A. REED	5
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	2	JOHN A. HILL	6
*HAROLD P. REED	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
HARRY S. SMITH	4	†PERCY WHITFORD	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Arranged for ringer of the third on the eve of his 14th birthday.

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FRINDSBURY, ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	Treble	‡ARTHUR BLOXHAM	5
GEORGE NAYLOR	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
*ARTHUR W. JONES	3	FRANK BELSEY	7
†FRANCIS B. JONES	4	WILLIAM COLLISHAW	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. G. ALLEN.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK BARRETT	Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	3	*HARRY KILBY	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES H. RIDING	Tenor

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

* 200th peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of the Vicar, Rev. W. A. Simmonds, and Miss Margaret Gwinnell, and is the first peal on the bells since their removal with the church from Wells Street, Oxford Street, W.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM P. DEANE	Treble	GEORGE TOMLINSON	5
ROBERT G. LEWIS	2	WILLIAM CARNWELL	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
THOMAS HURD	4	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The band are indebted to the ringer of the fifth for standing in after meeting short for Staffordshire Surprise Major.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HAYWARD	Treble	S. GEORGE COLES	5
DUDLEY F. SHELDON	2	*RONALD W. HAYWARD	6
SIDNEY A. WYATT	3	WILLIAM A. SIVIER	7
ALFRED J. WYATT	4	*A. HENRY HAYWARD	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. W. HAYWARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of R. W. Hayward, son of the conductor, and nephew of A. H. Hayward. Also to commemorate the birth of a son to S. A. Wyatt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CECIL C. DILNOT	Treble	*RAYMOND H. MAILE	4
†FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE	2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	5
ALFRED GILBERT	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells with a working bell. First peal of Bob Minor by ringers of 2, 3 and 5. Ringers of 2 and 5 have now rung peals of Plain Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. This is the first peal on the bells since the restoration in 1930.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Nethersealc Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	5
WILLIAM WELLING	3	ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM BURROWS ...	...*Treble*	HANBURY CARTER	4
MRS. HANBURY CARTER ...	2	ERIC DURRANT	5
*JACK PUMPHREY	3	W. C. MEDLER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.
* First peal 'inside.'

RUSHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, August 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*HARRY V. PARDOW ...	...*Treble*	‡BARNABAS G. KEY	4
†HOWARD HOWELL	2	†ALFRED BUCKLEY	5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD	3	*JOHN H. STOKES... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. KEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Doubles and first as conductor.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ in G.

WILLIAM SPICE	...*Treble*	PERCY J. SPICE	4
CHARLES H. SONE	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
THOMAS E. SONE...	3	*GEORGE KENWARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 100th peal. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) York Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double and Plain Bob, (6) Double and Single Oxford, (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

KENNETH FORD	...*Treble*	DAVID MACKAY	4
HARRY J. SANGER	2	RONALD G. BECK...	5
JOHN E. METCALFE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
First peal in twelve methods by all

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lightfoot, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM SHERBORNE...	...*Treble*	HENRY J. SANGER	4
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	KENNETH FORD	5
JOHN E. METCALFE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
First peal in seven Surprise methods by all and on the bells.

EAST ANGLIAN TOUR.

The following peals were rung during the tour in East Anglia:—

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF- CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	REV. C ELLIOT WIGG ...	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

GEORGE R. PYE	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	6
GABRIEL LINDOFF	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
First peal in the method on the bells. George R. Newton's 400th peal.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, August 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
First peal of London on the bells.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp

JAMES H. SHEPHERD...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	*TONY PRICE...	7
*GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 14 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
WILLIAM HENLEY	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	...*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	*WILLIAM HENLEY	8
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	3	*HARRY WINGROVE	9
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	10
FRANK BENNETT	5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	11
GABRIEL LINDOFF	6	TONY PRICE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. T. Price's 150th peal.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ...	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb in C sharp.

WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	6
GEORGE R. PYE	2	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	HARRY WINGROVE	8
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	9
FRANK BENNETT	5	TONY PRICE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Aubrey Aitken.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	GEORGE MARTIN	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PEALS IN N. LINCOLNSHIRE.

The following peals were rung during wanderings in North Lincolnshire, but without going 'via Grantham.' All the peals were rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:—

BURTON-ON-STATHER.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
FRANK LORD	3-4	*WALTER AYRE	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method.

ELSHAM.

On Thursday, August 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

FRANK LORD...	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	4
MRS. J. BRAY	2	JACK BRAY	5
ERNEST BRITTAIN	3	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER.

On Sunday, August 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY	1 2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
*GEORGE E. FEIRN	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major in hand.

BURTON-ON-STATHER.

On Monday, August 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BRITTAIN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	4
*JACK BRAY	2	*WALTER AYRE	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	FRANK LORD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

* 50th peal together. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
FRANK LORD	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal of Major in the method in the county, for the Guild, and by all except the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Sunday, August 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: C. W. Woolley 1, Edith K. Fletcher (conductor) 2, Norah G. Williams 3. S. H. Wood 4, B. J. E. White 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, E. H. Lewis 7, G. W. Fletcher 8, J. T. Dyke 9, A. A. Hughes 10. A touch of Stedman Caters was also rung prior to the broadcast service by the same band, with the exception of 3 and 5, which were rung by R. F. Roe and W. A. Cave respectively.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—For morning service on August 25th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Feasley 1, W. Puddifoot 2, A. V. Good 3, W. Randall 4, L. Waite 5, F. Tompkins (conductor) 6. First in the method by treble and 2nd ringers, first 'inside' by 4th, and first in the method as conductor.

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BOB DOUBLES' COUSIN.

The scope of 'pure' Doubles ringing is very limited. There are very few methods which will produce the sixty 'in-course,' or 'even,' rows by successively changing two pairs of bells at a time. Those of you who studied the earlier article in this series on 'in-course' and 'out-of-course' changes will know what we mean.

Briefly, in Doubles, the changes are 'in course' or 'even' as long as they are all produced by the changing of two pairs of bells. As soon as a change is produced by changing only one pair of bells, the changes become 'out of course' or 'odd,' and remain so, while the bells are changed two pairs at a time. As soon as another single change is made, the changes again become 'in-course' or 'even.'

In the complete extent of Doubles, 60 changes are 'even' and 60 are 'odd,' and the perfect method is the one which produces these extents with only two singles. Grandsire and Stedman are two of the very limited number.

There is, however, a larger class, which produces true 120's by the introduction of 'odd' and 'even' changes into the same course, or into the same lead, the turn over from one to the other being effected by the changing of only one pair of bells, while the others lie still.

Those to whom our article last week appealed, and who want to get away from the rut of Grandsire, can find some interesting things to ring among this larger class of methods. Of course, there is our old friend Bob Doubles, which is Bob Minor, with four consecutive blows behind in place of the dodging in 5-6, but Bob Doubles is not really a method to be encouraged, because, in the opinion of those who are supposed to know, those four blows behind are a blemish not to be tolerated in the best circles.

Let us, therefore, turn our attention to his cousin, New Bob. There is no other bell in the hunt with the treble as there is in Grandsire, but there is a certain amount of similarity in some of the work. As you progress in change ringing you will find that knowledge of similarity in portions of the work in different methods is a great help. So don't despise small points of likeness in these simple things

You will remember that in making a bob in Reverse Grandsire—if you don't remember, turn to last week's article for beginners—two bells coming down from behind, one passing the treble in 4-3 and the other passing it in 5-4, make third's place and hunt up behind again. Exactly the same thing happens in every lead of New Bob, so that, if you learned last week's lesson, this part of it will come very easily to you, but—and it is a big 'but'—when they get behind the work is totally different to Grandsire.

The bell that makes the first of these third's places (i.e. passes the treble in 4-3) goes up and lies a whole pull behind, then snaps one blow in 4th's, lies another whole pull, snaps another blow in 4th's, and has yet another whole pull behind. Actually, after his 3rd's place, he turns the treble from behind, and stays there until the treble comes back again, alternating his whole pulls with one blow in 4th's.

The bell that passes treble in 5-4 and makes the other 3rd's place, does not lie a whole pull behind at all. It just goes up, strikes one blow behind, and comes down again, stops on the way to make 3rd's before going down to double dodge on the front, that is, in 2-1, before leading a whole pull. This double dodging on the front is exactly the same as the double dodging at a bob in Reverse Grandsire.

When this whole pull is finished the treble takes him off at lead, and second's place is made over the treble, and there is a double dodge in 1-2 up after leading and before making 3rd's place on the way to one blow behind, which brings us back to where we started, namely, to pass the treble in 4-3, make 3rd's place and turn the treble from behind.

All this may seem a lot, but really it isn't. It can be summarised into a table:—

Pass treble in 4-5, lie, snap, lie, snap, lie, make 3rd's;
Pass treble in 3-4, one blow behind, make 3rd's, double dodge 2-1 down, lead;
Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's, lead, dodge 1-2 up;
Pass treble in 2-3, make 3rd's, one blow behind, make 3rd's and go up.

At a bob the bell passing treble in 2-3 makes 3rd's, goes back to lead and double dodges 1-2 up. The bell passing treble in 1-2 makes 3rd's, goes back and double dodges in 2-1 down. The bell passing treble in 3-4 has one blow behind, make 4th's place, has one more blow behind, and then makes 3rd's and goes up again.

The other bell, the one that passed the treble in 4-5, is unaffected by the bob, and you can ring a 120 if you call a bob each time this bell comes to make its first snapping blow in 4th's. It does not matter which bell you ring for the purpose, and you will find that three bobs only are necessary. All you have to be on the look-out for is the number of leads you have to ring after the last bob. If you are ringing the 4th, for instance, and call a bob the first lead, then you will have to ring three plain leads after the last bob before the bells come round

Now here is a lead of New Bob; write out a plain course and draw your diagram; it will help you to understand the explanation given above:—

(Continued in next column.)

ANONYMITY AND—A QUESTION!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—This letter comes not anonymously. The writer is George Leslie Joyce; good-for-nothing, high-and-mighty member of the Hornchurch company, in the county of Essex; author of 'A Beginner's Theory' (1927), 'Abridged Proof' (1928), etc., published by courtesy of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' under the pseudonym of 'Minormania.'

I see no reason why Mr. W. G. Wilson should answer 'Minormania's' letter in detail. It was not addressed to him, and the best judge of its desirability or otherwise is yourself. The fact that Mr. Trollope passes it by, practically unnoticed, although subject to comment, while another offers fulsome and biased criticism, leads me to offer the opinion that history but repeats itself. I have not forgotten Mr. Turner's 'catch' peal of Kent Minor, which, to my great regret, was exploded not by Mr. Turner himself, but by Mr. Coles.

I chose anonymity. You endorsed anonymity, and so long as I observe decency your choice is justified. I cannot remember a case where I have not reserved the 'dog fights' to 'G. L. Joyce'; nor one in which 'Minormania's' criticism has been directed toward someone who remained unaware of the writer's identity. My 'Open Letter' may be the exception, in so far as Mr. Wood's responsibility lies for the 6-5's errors, **in which he took no part.** The stigma of anonymity depends directly upon the matter it covers. There are a variety of kinds of anonymity. The kind I use I am prepared to defend. There is another which I abhor. This: In 1932 (by 'G. L. Joyce,' if you please) I wrote stating that there were errors (not the singular, as Mr. Wilson would have you believe) on page 113 of the Minor Collection, and suggested that they be corrected. The author chose to remain anonymous, and still chooses so to do. My question: Who wrote that explanation of the 6-5's?

I find six names mentioned in connection with the book—Messrs. James, Powell, Trollope, Driver, Beeston and Turner. The work done by Messrs. Driver and Beeston was specified. For certain reasons I am of opinion that it was not written by Mr. James. By reason of his spontaneous shouldering blame for other errors, I would wager all the rice in China that it was not Mr. Powell's. Again, **Who wrote it?**

Mr. Trollope would deny me right to criticise, because I am not on the Central Council. Do you believe that Mr. Trollope, having found an earwig in his bun, would refrain from complaint because he was not on the board of directors? Of course not. He would 'holler' for the waitress at the top of his voice! The Methods Committee offered a bun for sale. It cost me three hard-earned shillings. There was not one, but a mile of earwigs. Mr. Powell corrected his own immediately. Here is **one** other:—

Page 113: 'Methods in which the 6-5's are inevitable. . . . Surprise No. 8 (Northumberland). . . .'

Here's a 720 where they are **not** inevitable: B.P.B.B.P.B.P.B.B.B (twice repeated). The 'Mad Hatter's' tables tell me that there are seven more extents where the 6-5's are conspicuous by absence, in this **one lone case** of the 6-5's earwigs. Again, Who wrote it?

Mr. Wilson, indeed, is privileged. I have not seen the draft of the chapter on proof, and must accept Mr. Wilson's word for it. In return he must accept mine here, a third person's version:—

In 1928 I sent tables, relating to half-lead proof, to Messrs. James and Trollope. Mr. James acknowledged them and said: 'Half-lead proof is impossible.' I received none from Mr. Trollope, but the late William Pye dressed me down one day, thus: 'Everybody says it's rot,' and, in reply to my cross-question, 'But I tell you I **have** asked Trollope; he says the old way is safer in any case.'

If I misunderstood William Pye, I apologise. The point is that in 1928 I introduced half-lead proof which was then 'impossible.' To-day it stands an accomplished fact, according to Mr. Wilson; and, judging from your report of the Central Council proceedings, is the 'copyright' of Messrs. Trollope and Turner! As Mr. Wilson so succinctly remarks, **not** a very good advertisement!

Hornchurch, Essex GEO. L. JOYCE

(Continued from previous column.)

12345	
21354	
23145	
32415	
23451	
32541	Bob
23514	23514
32154	32154
31245	31245
13254	13254
13524	12354
31542	21345
35124	23154
53214	32514

etc.

When the treble leads, two other bells lie still for a whole pull, resulting in only one pair changing; thus you have one lead with 'in course' or 'even' changes, the next lead with 'out of course' or 'odd' changes, and so on alternately.

DOUBLE LOSS TO HORNSEY BELFRY.

TWO MEMBERS DIE WITHIN A WEEK.

It is with great regret we announce the deaths of two members of the St. Mary's, Hornsey, band, who have passed away within less than a week of each other. Mr. Harry Blee died on August 19th, aged 59 years, and Mr. Charles H. Ross on August 23rd, aged 67 years.

The death of Harry Blee was not wholly unexpected, as he had been in failing health for some time, as a result of being knocked down by a car whilst on his way to work early this year. He had only rung on one occasion since his accident.

Charles H. Ross, 'Charlie,' as he was familiarly known, was steeplekeeper, and was at practice on Monday, August 12th. Towards the conclusion of ringing a touch, the 4th rope broke, maybe a sign of ill omen! As he did not arrive to 'open up' on the following Sunday, enquiries proved that he was ill. Taken to hospital on August 20th, his condition became very grave, and the end came three days later. His death came as a great shock to his ringing colleagues.

By the passing of Charles H. Ross, a connection of 37 years with Hornsey belfry has been severed, and a gap created which can never be filled. With those who are left to mourn, the Hornsey band deeply sympathise.

Floral tributes from 'old friends at Hornsey, as a mark of esteem' were sent on the occasion of each of the funerals.

At St. Mary's Church, on August 26th, 720 Grandsire Doubles (six different six-scores) were rung by: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, J. Coulston 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6, with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect and a last farewell to the deceased members. The 'whole pull and stand' was also rung.

A VISIT TO THE LAKES.

Three peals in three attempts is not a bad tally, especially as four 'first in the methods' were obtained. Thanks to Mr. Edwin Jennings, of Kendal, this was the happy experience of three young ringers of Hertfordshire, who toured part of the Lake District on foot recently. About one hundred and ten miles were covered in almost magical surroundings. The railways were also made use of, and all connections were made. This may have been due to the absence of 'brass hats.' A flying visit was made to Keswick and Cockermouth to make the acquaintance of Mr. Tyson Hogarth and Mr. W. T. Holmes, the Cumberland Association secretary. The holiday was voted ideal, and next year, we hope, will see us there again.

W. J. R.

ANOTHER GREAT ENGLISH CARILLON FOR AMERICA.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH'S ENJOYABLE MEETING.

Situated in a delightful cove in Weymouth Bay is the village of Preston, and the first meeting ever held there by the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday, August 17th. It was an ideal day, and a good number of ringers put in an appearance. While ringing was in progress some sat outside the tower to admire the view over Weymouth Bay and Portland Bill. The sound of the bells wafted along the shore attracted the attention of two or three ringers on holiday. They could not resist the temptation, and soon put in an appearance at the tower. Arrangements were then made for them to ring at other towers in Dorset.

The service was conducted by the Right Rev. Bishop A. E. Joscelyne, D.D., who gave a wonderful address, which, although only of 12 minutes' duration, was a great treat. Ringers seldom hear such a discourse at their meetings.

Tea was partaken of at Sutton Poyntz, the adjoining village, which is hemmed in by the Downs, on the side of which, in a conspicuous position, is the famous figure cut in turf of King George III. on horseback.

In the absence of the chairman of the district the Bishop was voted to the chair.

The Secretary announced the combined practice with the Wimborne Branch on that noted peal of eight at Kingston on August 29th, and the quarterly meeting at Bere Regis on September 7th. Hope was expressed that Preston would have another bell—or two, if possible.

The usual comprehensive vote of thanks was passed, and it was hoped the Bishop would again give an address at one of the meetings of the branch.

A return was made to the tower to give the local band assistance and encouragement. A party also went to Upwey, and finally, to finish up a very useful meeting and happy gathering, rang on the merry peal of eight at Wyke Regis.

Thanks are given to those members who placed their cars at the disposal of their colleagues for transport.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers who reserved copies of 'A Great Adventure,' and who have not yet sent remittance, should forward the amount without delay.

The Australian tourists' reunion dinner, with an exhibition of Mr. Rupert Richardson's cinema pictures of the 'adventure,' will take place on Saturday, September 14th, in London. Ringers and friends are invited, and further particulars will be found in our notice columns.

Several peal-ringing tours are in immediate prospect. One in South Dorset begins next week. On September 14th a party will begin touring in Wiltshire and North Dorset, and, later in the month, a third company will endeavour to secure a 'bag' in Gloucestershire.

The story of the week's touring in the West of England, organised by Bristol United Guilds, reached us too late for this issue. It will appear next week.

The ring of six bells of Hinderclay Church, Norfolk, which has been silent for a great number of years owing to the dangerous condition of the fittings and frame, is to be rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, with new fittings in new frame.

A cordial invitation is given to all ringers and their friends to spend a happy afternoon with the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild on Saturday, September 7th, in the heart of the Hardy country, at Bere Regis, and visit the famous Church of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles.' There is a lovely peal of six bells, and a visit can be paid to the noted gardens.

The peal at Burton Stather on Monday, August 19th, was the 50th together by Mr. J. Bray and the 'lost sheep.' They live 166 miles apart.

The time of the peal of Double Norwich rung at West Meon, Hants, on August 17th, and recorded in last week's issue, was 3 hours and 3 minutes, and not 3 hours and 12 minutes as published.

The meeting of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, advertised to be held at Fulbeck on Saturday, August 31st, has had to be cancelled.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL TOWER.

MASSIVE GIRDER 'BRIDGE' TO CARRY BELLS.

Mr. Bernard Geen, the engineer responsible for the design of the 'bridge' which is to carry the ring of bells in the great central tower of Liverpool Cathedral, writing recently in the 'Sunday Times,' said there are to be four main girders. These four main girders are seated on four plate girders, each pair running in the direction of one of the diagonals of the tower. The plate girders are in turn supported on the reinforced concrete girdle which 'ties' in the walls of the tower at the 178ft. level.

The approximate weight of the four plate girders is 14 tons each, and of the four main girders 32 tons each. Their purpose is to carry the ringing chamber floor, the damping chamber floor, the bell frame floor and the bells.

BELLS TOO HIGH IN THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the many complaints made by the public by the ringing of bells, has it ever struck the Central Council to come to an understanding with the bell hangers as to the most suitable height for new rings of bells to be hung, with the twofold object of avoiding both annoyance to the public and additional expense to the Church authorities?

I have three churches in mind where new rings of bells have been hung in the last ten years; in one case the public can see from the outside the complete revolution of two of the bells through the louvres; in the other two cases about a third portion of the bell is visible from the outside of the church.

There is another point to consider; how much more stress and strain is there put on the structure of the tower when the bells are hung so needlessly high in the tower? Are bell hangers a body of men whom no one dares to approach or advise?

C. SHARPLES.

Blackpool.

HOBART RINGERS' GIFT TO GOVERNOR.

SIR E. CLARK'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

As we briefly recorded recently, the Governor of Tasmania, Sir E. Clark, visited the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, and was there presented by the Bishop, on behalf of the bellringers, with a bell spoon, in appreciation of the kindness and interest he showed on the occasion of the English bellringers' visit.

In a letter which the Governor afterwards wrote from Government House, he said: 'I was so taken by surprise on receiving the sweet little gift from your bellringers that I feel I hardly thanked them sufficiently nicely, and I write to ask you to express to them my great gratification for their kindly thought of cementing the memory of my visit to Holy Trinity and the visit of the English bellringers by this gift, which I greatly appreciate.'

BELL FRAMES IN ANCIENT TOWERS.

VIEWS OF THE S.P.A.B.

Good Results from Friendly Discussions.

At the end of the nineteenth century and even in the first years of the present one, the bellringers and bell hangers had hardly a good word to say for those who shared the view of this society, and likewise in the company of our members it was uncommon to hear praise of the ringing fraternity. Now these people meet with common interest, and discuss how best these interesting old structures may be usefully saved.

This extract from the 58th annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (of which Mr. A. R. Powys, C.B.E., F.S.A., is secretary) is contained in a section devoted to Bells and Bell Cages. The report itself will be welcomed as showing the changed attitude which is gradually developing towards the restoration of old rings of bells and the replacement of ancient frames which have gone beyond effective repair. We take the liberty of quoting this part of the report in full, for it will be read with interest and profit by all ringers.

BELLS AND BELL CAGES.

'During the last 25 years of the last century the increased interest in bellringing was accompanied by an almost reckless carelessness for old bell cages, although before that time the interest in ancient bells themselves had begun to quicken. That a change in the attitude to these interesting timber frameworks is now evident and that those concerned for them are more careful to protect what is of interest when it is also serviceable, is largely due to the action of the Diocesan Advisory Committees. These bodies undoubtedly deserve the credit of stopping the loss which many country villages were suffering in this respect.

The second influence for their careful treatment has been the drawing together of the bellringers and the men who look first for the evidence of ancient skill in carpentry. At the end of the nineteenth century and even in the first years of the present one, the bellringers and bell hangers had hardly a good word to say for those who shared the view of this society, and likewise in the company of our members it was uncommon to hear praise of the ringing fraternity. Now these people meet with common interest and discuss how best these interesting old structures may be usefully saved. This has come about gradually. In both camps there have always been men appreciative of the aims of the other party. More and more often they met and talked of ringing, and of bell cages and the hanging of bells. They have learnt from each other things that had hitherto been unknown or disregarded with the good result already set down.

For a long time much has been known about the age of the bells themselves and the work of the various bell founders, but little has been known about the age of bell cages or their history. Gradually it has been possible, from the nature of the structure, to judge approximately the age of a bell cage, and instead of finding that many cages have been pre-dated the result of experience tends to show that many of them are older than has been thought. It has been proved that the cage at Saham Toney, Norfolk, was built with the tower. Also, for instance, there is no reason to doubt that the one at Twyning, Gloucestershire, and another at Bradford Abbas, Dorset, are of like kind. In fact, as time goes on it is probable that many other cages will be reasonably shown to be contemporary with the towers which contain them.

The early history of bellringing, particularly of change ringing, is uncertain, but inspection of these earlier cages confirms the growing belief that in England ringing bells full circle is by no means a recent development. Fabian Stedman developed "The Exercise" very markedly in the seventeenth century, but one should remember that he worked on a tradition that had already become old.

Before the war members of the society commonly asserted that to ring bells in a cage constructed of steel was detrimental to mediæval towers. Now, in regard to the effect on the strength of a tower, the society holds that the material of which the cage is made is of small importance compared to its construction and its foundation on the walls.

In old days some members of the society argued that the rigidity of a steel cage of necessity transmitted the forces of the ringing bells to the walls of the tower as though it were struck by repeated blows. It has been proved that this is not the case. When bells are rung the forces acting through the frame become a complex of powerful pulsations which are unlike a series of instantaneous blows. The forces increase and again decrease, and are indeed "live" forces.

It is possible, or even probable, that the relative resilience of oak, as compared with the greater rigidity of steel or cast iron, may, by introducing time into the transmission of these forces to the tower walls, make this material a little more suitable for cage construction than is metal. It is in fact safe to say that when a cage is properly constructed and properly founded it matters little, as far as the effect on the tower is concerned, whether it is made of wood or metal; but on this matter of metal or wood the society holds strong views of another kind.

In the repair of old buildings the lessons learnt from modern practice should never be ignored. Every advantage should be taken of them, but they should be considered in relation to the historic or sentimental value of the building to which they are to be applied. It is known that blue bricks laid in cement mortar are more durable and support more weight than many English stones laid in lime mortar, but on historic and sentimental grounds this is not sufficient reason to justify the repair of a mediæval wall in these materials. Neither is it sufficient reason in most cases to use steel or cast iron for a bell frame in an ancient church tower, for although the bell cage is not seen except by those who climb the tower staircase, the knowledge that an old building is a unit of constructive thought satisfies the æsthetic sense and is proper. This way of approaching the matter points definitely to the use of wood and the avoidance of metal for cages. There are exceptions to this rule. A timber cage takes up rather more room than one of metal. Sometimes it is impossible to hang the bells that are required in a wooden cage at the proper level for want of room. This, however, is not the reason which usually guides a parish to accept a metal cage. It is cost that leads them to this decision, for in these days timber cages tend to be more expensive by a small sum than do those of steel. The society holds strongly that in such cases the delay caused by collecting these few pounds is well worth the knowledge that the tower is complete and perfect throughout together with its contents.

In this matter, too, there is one other point which should be mentioned. Earlier it has been noted that oak cages still exist which date from the fifteenth century, and there is no reason why others may not be found which are still older. When an oak cage is properly cared for and the roof above is kept free of leaks, this is evidence of the great durability of this material. In a suitable atmosphere metal cages may last long, although not as long as an oak cage. They are known to decay quickly near the sea coast; and even in good surroundings they need regular painting. Modern steel has but a short life, even when regularly painted, by comparison with oak. Cast-iron lasts better than steel.

It used to be a fact that the small and almost inevitable seasonal movement in the timbers of an oak cage made ringing now easier and now more difficult. This is no longer so, for a good pattern of self-aligning bearings makes allowance for such movement. There are a number of factors which make ringing difficult, and it is not always easy to recognise the principal fault. Perhaps the two which are most troublesome (the cage and its foundation being sound) are the sway of the tower and the neglect of the cage and the bell fittings.

There are some who say that the music of bells can only be at its best when they swing in a timber frame. The point is sometimes hotly debated. It is one that seems incapable of proof either way, yet there may be reason for this belief.

Finally then, with few exceptions where ancient towers are concerned, it should be the aim of the guardians of these buildings to secure that their bells are hung in cages appropriate to their age and nature, and that oak or other hard wood should, if possible, be used for bell cages in preference to metal.'

The annual report covers the wide field of activities of the society from rural housing to church architecture, from bell cages to windmills. Many grants were made during the year to preservation schemes. There was an increase in membership during the year from 1,027 to 1,044.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES.

The first of the proposed eight meetings of the year was held at All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, August 17th, about 20 members and friends attending.

Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Royal were rung with the help of the gentlemen present.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, kindly conducted a short service, and in the absence of an organist Miss K. Bradford assisted at the harmonium.

A very enjoyable tea was partaken of at the Church Hall, after which, in the absence of the vice-president, Miss K. Bradford took the chair at the short business meeting.

It was proposed, providing permission be obtained, that the next meeting be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, in November.

Members were reminded of the coming meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, originally fixed for September 28th, unless that date has to be altered. This concluded the business.

Mrs. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to Sister Cates and her helpers for providing such an enjoyable tea. Further ringing afterwards took place.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Wicken, on August 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Green 1, T. E. Roberts 2, H. Ridgway 3, J. A. Green 4, R. Foddy 5, F. C. Case 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Rector, Canon W. A. Carroll, who was interred at Bromley the same afternoon.

SHEFFIELD RINGERS AT LIVERPOOL.

A DAY OF PLEASURE DESPITE AN ACCIDENT.

The reawakening of pleasant memories of past visits took the Sheffield Cathedral Company to Liverpool for their annual outing. For once, things did not go the way they usually do, for, at the last moment, four members were unavoidably prevented from making the trip by being compelled to remain at work. This naturally cast a certain amount of gloom upon the small party when they started upon their journey, but their natural lightheartedness soon came to the surface, and by the time the rendezvous was reached 'all was calm and bright.'

Arriving at Liverpool Central Station just before 1 p.m., the company was met by Messrs. G. R. Newton, C. I. Davies and T. W. Gilmour, who kindly accompanied them throughout the day. Lunch at the Oriel Restaurant having been disposed of, a short ride took the party to the Cathedral to inspect the progress made since their last visit. They were agreeably surprised at the advance of the work, especially in the great tower, which is now about half-way up. They found that large cross girders were being placed into position by a giant crane to support the massive bell frame soon to be erected. Incidentally, although this particular branch of the work is well on its way, they learned that, owing to the gigantic proportions and the elaborate construction of the tower, it is estimated it will take another six years before the whole is completed. Whilst looking round the visitors very fortunately met Canon Gilmour, of the Cathedral staff, who kindly acted as guide and explained the points of architectural beauty, which otherwise would have passed unnoticed.

Although there is such a tremendous expanse of vision, the points brought out by the architect command attention, and by close observation (plus the tuition of the Canon) one could really see the change of design brought about by the growth of the mind of the architect, who, commencing as a young man and now in middle life, may yet live to see the grand finale of his noble work, estimated to occupy another 20 years.

Before leaving the building, Mr. G. Siddall kindly took the party in hand and showed them the 'mysteries' below deck (where the general public is not allowed), including the great organ bellows with a pressure of 13 tons, the electrical plant, furnaces, etc. Much more time could have been valuably spent in this fine building, but the visitors had to excuse themselves on the ground that this was a ringers' outing and other obligations had to be honoured.

By special cars, the party then left for Bromborough, to reach which the journey was made by special request through the famous Mersey tunnel. This magnificent engineering feat is only to be appreciated to its fullest extent by those qualified to realise the stupendous task involved in its construction. It was the ringers' intention to travel on the 'slow line' to take in all that was possible, but as they were behind schedule they perforce had to take the 'quick line,' and consequently could only get a fleeting glance at the working of this mighty tube, which left behind a quaintly weird experience of having been 'down below' and out again.

Before they eventually reached Bromborough, a most unfortunate accident occurred to one of the cars, caused by the driver taking the wrong road, and, on discovering his mistake, coming into contact with a large charabanc when making the turn to retrieve his error. This particular car contained five of the party, and all happily escaped with nothing more than a severe shaking and a few minor cuts, which did not deter them from taking part in the ringing, much to the relief of everyone. The car, however, was left on the roadside, a hopeless wreck.

At Bromborough there is a nice peal of eight (tenor 24 cwt.), but only two short touches were indulged in, so that some of the lost time could be made up. Mr. W. R. Grindley was thanked for kindly meeting the party and having everything ready, and also accepted the apology for the short visit due to the accident aforementioned.

Bebington, a short distance away, was the next place. Mr. J. Cliffe was ready to receive the visitors. More time here enabled them to give full attention to Stedman Triples, Little Bob and Treble Bob Major, when an adjournment was made to the village for tea. After this had been disposed of, a group photograph was taken on the lawn by Mr. G. E. Oliver, of Lichfield, who, being on a visit, had joined the party.

As lost time had now been fully recovered, a leisurely ride on the tram to Woodside Ferry, and a pleasant sail over the Mersey, landed the ringers at St. Nicholas', where they were met by Messrs. E. Birkett, J. Brown, L. Lester Gray and T. Hammond, and the combined forces were able to enjoy some good twelve-bell ringing with Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Forward Maximus.

Everyone by now having expressed entire satisfaction with ringing, a very pleasant hour was spent in conviviality and reminiscences of previous visits. Train time, however, came far too soon, but as, eventually, all good things must come to an end, the party reluctantly wended thir way to the station still accompanied by their Liverpool friends, who stuck to them to the last.

Thus ended one of those days, although marred by circumstances already explained, and over which they had no control, will ever remain in the memory of the small band of visitors.

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CONDUCTORS.

The third instalment of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's article on 'Conductors' will appear in our next issue.

REMINISCENCES OF WASHBROOK.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been reading Mr. Trollope's remarks on Washbrook with delighted interest. My own reminiscences of that titanic ringer in his Oxford days bring strong circumstantial evidence to support the absolute truth of the story about the peal of Superlative.

I well remember Washbrook himself telling of a man who stood in for a peal (I forget the method) at the last minute and just did as he was told throughout. The peal was successfully brought round, 'and when we had finished,' said Washbrook, 'he asked, "What was that we've been ringing?"'

There was a story, too, current in those days about another occasion when Washbrook started for a peal with two men in the band who did not know the method, and piloted them through successfully. I mentioned this report in conversation with one of the old Oxford ringers, and he replied that it was quite true, for he himself was one of those two men!

On the other hand, when he had a competent band Washbrook would leave them to look after themselves, and on the only two occasions when I attempted a peal with Washbrook as conductor it was lost through a shift course. F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

St. Bartholomew's Day, 1935.

HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The names of William Banister and the Rev. F. E. Robinson are held in very high esteem by the ringers of their day, and Mr. Trollope's articles serve no useful purpose to the present-day ringer. Were these men alive to-day it would be a different matter, and I am of opinion that Mr. Trollope's time could be better occupied in 'bringing to book' the present-day conductor who sends for publication as a peal anything so long as the bells have been kept going for three hours odd.

'The evil that men do lives after them;
The good is oft interred with their bones.'

Plymouth. E. W. MARSH.

CANON G. H. RIDOUT'S PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A 24-PART, WITH EXTRAS AND OMITS.

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A SILVER WEDDING COMPLIMENT.

At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Sunday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): W. H. Wood 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, W. E. Judd 3, H. G. Miles (conductor) 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, F. Skevington 6, E. R. Mackrill 7, C. F. W. Hunt 8, J. R. Mackman 9, C. Warner 10. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wiffen, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. R. Mackman, both anniversaries falling on that day.

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Their best thanks are tendered to Messrs. Davies and Gilmour for their kind assistance, but the writer feels he cannot adequately express the party's appreciation to Mr. G. R. Newton for his trouble and extreme kindness in making arrangements for the towers visited, the means of transport, and by not sparing himself to provide for the comfort and enjoyment of everyone. S. F. P.

EAST ANGLIAN TOUR.

PEALS IN NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK TOWERS.

A very enjoyable peal-ringing tour in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk was begun on Saturday, August 10th, at Wymondham, on the fine ring of bells in the ancient tower of the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas. It was a very hot afternoon, and most of the band were pleased when 'That's all' was called at the conclusion of a peal of Double Norwich. From there the party made their way to Diss, where, at the King's Head Hotel, headquarters were established for the week. On Sunday morning some of the band went over to Norwich, one went to Eye and Hoxne for a special reason, and the remainder rang at Diss Parish Church, where they were very pleased to meet the local band and also ringers from neighbouring towers. Service was attended, and in the afternoon, on the bells made famous by the prowess of the late John Souter and others, an excellent peal of Superlative Surprise was rung. It was Sunday, but the Diss people love their bells, and the peal was listened to with much appreciation by the townsfolk, and also by the local band. In the evening the tourists went to Palgrave, and after service were privileged to ring on the light peal of eight which that church possesses. Pleasure was added to this visit because quite a few ringers from other towers in the district were met.

An early start was made on Monday morning as a run of 30 miles had to be made to Swaffham, where is another fine tower containing an excellent ring of bells, on which a good peal of Cambridge was scored, and Mr. G. R. Newton was particularly pleased to have had the privilege of calling his 400th peal. After a hurried lunch the party set off for Mildenhall, a distance of 27 miles, where a good peal of London was 'put in the bag.' A drive of 30 miles back to Diss completed a very full day.

The light peal of eight at North Lopham were rung to the tune of Norfolk Surprise on Tuesday morning, and the peal was never in doubt. That afternoon the band suffered the great disappointment of the week. Two attempts for Cambridge proved futile on the excellent ring in the famous and magnificent tower of Redenhall Church. By way, however, of compensation, after an excellent tea they made their way to Alburgh, where they found a light eight and there rang several touches. Going on to Pulham St. Mary, they did some further ringing, but could not induce Mr. C. T. P. Brice, of Rochester Row fame, to have a pull with them. He, however, made the party very welcome at his hostelry, and the visitors were pleased to hear from him a few of his reminiscences.

Wednesday proved a busy and eventful day. A run of 13 miles took them to Debenham, where an excellent peal of Cambridge was rung on a glorious ring of bells. It was a great pleasure for at least one of the band to ring in the tower, made famous by the ringers of the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

A good run, after lunch, brought them to another tower, that of Leiston, made famous by the Bailey brothers. Quite a good peal of Superlative was rung here, and afterwards some of the well-known family came to make the acquaintance of the visitors, whose wish was that the members of this famous family and others of the local band could once more get together and repeat as well as add to some of their former triumphs.

On the return journey home a slight detour was made, and the party found themselves at Fressingfield, made famous by the late Canon J. J. Raven, a former president of the Norwich Diocesan Association and author of 'The Church Bells of Suffolk.' Most of the party had a pull on the bells, which at present do not go too well. There was no time to visit the Fox and Goose, but one or two of the party, particularly Mr. Lindoff, was very pleased to have had a pull on the bells of the village, with which he made his first acquaintance 50 years ago.

Thursday morning provided the second and only other disappointment, Yorkshire Surprise being lost at Pulham Market after 2 hours 15 minutes' ringing, owing to a miscall. However, the ringers soon got over that, and after lunch and a chat with one or two of the old Pulham worthies, made their way to Norwich, eventually arriving at the fine Church of St. Peter Mancroft. Here they found what seemed to them a not unimportant wedding in progress. The visitors received a cordial welcome from some of the Norwich ringers and helped to ring for the occasion. Afterwards, they successfully essayed a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. To those whose first visit it was to this famous tower, the peal boards were extremely interesting, particularly the one recording the first peal ever rung, in 1715.

After driving back to headquarters, and having supper, a visit by some of the enthusiasts to Winfarthing resulted in the Vicar giving his consent to ringing his six bells, although it was approaching ten

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ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH,
where a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung during the tour.
It was here the first recorded peal was rung 220 years ago.

RINGING AT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

WHAT IS BEING DONE AT CUDDESDON.

Clerical Ringers in the Making.

Mr. Davies' letter in the issue of August 16th is evidence, if any were wanted, of the interest shown by ringers towards those of their number who are clergymen as well. It seems an apt moment, therefore, to give an account of the efforts that are being made at one theological college to foster an interest in the exercise among those who are going to be ordained, and who will necessarily be in charge of belfries of their own in the future.

There are 43 students at Cuddesdon College, near Oxford. Of this number, 17 have begun to be initiated into the art. That is the right way to express it: we—for the present writer is one of the seventeen—do not claim to be ringers, but we do claim to be keen to become ringers.

Unfortunately the bells of the Parish Church are unsafe for ringing, but on two afternoons a week we repair to nearby villages and ring their bells by kind permission of the respective Vicars. One of these practices is with tied bells, and has the object of teaching the absolute beginners to handle a bell. At the other place we ring rounds, and we hope soon to be able to ring Grandsire Doubles.

Let me say at once that 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' is our vade mecum: we are most anxious to reach a high standard of both handling and striking; we still have a lot to learn in this respect, but we shall not be content with anything that is second best. We do not want the captain of any tower to be able to say to any one of our number, 'Sir, you are the very worst striker who has ever rung on these bells.' (See 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' introduction.)

That our practices are not always an unqualified success is evident from the following story: A few weeks ago we were unable, by reason of illness near the church, to ring at one of our regular churches, so we obtained permission to go to another. We raised the bells all right, but the very first backstroke blow of our rounds the second rope broke below the sally, and the slider of the fourth bell became dislodged, and the bell went right over. The ringer on the end of the rope omitted to leave go of it till he was within a foot of the ceiling! Our ringing there was short, if not sweet. The rest of the time was spent in repairing the damage; some of us are Scouts, and we find that ringing gives us opportunities for splicing, but I don't think that we shall visit that tower again. The local inhabitants were not impressed with our efforts. We were told that they wondered whether it was a wedding, a funeral, a fire alarm or an earthquake.

In addition to tower bellringing we have three handbell practices a week—one for the absolute beginners again, at which they are taught the meaning of hunting, dodging and making places; the other for the more advanced who will very soon be ringing six-scores of Grandsire, though only with one bell each at present.

Our ringers, though beginners, show real keenness and enthusiasm, which are kept at fever pitch by the efforts of the energetic president (Mr. R. W. D. Dewing) and the secretary (Mr. J. C. Cunningham). The authorities of the college also take their part; the vice-principal (the Rev. E. J. K. Roberts) has started to learn to ring. This is a great encouragement and satisfaction to us here, because it ensures continuity for the ringing at Cuddesdon. But it must be remembered that ringing is only a very small part of the life at Cuddesdon; a great deal has to be crowded into the week's programme, and each man's period of residence is only eighteen months as a rule. When one of our number, therefore, arrives in your belfry after he has been ordained, you will find that he is still only a beginner, and he will need all the help and encouragement that you can give him. It will be up to you ordinary lay ringers to transform him from a keen beginner into a competent performer.

We hope that you will find that we don't mind having our mistakes pointed out. We know that the story in the introduction to 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' is not allegorical, but true, and we do not want to be content with the second best in the matters of handling and striking. We do appeal to all ringers, therefore, to welcome us into their belfries, and to be prepared to continue our education.

At our Common Room meeting at the beginning of this term, the motion that 'The Ringing World' be taken in every week was carried with no dissentients. (Loud cheers!—Ed.) We hope that each of us will continue to take it individually after he has left here.

It should be mentioned in conclusion that the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, himself an able ringer, whose article on clerical ringing in the number of August 9th prompted Mr. Davies' kindly and encouraging letter the following week, was a student at this college. His efforts during his term of residence are largely responsible for the present keenness here.

We hope that you will all wish us 'Good Luck,' and will look forward to the time when one or other of us arrives to work in your parish.

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EAST ANGLIA TOUR—Continued.

o'clock. In spite of the late hour and lack of illuminations, the tenor bell was carefully measured and the inscriptions noted.

At 9.30 next morning the ringers were cordially greeted by the Vicar of Wilby at his church. The bells were off into changes at 9.53, and 3 hours 4 minutes afterwards 'That's all' was called to a good peal of Superlative. Through the kindly forethought and generosity of Wilby's Vicar the midday repast was greatly enjoyed and thanks heartily extended.

From Wilby there was a run of 34 miles to Great Yarmouth, where they had the pleasure of ringing a peal of Cambridge Royal, which it was understood was the first on the bells.

The Vicar of this church, which is probably the largest parish church in the country, met the ringers as they came down from the tower, congratulated them on their peal, and was greatly pleased to think they had rung it in honour of his birthday.

On Saturday morning they said 'Good-bye' to Diss and its people, and after a pleasant drive to Clare rang an excellent peal of Double Norwich. The Vicar, who had welcomed them on arrival, also congratulated them on the conclusion of the peal, which was also favourably commented on by the inhabitants of Clare. In this church is the famous ringers' jug, dating from 1729.

After lunch the party drove over to Lavenham to essay a peal of Yorkshire on this far-famed ring. In 3 hours 23 minutes an excellent peal was brought round. While the peal was being rung, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, Tony Price and some of the Lavenham band motored over to Stoke-by-Nayland and Assington to try the bells and take the dimensions of the tenors.

It was a great pleasure after the peal at Lavenham to meet the famous Symonds family. Mr. Arthur Symonds and his sons and grandsons are inseparably associated with this tower. They had just returned from Stowmarket, where they had taken part in a 'Symonds' peal.

This brought to a close a very strenuous and enjoyable week, organised and ably directed by Mr. Tony Price, in two of the counties of which he has so much knowledge. For some years past Mr. Frank Bennett has usually organised a tour in the first or second week in August, but this year Mr. Price took it in hand, and enlisted the services of ten of Mr. Bennett's last year's party, and all heartily congratulate him on the all-round success of his first tour. The ringers do not forget how much of the success of their excursions is due to the clergy, towerkeepers and local ringers at the various places visited. To them all sincere thanks are given. Also those of the party who do not possess and drive a car themselves desire to express their sincere appreciation of the services rendered throughout the week, by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Mr. Tony Price and Mr. G. R. Pye. The party covered, during the week, approximately 600 miles without a hitch of any kind. The rest of the party are greatly indebted to the drivers for their care and skill, and all look forward to taking part in many more such enjoyable tours.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Fulbeck, Saturday, Aug. 31st, has been cancelled.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ivanhoe, 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at Dog Inn at 4.30, 1/- each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, August 31st. Service 4.30, followed by a tea in the Church Room. All welcome.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Broughton Astley, Saturday, Aug. 31st, from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Cosby bells available in the evening.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Aldermaston (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea 4.45 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stoke Goldington (5 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify in good time those requiring tea. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service in the Parish Church at 4, followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Short notice.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells ready 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, during which two important matters will be discussed.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely and Hunts Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Gamblingay on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—Miss K. Willers and H. J. Parker, Dis. Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth (12 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—J. G. W. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — September meetings: Sunday, 1st, service ringing, 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.; Sunday, 22nd, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Practices: Mondays, 2nd, 16th and 30th, St. Clement's, at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, 24th, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, at 8 p.m. All welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

LEA, NEAR GAINSBOROUGH.—The Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of six bells will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. H. T. Parry. The peal has been rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LEA, LINCS. — A Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of Lea bells will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at 7 o'clock. The special preacher will be Archdeacon Parry. A ringers' day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21st.—L. Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint Meeting.—A joint meeting will be held at Braughing on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, when the bells will be open for ringing afternoon and evening. Tea at the Ringers' House, The Brown Bear. All will be heartily welcome.—G. Dent, Essex; W. H. Lawrence, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sept. 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's on the 12th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner on Nov. 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) arranged for those who notify Mrs. Jas. Harrison, Park Cafe, not later than Sept. 3rd.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. H. S. Barker, Tregona, Hillside, Burnham-on-Crouch. Ashdown's coach has been booked to take ringers to this meeting, and will leave Market Road, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m., picking up en route; fare 2s.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ellesmere, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Sept. 1st.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North St., Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Wortley on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. W. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, by Sept 4th for same.—F. Clark and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, Sept. 7th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. A special request is made to ringers who require tea to let me know as early as possible. This is important. All ringers are welcome and a good time assured.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—By the kind invitation of the Halesowen Society the next meeting of this Guild will be held at Halesowen, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. C. A. Colvile, M.A., R.D.). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. Will members please book date and turn up in large numbers so that we may have a record meeting here?—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following. All ringers welcome. Nearest station Hampton Court. Bus 214 from Kingston via Hampton Court, passes church. A p c. for tea will facilitate arrangements to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by Wednesday, Sept. 4th.—D. Cooper and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, Sept. 7th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged in village. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Puddletown and Wool bells also available. Permission is given to visit the noted gardens.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dinder on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 52, Burcott Road, Wells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Come and spend a day in the country. 'From Rounds to Cambridge Surprise.' — Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Short service in St. Benedict's Church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. E. C. Essex, followed by business meeting in the Vestry. St. Benedict's bells available afternoon and evening. Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12) 6-8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, Bedfont, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; Stanwell, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; Harmondsworth, 7 to 8.15 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf, Stanwell, at 5.30 p.m. Price, 1s. each. Buses (No. 116) leave Hounslow every half hour from 2.1 p.m., but please bring your car, or cycle, if you have one. If you can, notify me about tea! Thanks! Note.—Joint meeting at Staines on Sept. 28th. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Sat., Sept. 7th, at East Crompton, near Oldham. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in tower at 6.30. Roll up and make this a good meeting. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec, 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Usual arrangements. Please notify honorary secretary not later than previous Tuesday those requiring tea. — Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

PENARTH, GLAM.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 6 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 14th, at Upper Sheringham. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please help to make this meeting a great success.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION.—A reunion DINNER, followed by an exhibition of Mr. Rupert Richardson's PICTURES of the Australian tour, will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, London, on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Dinner 4s. per head, open to all ringers and friends, but notifications with remittance must reach me not later than Saturday, Sept. 7th. Visitors should indicate if they wish for any ringing in the afternoon. — J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Oxenhope, near Keighley, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Apply before Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. D. Maude, Uppertown, Oxenhope, near Keighley.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 9th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 17th to Mrs. C. Osler, Fabians, Bramley.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Birstwith, near Harrogate, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the new peal of 8 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) also in the schools at 5 p.m., and all who require tea should notify Mr. Jackson Ewbank, Rose Cottage, Birstwith, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th. General meeting immediately after tea. There is an hourly bus service from Harrogate, leaving at a quarter past the hour. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay. — J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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THE INFLUENCE OF RINGING CLERGY

The definite endeavour, revealed in an article which we published last week, to establish the art of ringing among the students at Cuddesdon Theological College, near Oxford, must be extremely gratifying to all who have at heart the future of change ringing. It is all important that there should be in the Exercise clergy who are not only sympathetic in their attitude towards church bell ringing, but who are also practical ringers. Some would go so far as to say that all clergy should have a practical knowledge of ringing, but if that is not possible, the association between the art and the Church makes it not only desirable, but really essential that in every diocese there should be among the clergy a fair sprinkling of those who have gained an insight into bell ringing and who know something of bell ringers from contact with them in the belfry. At present the number is rather meagre.

Apart from the influence which they have in the parishes in which they work. there is a wider influence which ringing-parsons can wield in the diocese in matters relating to bells. They can get the ear of those in authority where the ordinary layman has little chance of making his voice heard. They are, from the office which they bear, *ipso facto* members of the Diocesan Conference, to which laymen can only be elected through the Ruri-Decanal Conferences, and to which, therefore, a ringer has but the remotest opportunity of being sent. The Diocesan Conference, of course, has to do with the whole church life of the diocese, and other qualifications besides that of being a ringer must influence a person's election, but there are few other diocesan organisations which have not indirectly got their spokesmen on the Diocesan Conferences. Yet ringers, whose work for the Church is probably more consistent and more self-sacrificing than that of almost any other body, have only here and there a layman's voice which can be raised on the subject of bells and ringing, of which Diocesan Conferences ought to hear more than they do.

This point was touched upon by the preacher at a Guildford Guild meeting on Saturday, when he urged ringing organisations not to be so retiring as they are, but to take action to bring their work more prominently to the notice of the diocese. Representatives of the ringing associations ought to be on all diocesan committees which might be called upon to deal with the subject of towers or bells. With this all ringers will agree, but failing, for the present, the opportunity of getting a representative lay voice into these deliberations, it is encouraging to know that at training colleges like Cuddesdon, interest in the art, and with it interest in bells

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and towers, is being inculcated among those who are to become future curates and incumbents, and, we hope, bishops. Apart from the influence in their own parishes, where a clergyman's active interest in ringing is certain to result in the bells being kept in good order and a full company of ringers maintained, the wider importance of their association with the art, to which we have referred, cannot be too widely stressed, and it is to the students of the theological colleges that we must largely look for the supply of ringing clergy in the future. We hope that other colleges will follow the example of Cuddesdon and establish an organised circle of ringers.

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WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
*ERNEST SIBLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	FRANK E. PERVIN	11
THOMAS MILLER	6	WILLIAM DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

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BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	2	HARRY PARKES	8
HARRY HOVERD	3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT	10
HENRY T. WILSON	5	RICHARD A. POST	11
FRANCIS E. DAWE	6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FRANCIS E. DAWE.

The first peal of Bob Maximus on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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Tenor 21½ cwt.

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Composed and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT WIFFEN	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
MISS MYRTLE REASON	2	SAMUEL WARNE	6
GEORGE IVES	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
HERBERT C. REASON	4	WALTER H. HAMMOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

First peal by Miss Reason, who is 14 years of age. The way she rang was a credit to her.

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On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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.

HAROLD G. ATKINS ...	...*Treble*	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
JAMES L. BOYLIN	2	H. JAMES TURNER	6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ...	3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	7
*EDWARD HOLT	4	ERNEST G. FLETCHER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal 'inside.'

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT WALKER ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK NEWTON	5
HORACE FOX...	2	CHARLES BROWN	6
ARTHUR WALKER...	3	*ROBERT H. VIGOR	7
HARRY C. WATTS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 25th peal, rung in 25 different towers, and 13th as conductor. This peal was kindly arranged for Mr. A. P. Cannon, of London, and Mr. R. H. Vigor, of Sherburn-in-Elmet (late of Bromley Common, Kent).

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE... ...	...*Treble*	HENRY STALHAM	5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN	2	GEORGE WIGGENS	6
RICHARD V. FULLER	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	JAMES A. HART	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	...*Treble*	G. HARRY MYERS	5
AUBREY L. BENNETT	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ...	7
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD...	4	EDWARD W. BIFFEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
Arranged for Miss K. M. Bradford and Mr. T. J. Lock, of London.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE...	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... ...	5
GEORGE KING	2	WILLIAM GORRINGE	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	*JAMES G. POWELL	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	GEORGE PONT	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS
* 50th peal. Specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. G. Pont, hon. secretary of the local band, on his 61st birthday.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD S. T. FARR ...	...*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	*JAMES A. GLASS...	6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	LEONARD STILWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor. E. S. T. Farr has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the Duke of Gloucester to the Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
The 'Barrabool' Peal. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*JACK DAFTERS	...*Treble*	*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ...	5
WALTER F. TYLER	2	PERCY J. SPICE	6
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	3	EDMUND MOUNTER	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. BENNETT.
* First peal of Major. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle in this, his Sunday service tower. For composition of this peal, see page 21 of 'A Great Adventure.'

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
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RICHARD T. WOODLEY	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	5
RICHARD W. R. COATES ...	2	ANDREW L. WHATLING ...	6
ERNEST E. POPPY	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
GEORGE LEE	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	...*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	HERBERT C. REASON	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ALBERT WIFFEN	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	2	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ...	6
FRED W. HILL	3	ALEX HUTCHINSON	7
*ROGER D. ST JOHN SMITH	4	COLIN HARRISON	...*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BEACONSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

Jesse Harrison	...*Treble*	George Martin	5
Dorothy R. Fletcher ...	2	Roland Biggs	6
Frederick G. Biggs	3	William Henley	7
Kathleen E. Fletcher ...	4	Harry Wingrove ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Harry Wingrove
A peal in this method (G. Lindoff's No. 60) is now rung for the first time. The ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 8 are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Wilfred G. Wilson	...*Treble*	Ernest C. S. Turner ...	5
Frank Corke	2	J. Armiger Trollope... ...	6
*J. Edward Churchill ...	3	James H. Riding...	7
Tom Collins	4	Cecil C. Mayne	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. E. Bulwer. Conducted by Wilfred G. Wilson.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*Fred Hindle	...*Treble*	William Sharples	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Herbert Davenport... ...	6
Thomas Wallwork	3	Fred Read	7
Robert Wallwork	4	Laurence J. Williams	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by L. J. Williams.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise at Clitheroe and first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

John S. Morton	...*Treble*	John H. Cheesman	5
Edwin A. Barnett	2	Alfred G. Hill	6
Harry Hoverd	3	Frederick J. Cullum ...	7
Thomas Groombridge, sen.	4	Herbert E. Audsley...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum
First peal in the method on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Stonehouse,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Allen S. Weatherby	...*Treble*	Thomas G. Myers	5
Sidney O'Shaughnessy ...	2	John O. Pook	6
G. Harry Myers	3	Roger W. Daniels	7
William F. Oatway	4	George R. Marshall	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
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PENZANCE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

William H. Southeard ...	...*Treble*	Cyril E. Lanxon	5
Arthur S. Roberts	2	William H. Sleeman ...	6
E. Jessie C. Angwin	3	Frederick E. Collins ...	7
Philip J. Hitchens	4	Edward Sanders... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
Specially arranged and rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Father Basil Jellicoe, who died at Uxbridge on the previous Sunday, and who was the chief organiser of the St. Pancras Housing Society, which inspired the St. Michael Housing Society, Penzance, directed by Canon F. R. Carr, Vicar of St. Mary's.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

William Kinsey...	...*Treble*	James Rose	5
Charles Shemming	2	Harry D. Lister	6
James Durrant	3	George More	7
Keith W. Whittle	4	Arthur Grimwood ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harry D. Lister.

SIX BELL PEALS.

YARNTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Woodstock Branch.)
On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

*Harry Radley	...*Treble*	Harry Floyd	4
George H. Cox...	2	†Lionel G. Durham	5
†David M. Aston	3	George Charlett ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Floyd.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal at second attempt. This peal was rung in celebration of the King's Jubilee, the peal attempted on May 6th having been lost at 4,800 changes.

FREISTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Plain and Double Bob; (3) Old Oxford, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delights; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (5) Single Oxford and Hereward Bob; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London Bob and Lytham Bob; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 14½ cwt.

George W. Burrell...	...*Treble*	Harold Barsley	4
Arthur Young	2	Cyril R. Burrell	5
Harvey E. Burrell	3	Vernon Taylor	...*Tenor*

Conducted by V. Taylor.
First peal in 20 methods for all except conductor.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of (1) Norwich Surprise; (2) Double and Single Oxford; (3) Woodbine Treble Bob; (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Gordon W. Limmer...	...*Treble*	*William Welling	4
*Alan R. Pink	2	Leonard Stilwell	5
George H. Gutteridge...	3	George Gilbert ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Geo. Gilbert.
* First peal in nine methods. First peal in more than one method on the bells, which were recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the 'go' being perfect.

LITTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four six-scores of Old, eight of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*W. REGINALD TARGETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. TARGETT	4
†DAVID TARGETT	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
LEONARD DUNFORD	3	E. JOHN TARGETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal with an inside bell.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	4
HAROLD BARSLEY	2	CYRIL R. BURRELL	5
HARVEY E. BURRELL	3	VERNON TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First Surprise peal by all except conductor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following 3rd's place Delight methods: Castleton, Bucknall, Beeston, Melandra, Peveril, Leasowe and Ely.

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.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Edith Gill, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gill, of Wath, to Mr. A. Nicholls, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Egerton Nicholls, of Brampton Bierlow, the wedding having taken place at Wath Parish Church on Thursday, August 29th.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

A GAME FOR THE 'YOUNG PRACTITIONER.'

The best way to teach change ringing to the 'young practitioner,' as the beginner used to be called by the writers of old books on the art, has frequently been a vexed question. If he begins on tower bells, he is at first baffled by the rising and falling ropes, and any amount of previous explanation may be unavailing when it comes to actual practice. He just can't see it. Things seem to happen too quickly.

For this reason there are many instructors who prefer to teach beginners 'the method' on handbells, and, at any rate, this is of great advantage in one respect. It does save a great deal of bad ringing on the church bells, which quite probably annoys the nearby public, or at best does not give them much of an opinion either of bellringing or the ringers.

Moreover, practice on handbells need not necessarily be restricted to the one night a week, which is the usual limit of church bell practice, and, in the event of there being a change ringing band already in existence, it does not curtail their opportunities while the beginner is being 'put through the hoop.'

But, however practice is arranged, whether on tower or handbells, it is very difficult for just one or two ringers with the necessary knowledge to get a number of beginners through anything that will be of real use. But the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, whose work among ringers a generation or more ago was invaluable, and who still spends some of his time, despite advancing years, in teaching beginners, evolved a 'game' which, coupled with handbells, was found a useful medium for teaching 'the method.' Here is what he says about it, and during the coming winter evenings we can imagine a lot of fun as well as instruction being got by young bands from putting this game into practice.

About 50 years or so ago, says Mr. Carpenter, we had a sort of parlour game with handbells, called, I think, 'lapping.' The players, with a pair of bells apiece, when 'go' was called, changed their bells from hand to hand, and sounded them in the new order (214365, say), and then passed one away to and took one in exchange from the next player on either hand. Plain hunting was easily done, and Plain Bob and Grandsire were quite simple. The player who started with 1.2, for instance, if Plain Bob was the method, made 2nd's place when the treble led and the others had to dodge.

This recollection of the old game made me think that handbells might be used in a similar way to teach method ringing to young or stoney bands where there are not enough skilled ringers to teach the rest. We all know what trouble there often is to get ringers to learn a method before trying it on the bells, and what a lot of breakdowns follow, with unpleasant noises from the tower. I have tried out my idea and found it good with a slight variation. The players this time have only one bell each, and do not pass it on, but take it on themselves.

When 'go' is called, 1 and 2, 3 and 4, etc., *change places*, and then strike their bells where they stand, and so on. They change places before every blow, except when in front or behind, where, of course, they have to strike two blows. Plain hunting in this way is quite easy, and Plain Bob and Grandsire equally easy. Bobs and singles can then be explained, and touches and extents can follow.

I started a band, who knew practically nothing of half-pull ringing, with Grandsire Doubles (there are six bells here), and it didn't take long to ring 120 in this way. I called bobs and singles at first, and then made one of the ringers call them.

Then the plain course of Bob Minor was quite easy. In this way the work of the method was quickly learnt, as the ringers had to do the work as well as the bells. It is well to make a rule that the ringers going up behind should go *behind* the other when changing places, and those coming down to the front should go *in front* and so avoid collisions.

By the time a course or a touch has been rung a few times in this way and the method has been learnt, the next step is to stand still and ring it in the ordinary way. After that the tower bells can be taken in hand. Every ringer will know the method from personal experience, and progress should be easy.

Of course, the work of the method should be explained first, and a diagram hung up is useful. Here the bells are almost unringable, but there is a keen band who thoroughly enjoy my game, and by the time the bells are put in order, which I hope will be soon, I believe 720's will be the order of the day for service, and possibly peals will follow, but they don't matter so much.

I am sure that, where handbells are available, they will be a great help towards the advancement of method ringing, if my game is tried, where there are not enough skilled ringers to teach the others.

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III.

The ideal peal, the peal we all hope to ring, the peal which we actually do sometimes ring, is the peal in which every ringer strikes his bell well, in which no trips or mistakes are made, and in which no single word is spoken save the calling of the bobs. But such, unfortunately, are the exception rather than the rule.

Men make trips. Some make them more often than others; but even the very best, though they may go through many peals faultless, have their lax moments. And, since trips are made, it is necessary that they should be put right. But the erring members differ widely from each other and accordingly they must be treated differently.

The experienced ringer will occasionally make trips; at least, I have never come across one who did not, but he differs from the inexperienced man in that he can almost always put himself right much quicker than anyone else can do it for him. The very fact that he has made a bad blow will tell him, usually, not only that he is wrong, but also what he ought to have done, and he is generally right again the next blow. Even where the alternative is not so simple, he has but to look around and, if the others are in their places, he will quickly be in his. For a conductor to speak to such a man is not only unnecessary, it often is an impertinence. Lesser men when they blunder do need telling, but a word or gesture from the nearest ringer will usually suffice, with no need for any interference by the conductor. Yet he should be on the alert, and, if he really knows his job, he will know when to speak, and when to hold his tongue. The ideal conductor who understands his band and the method they are ringing, will make a distinction between different sorts of trips. Let me give an instance.

I suppose that the majority of trips that people make in Cambridge Major are made in two particular places. The first is when a man hunting up Treble Bob fashion gets into 5-6. There he has to do one of two things; either he must go straight through to 7-8 for a double dodge, or else he must stop to make 5-6 places. We will suppose he is half asleep and gets into sixth's place not knowing which of the two he really ought to do and he dodges when he should run through. Immediately everybody concerned seems instinctively to realise what has happened and the offender is usually summarily bundled into his right place. There is not much fear of a shift and no particular need for a conductor to interfere.

The other case is when a man coming down to lead-and-dodge or dodge-and-lead wants to stay on the front too long. If the Treble-Work man is awake he will very quickly put things right. But sometimes he, also, is half asleep. Perhaps he thinks for a moment that he is stopping down too long, and so gives way to the other and a shift occurs. That is a very easy place to shift and especially in Cambridge Minor. If the conductor knows which is the Treble Work bell when such a trip occurs he should say so at once and all will be well.

There are similarly critical places in other methods which should be watched, and in the simpler methods it is almost essential to know the coursing order, so that when two bells are doubtful they should come down in the right order.

Some men there are who seldom make mistakes, but when they do they go far astray and require to be told quite plainly what they must do. It is no good shouting at such a man. If he should be making places in 3-4 you must tell him clearly that he has got to make places in 3-4, so that he understands.

Furthest of all down the scale is the man who has to be carried through a peal. He requires special treatment. There are those who say that you should not start for a peal with such a one. If he cannot ring his bell himself he should not have the credit of having scored a peal. But I don't know. Sometimes he is a good fellow and a good trier; so why not humour him a little? If you know your man it is better to tell off someone (not the conductor) to look after him and for the rest to leave him alone.

Some years before the war I had a case of this sort. He very much wanted to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell. He was a good treble man, but had only the foggiest notions of how and where to make a dodge. I was not the conductor, but I was ringing next to him. We started and, of course, he missed the first dodge and everybody shouted at him. So he did the second, and the third. As it did not look like being a very smooth peal, I thought I had better tell him his dodges before he came to them, instead of everybody shouting after he had missed them. I did so and we rang a very fair peal.

Some people do not realise that it is a far finer thing to conduct a peal and put right trips with a minimum of speaking than to be continually talking about something or other. Like the heathen, they think they shall be heard for their much speaking, but really they do themselves little good and often rather irritate other people. Men are grateful for a helping hand when they have gone astray, but they do not like the thing overdone. Even the most amiable and sweetest tempered man is apt to get irritable when his little trip is trumpeted through the belfry. And much speaking has often a very bad effect on some men. I knew a man of a quiet, sensitive nature who was quite upset by that sort of thing. He was a good ringer—he had rung at least one peal of London Surprise—but he never could ring even Stedman Triples when a certain well known man was calling. He told me he simply paralysed him.

And above all, conductors (and other people) should never use during ringing any words that sound like scolding and fault finding. Nothing has done more to break up bands and destroy friendships. It is an old fault. Listen to some of Laughton's doggerel written just two hundred years ago:—

> There-s nothing that Can be more rude
> Nor on good nature more intrude;
> For who ever Rings as well as he can
> Ought ne-er to be blam'd by any man.
> But they know no more than the pope o' Room,
> Who'd make a fault before 'tis Done.
> And what a —— Signifies Calling then
> When the person knows it as well as them
> It only serves to Set 'em a fretting
> And often Causes more forgetting,
> The Consequence of which i-nd seen
> To often when i-nd bin Ringing.
> Some men indeed are made by nature
> Directly fit to huff and vapour
> And Lord it over their Companions,
> Call filthy names and Curse and damn 'em,
> But how odious Does Sutch wretches look.

and so on.

To a student of the history of the College Youths it always must seem strange that Benjamin Annable, the greatest ringer the society ever produced, should have had to wait twenty-one years before he was made Master. Here, I think, is the explanation, for I do not doubt that Laughton was particularly referring to him, though he does not mention his name. Annable made the College Youths the first peal ringing band of his time; he exacted a standard of striking which probably has never been excelled, but he had a rough tongue, and he made many enemies. He died, by common consent, the foremost ringer of his time, but long before his death the brilliant band of his early days was dispersed by quarrels, and his legacy to the College Youths was dissensions which split the society from top to bottom and would have utterly wrecked it, but for the intervention of younger and outside men.

RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with much interest and enjoyment Mr. Trollope's articles on 'Conductors,' and they made me wonder whether a satire—if you can call it such—from him on 'Ringers' might not be out of place as a sequel.

If Mr. Trollope has no material, perhaps I can help him. Of course, it must be understood that all the characters are entirely imaginary. How about these for a start?

1. The ringer who, when he travels, arms himself with reports, and brings them out frequently on the journey, saying, 'Do you remember when they could get no one else but me to ring the tenor here?'
2. The ringer who suddenly shouts in the middle of a peal, 'O, George, what am I doing, George?' And, having been told, becomes :—
3. The ringer mentioned by Mr. Trollope, who maintains that he is right and everyone else wrong. I witnessed an effective display of fireworks one Sunday morning from one of these good people, until the curate came up to ask us to make a little less noise, please.
4. The ringer who, on being told what to do, snaps his informant's head off. Nice folk, these!
5. The ringer who misses a bob and says that the bells are shifted.
6. The ringer who misses a bob and says that the composition is wrong.
7. The ringer who composes peals of Superlative which can be found in Sottenstall's book. You should see our report!
8. The ringer who has been honoured in some way or another, and lets the whole Exercise know on every possible occasion. Mr. Smith, O.B.J., for instance.
9. The ringer who is lost because a touch is rung with 5-6 over for a start, and vents his rage on the poor dear conductor.
10. The ringer who wastes half the space in 'The Ringing World' because he does not like a term used there.
11. The ringer who calls one of his own compositions—we have to allow that it is his own, even though we doubt it—and tells us what wonderful qualities it possesses—all the 8-2's at back and hand with the extent of the 7-3-2-8's.
12. Lastly, a very dear friend: the ringer who has no end of a grievance against those unfortunate people who ring Surprise methods.

As Mr. Trollope knows, ringers are grand people. So he must get to work and see what he can do. I think that is all, but modesty forbids me to sign my name, for I should not like him to consider himself under an obligation to me. Cheerio!

'NEWCOMER.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—For morning service, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Stevens 1, A. Catterwell 2, W. Ellingham 3, H. Chandler 4, W. Lewis 5, E. Gladman 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, D. May 8. Arranged and rung for A. Catterwell, who was on a visit from Sible Hedingham, Essex.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—To celebrate the birth of twin daughters to the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (seven different callings) was rung on Sunday evening, September 1st, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church: M. E. Towe 1, H. Iliffe 2, J. W. Udale 3, H. Morton 4, E. Bagworth (conductor) 5, G. Coles 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On August 19th, for morning service, 720 St. Clement's: E. J. Dixon 1, A. J. Lancefield 2, P. Page 3, C. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6. For the evening service, 720 Bob Minor: S. R. Mogg 1, E. J. Dixon 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, C. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those who propose to attend the Australian Tourists' Reunion next week are referred to a notice in another column. Dinner applications, with remittance, must be received by to-morrow.

And those who have not yet purchased a copy of 'A Great Adventure' should lose no time in doing so. The supply is running out and there will be no further edition. Send 2s. to 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey, and the book will be forwarded by return.

'It is good reading, as well as a valuable and interesting record,' says one reader; 'a wonderful two shillings' worth,' says another; 'should be in every ringer's library,' writes a third. These are samples of the many expressions of appreciation which we have received.

Bristol United Guilds are engaged in producing a new edition of the 'Ringers' Directory.' Your name and address and a shilling will ensure the two former appearing and your receiving a copy of this increasingly indispensable work. But September 28th is the last date for receiving subscriptions.

The many friends of Dr. J. Symons, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, will be sorry to hear that he is at present laid up with a fractured small bone of the left ankle, which he sustained through a fall. Writing to a friend, he says, 'I shall be prevented from taking any part in the belfry for at least four or five weeks.' We trust it will be no longer and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Richard T. Woodley, of Lowestoft, rang a peal at St. Margaret's Church on Thursday week to celebrate his 76th birthday, which occurred on that day. This form of celebration is becoming a habit with him, for he also commemorated his 72nd, 73rd, 74th and 75th birthdays in the same way in the same tower. And we hope he will keep it up for many years to come.

The Chester Guild, Crewe Branch, meeting will be held at Alsager on September 14th, and not to-morrow as printed on meeting cards.

John Taylor and Co. are adding two new bells to make five and rehanging the peal in a new frame at Drayton Parslow Church, Bucks.

The 'Barrabool' peal of Bob Major, composed and rung for the first time on the P. and O. liner s.s. 'Barrabool' on the way to Australia, has now been rung for the first time on tower bells, conducted by a ringer who has spent a great deal of his life on the seas—ex-Royal Marine James Bennett.

Members of the London County Association are reminded that there is a *live* practice fortnightly at St. Clement Danes, advertised sometimes, and *always* attended by some keen members *punctually* at 7.30 p.m. Perhaps some of those who used to meet there regularly may feel inclined to turn up after reading these few words.

THE MINOR COLLECTION.

MR. TROLLOPE REPLIES TO MR. JOYCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyce keeps telling your readers that the statement on page 113 of 'Minor Methods' is 'stuff and nonsense' and full of errors. As a matter of fact, it quite accurately serves the purpose for which it was written. The intention was to warn readers that out of the 262 methods in the book, some would bring up 6-5 at backstroke whether you will or not, and a list is given of these methods in which the Standard Calling produces that defect. But it happens that in four Plain methods and in two on the Treble Bob principle you can avoid it by using other 720's. The actual rows involved are the same in all four Plain methods and in the two Treble Bob methods. There are two 720's with their reverses, Nos. 34, 35, 36 and 37, which will not produce 6-5 in Fountains and Northumberland. Had we known that at the time we should have somewhat qualified the word 'inevitable,' but the list itself would have stood and still stands in the new edition, for it is as necessary to warn the reader against Northumberland as against its neighbour and relative, Whitley.

The responsibility for the book was the joint responsibility of three authors, and Mr. Joyce has no right to demand who actually wrote this or any other part of the book; but I may say that his guesses and hints are entirely wide of the mark. His bringing in Mr. Turner's name is a piece of unwarranted impertinence, for Mr. Turner had nothing to do with the matter, either directly or indirectly.

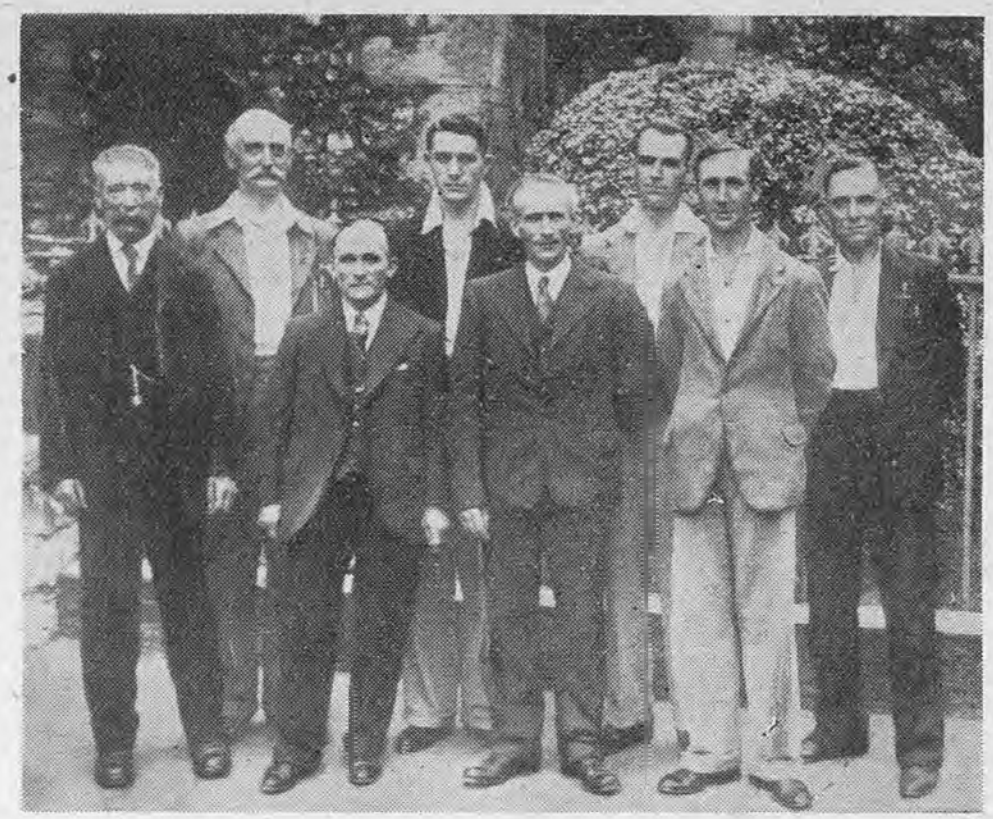
Mr. Joyce's short letter contains far more misstatements and incorrect suggestions than the passage he so hotly criticises. I have never once discussed proof with Mr. William Pye, and I have never recommended the old style to anyone, either because it is safer or for any other reason; for I have never used it and, indeed, never taken the trouble to understand it. I have been familiar with proof by half leads for more than 20 years, and since the far off days when I wrote out a full course have used no other. But what that has to do with Mr. Joyce and his own system of proof I fail to see, unless his suggestion is that we have taken his idea for the new Surprise book without acknowledgment, which is not the case. I understand his system is a very good system, but I know nothing about it. There is nothing clever, nothing original, nothing 'copyright' about the method we recommend in the Surprise book. It is simple, easily explained, easily understood, easily worked and takes little time. But it has no other merits.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A SUFFOLK NAME PEAL.

THE SYMONDS BAND AT STOWMARKET.

The unusual achievement of a peal by ringers all of the same surname was recorded in our columns, when, on August 17th, eight Symonds rang a peal of Double Norwich Major at Stowmarket, Suffolk. Five belonged to one family and two to another. This photograph of the band is reproduced by courtesy of the 'East Anglian Daily Times.'



The ringers, from left to right, are Arthur (Lavenham), George E. (Ipswich), Frederick G. (Islington), Dennis A. S. (Lavenham), Albert E. (Hitchin), Harold E. (Sproughton), Stedman H. (Lavenham), and Maurice T. (Lavenham). Arthur is father of F. G. and S. H., and grandfather of M. T. and D. A. S., who are sons of Stedman. H. E. is son of George E. Albert E., although now living out of the county, is, like the rest of the company, a native of Suffolk.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MARRIED COUPLES ELECTED MEMBERS.

The August meeting was held at Shipley on Saturday. The bells were rung up at 2.45 p.m., and members were present from Armley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Idle, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Halifax, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell, Sherburn and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower in the evening, when the chair was taken by Mr. S. Barron (vice-president), and five new members were elected, viz., Miss Margaret Walker, of Drighlington, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seager, of Shipley, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bairstow, of Howarth. It is not often that a ringer and his wife are elected members of a society at the same time, but on this occasion there were two couples elected.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. E. Hudson and seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor.—Mr. E. Simpson replied on behalf of the Shipley ringers.

The venue of the next meeting has not yet been fixed, and members are requested to watch the notice columns of 'The Ringing World.'

DEATH OF A BARNSLEY RINGER.

St. Mary's company, Barnsley, received the news of the death of Mr. Arthur Lister with very great regret. He passed away on August 27th at the age of 54 years. He was a regular service ringer for many years, but for some time past ill-health prevented him from joining in ringing. He was one of nature's best, always kind and genial, eager to join hands to attain the best in the art.

The bells were rung fully muffled on Saturday evening following the interment on Friday. Deceased leaves a widow and one talented son to mourn their loss.

C. D. P.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS AS RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—'A Student's' letter in your last issue will be read with great interest by many of your readers. There is, however, one point I would like to impress on him and his colleagues, who will, I suppose, soon be going down to take appointments. In his letter he rather labours the point that 'they will only be beginners.' Let me clearly point out to him that enthusiastic beginners, and 'a student' and his colleagues, having enthusiasm as shown in the letter, will be welcomed sincerely wherever they go, if only they will introduce themselves as such to the ringers of their parish church or, if they are serving at a church with no bells, I would advise them to get into touch with the district secretary of the local association. They would then be introduced to a neighbouring band of ringers with whom they could continue their practice.

To 'A Student' and his colleagues: Please make yourselves known when you take up your appointments, as we laymen have no other means of finding out your ringing enthusiasm.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES.

68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16.

DONCASTER RINGERS' PRESENTATION.

Before the ringing for morning service at Doncaster Parish Church on Sunday, the esteemed secretary and conductor, Mr. G. Halksworth, presented to Mr. W. Bettley a fountain pen on his departure from Doncaster to take up his new duties with Canon Brooks at Rugby.

Mr. Halksworth expressed the regret of the members at losing Mr. Bettley, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Bettley health and happiness at Rugby.

Mr. Bettley replied, saying he was sorry to be leaving, as he had enjoyed his seven years' stay with the band of ringers at Doncaster.

BOB MAXIMUS AT QUEX PARK.

THE FIRST IN 116 YEARS.

In 1819, the bells at Quex Park, Birchington, were opened. In the 116 years that they have been there, no peal of Bob Maximus had been rung on them until last Sunday, when a band arranged by Mr. F. E. Dawe successfully accomplished this.

When the day came various means of transport were employed to get to Birchington—seven people came down by car and eight went back in it. (The long-legged ones received no sympathy on that journey.) Some came by train, and Mr. Parkes arrived from Canterbury in his well-known milk float. The writer has vivid recollections of doing 45 in this on one occasion and shaving the back of a bus on another.

With his characteristic generosity, Mr. Dawe entertained the band to an excellent lunch at the Acorn, after which all went to the park. On the way some were seen making for a tower, surrounded by field guns, and when hauled back by the pilot (J. H. C.), tried to excuse themselves by saying they thought they were going to the battle of Waterloo instead of the Waterloo tower.

On arrival the sallies were found to be much too low for everyone (one would imagine that a race of dwarfs ring at Quex), and the best thanks of all are due to Mr. T. G., jun., for raising the ropes on the wheels, and for his assistance down below, for he was about the only one who could untwist the strands.

Meanwhile, some of the braver spirits (Harry and Dick) climbed the ironwork above the tower into a platform to view the countryside—I hope they enjoyed it.

And then the peal was rung! Mr. Dawe for the first time in his life called bobs in Plain Bob anything. Then, back to the Acorn for tea, during which Mr. Dawe was thanked for his hospitality, and to this he suitably responded.

All too quickly the time arrived for parting, leaving the conductor to face the terrific storm which broke shortly after over the Isle of Thanet, and put several towns into darkness as a result, so it is said, of the ringing of the peal. Mr. Dawe has called four peals in four methods on the twelve bells in this tower.

So ended a most enjoyable day. One thing only was to be regretted, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith and A. H. Pulling, two of the original band, were unable to ring. Best wishes to the former and to Mrs. Pulling for a speedy recovery. E. B.

LADIES AND SURREY ASSOCIATION MEET.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN PROSPECT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild and the Surrey Association was held at Beddington on Wednesday, August 21st, and in the course of the afternoon and evening attracted a lot of ringers who enjoyed a pull on these excellent bells. Before tea the ladies seemed to outnumber the men, but that was, perhaps, natural. The men have to work for their living.

Tea and a little handbell ringing took place at The Harvest Home.

The Surrey Association had no business to transact afterwards, but whether the ladies had any business to do we do not know. They collected round a table and whispered inquiries as to whom to apply for a certain South London tower leads us to believe that there may have been 'something doing.'

At any rate, we understand the ladies intend to attempt a peal at a London church next week. We heard a member ask one gentleman if he would let his wife off for the occasion! The boot is usually on the other foot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE VAGARIES OF CYCLING.

On Saturday, August 17th, the Maidstone and Tonbridge Districts of the Kent County Association held a combined meeting at Mardon. About 40 members attended, including some of the enthusiastic L.D.C.B. (long distance cyclist brigade). Mr. Pat Cannon was one, and very proudly showed his 'steed,' as he called it, though it has the appearance of being a long way up to the saddle, and 'camel' would be a better name. 'Old Bill' Ashdown (from Godstone) and Uckfield ride much nearer to the ground; in fact, a little while ago, when Uckfield was going to St. Albans, he got as far as Croydon and tried to ride right on the ground, but couldn't manage it and had to come back.

The meeting marked the occasion of the unveiling of the peal board put up to bear witness to the peal rung at Marden in June in honour of H.M. King George V.'s 70th birthday.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. A. Finch).

After the service, the Vicar proceeded to the west end of the church, and, pulling a cord, unveiled the board.

A good tea was served and most of the members took advantage of it, but the unfortunate few who sat down with Pat had to go and get something afterwards. So did Pat, for what with expounding his views and ideas, and the others trying to point out where he was wrong, they forgot all about tea.

Mr. E. H. Lewis congratulated the band who rang the peal, especially Mr. T. E. Sone, the conductor.

After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness to the members, some very good handbell ringing was done by Messrs. Joe Pack, E. H. Lewis, Alex Waddington and R. H. Vigor, while most of the others went back to the tower.

RINGERS' SHORTCOMINGS.

NOT SO BAD AS THEY ARE PAINTED.

A gathering of about 30 ringers, at a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Cobham on Saturday, listened to an address from the curate (the Rev. G. Mitchell) which could with advantage be read by many outside the ranks of the Exercise. Mr. Mitchell had learned to ring before his present curacy, and, although he has temporarily had to drop practice because he is in charge of a daughter church which has no bells, he spoke with personal knowledge of ringers and their ways.

He did not intend, he said, to speak about the shortcomings of ringers—they had heard enough about them, presented by preachers from every angle—except to say that from his own experience he felt sure that ringers by no means deserved all the things that were said about them in regard to neglect in attending the services for which they rang. He quoted instances which had come under his notice in which the ringers took their full part in the services, and were loyal members of the church. There were very few parochial organisations which rendered the regular and consistent service to the church that the ringers did, and their work went on, treated as a matter of course and often unrecognised until something happened and the bells, or some of them, were unrung. And then everybody noticed it.

Referring to the proposed new Cathedral for the diocese, he said that although a peal of bells would, perhaps, be the last thing to be provided, nevertheless the Cathedral should have a peal of bells and that the best in the diocese. Bells were looked upon as a luxury, and they certainly could be expensive, but there were, he felt sure, many unused and dilapidated bells in the diocese which were now unrung, and he thought these might well be given to the Cathedral and recast in the new peal. It was likely that the foundations of the Cathedral, and with them the foundations of the tower, might be laid in the not very distant future. He thought it was important that the Guild should be represented on the committee responsible for the tower—as well as on any other diocesan committee which had to do with towers and bells—so that there should be available first hand knowledge on the many important details which the installation of a peal of bells involved. He urged the Guild not to be reticent about the work of the ringers, but to bring it more prominently before the church.

He wished the Guild success in their work, and, on behalf of the Vicar, welcomed the members to Cobham.

After service there was tea and a brief business meeting at the Church Hall, when the customary votes of thanks were passed, on the motion of the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who particularly thanked the Rev. G. Mitchell for his address.

The ringing on the six bells included a variety of methods up to London Surprise.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANTS TO RESTORATION FUNDS.

The deluge on Saturday week was no doubt largely responsible for the poor attendance at the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ewhurst, one of the most remote towers in the district. Fortunately, however, a few heroes attended, some from so far afield as Aldershot and Worplesdon. Fortunate, because for some years ringing has not been one of the chief pastimes at Ewhurst, and an attempt is now being made there to raise a new and more enthusiastic band.

Several of the young learners were present, and the small attendance of visitors afforded an excellent opportunity (which was not allowed to slip) of giving these young people assistance at mastering the course of a bob bell in Grandsire Doubles.

Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were also interspersed between the Grandsire Doubles, and gave a variety of conductors an opportunity of displaying their knowledge or otherwise. The Rector, the Rev. J. B. Dollar, conducted the Guild's form of service and also presided at the business meeting.

Four new members were elected, and the Rector consented to become an honorary member.

Applications from Shalford and Witley for grants towards restoration funds were considered, and it was decided to contribute £2 2s. towards each fund.

The secretary was instructed, in forwarding the cheques, to suggest to the church authorities that if the Guild members were to be invited to any reopening, the invitation should be sent to the general secretary of the Guild sufficiently far enough ahead to afford the Guild's Executive Committee an opportunity of discussing the ringing arrangements, thus avoiding (as has happened on previous occasions) individual members of the Guild having to take upon themselves the responsibility.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Thursday, August 29th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Upton 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, H. Phillips 3, F. L. Start (Hackney) 4, C. Callaway 5, C. Denness 6. First 720 on the bells since rehanging, and first 720 of Minor for 5th and 6th ringers.

THE WEEK IN THE WEST.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' TOURS.

By 'Riponian.'

The second ringing week organised by the B.U.R.G. proved an outstanding success, and was a Jubilee tour in more senses than one. Not only has it been held in the Jubilee year, but the tourists were very jubilant all the week.

The first official gathering of the party was at St. Thomas' Church Room on Saturday, August 12th, when, by invitation of the B.U.R.G., those of the party who had arrived in Bristol assembled for tea.

The Vicar of St. Thomas' welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Edgar Guise explained the details of the tour.—Mr. George Dent thanked the Vicar of St. Thomas' for presiding and the Bristol ringers for providing tea, and enlivened his speech by telling some amusing stories.

Mr. Guise had a surprise in store for the tourists. He had obtained permission to ring on Saturday evening at the Lord Mayor's Chapel (St. Mark's), where there is a peal of six (tenor 12 cwt.), and at Christ Church with St. Ewen, where hangs a peal of ten with a 20 cwt. tenor. The visitors soon availed themselves of these privileges, and took the opportunity of inspecting the interior of Christ Church, a fine 18th century church built after the style of Grinling Gibbons. Following the ringing, an adjournment was made to headquarters, The Assize Courts Hotel, Small Street, where late arrivals were welcomed, and where most of the party either made or renewed acquaintance with Bill Thomas and his 'Kitty.'

The visiting ringers were to be found in several churches on Sunday morning—at St. Mary-le-Port, at St. Peter's and at St. Stephen's. At St. Mary-le-Port there is no regular band of ringers, and it must have surprised the congregation to hear the bells raised and lowered in peal and several good touches rung.

In the afternoon the more energetic members met at the Suspension Bridge, Clifton, and 'hiked' to Abbots Leigh. For evening service several of the party assembled at St. Nicholas', where the peal of ten was made good use of. Later in the evening a pleasant hour was spent at headquarters.

Most of the tourists were quartered in Horfield Road, St. Michael's, and the starting point for all tours was at St. Stephen's Church. Thus, on Monday morning just before, or just after 8.30, a varied procession wended its way down from Horfield Road to St. Stephen's, the older hands taking the short cut down the oddly named Christmas Steps.

Having got rid of the Press photographer, the luxury coach was loaded to everyone's satisfaction, and the 32-seater provided by the Bristol Carriage Company was certainly the last word in comfort. Those who had been on the previous tour were pleased to note that the services of 'Freddie' as driver had been secured.

POINTS ABOUT CHURCHES.

The first official ringing of the tour took place at Marshfield, where the party were met by the Vicar, who kindly placed his garden at their disposal, showed them the interesting features of the church, and when ringing was finished ushered them into the coach, open cigarette box in hand. The ring of eight at Marshfield has a tenor of 17 cwt., and the back six are by Rudhall. The church possesses a fine candelabra and a fine specimen of Charles II. altar table.

The next call was at Wootton Bassett in the adjoining county of Wiltshire, where the church has a ground floor ringing chamber and a useful peal of eight with a 19 cwt. tenor rehung in 1930 by Gillett and Johnston. The church has been extensively restored and has a priest's chamber over the porch.

At Swindon lunch was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, and we admired the quick service which the waitresses rendered.

At Highworth a good peal of eight, with a tenor of about 18 cwt., slightly noisy in the belfry, were raised in peal and good touches were brought round. The church has a good fan vault forming the floor of the ringing chamber, and a fine rood screen. An unusual feature is the east window, which is filled with plain glass, and, unfortunately, looks out on to rather unsightly chimney stacks.

By this time all the party were becoming well acquainted with one another, and the journeys between the towers were enlivened by singing and mouth organ playing, the ringleaders being a quartette from Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent. Starting and stopping songs were adopted, and they were sung at every resumption of and break in the tour. The songs were, appropriately, 'Roll along, covered wagon' and 'We're here because we're here.'

A very pleasant run from Highworth brought the party to Northleach, where there is a finely appointed church with a good peal of eight (tenor 18½ cwt.). The church, built in the Perpendicular style, is exceptionally well furnished and possesses several interesting brasses.

Bourton-on-the-Water was the next call, and several good touches were rung on a rather moderate peal of eight, tenor 14¾ cwt. The church has been extensively restored partially in the Italian style, and now presents a rather mixed appearance.

At Stow-on-the-Wold, a picturesque small town in the heart of the Cotswolds, tea was partaken of, but the party were unable to find any one cafe capable of accommodating them all. Fortified by tea, they were able to appreciate the fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.), which hangs in the very substantial tower of the church dedicated to St. Edward. The rain which fell at Stow was practically all that was experienced during the week, and was of very short duration.

The long run back to Bristol through the Cotswolds and via Cheltenham and Gloucester was enlivened by the 'choir,' and a very extensive repertoire of songs was produced. The ladies made several requests for special items, and some of these certainly proved to be 'surprise items.' Some unusual talent was discovered, and Mr. Poppy certainly seemed to appreciate his seat in the choir stalls.

Arriving at St. Stephen's, an adjournment was made to headquarters, where Mr. Edgar Guise was awaiting the travellers, together with a newspaper reporter. Bill Thomas and his 'Kitty' were again in evidence, and shortly after 10 o'clock a procession was formed, which proceeded via Christmas Steps to St. Michael's Hill, and so to bed.

WILTSHIRE WAY.

Not content with the variety of towers included on the programme, a number of the tourists proceeded, immediately after breakfast on Tuesday morning, to St. Michael's, Bristol, where the peal of six were rung to several good touches.

At 10 a.m. promptly the party left St. Stephen's, accompanied by Miss Knight and another lady friend, the organ and choir rendering 'Roll along, covered wagon.'

At Kelston, where they were met by the Vicar, himself a ringer and an international chess player. He pointed out the objects of interest in the small church, and the visitors were surprised to learn that the Vicar made himself responsible for the care of the churchyard, which was certainly a credit to his energies. The bells, rung from the ground floor, are a ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt., and several good touches were rung. The church contains a fragment of a very early cross, now built into the sanctuary wall, and fragments of mediæval stained glass. Near the church a stone building contains the earliest example of an invention which has done much to improve modern sanitary science.

Arriving at Bradford-on-Avon in glorious sunshine, the excursionists admired the peaceful aspect of the river, with its swans and its old bridge complete with chapel. After visiting the Saxon Church, the peal of eight at Holy Trinity Church were set going and were much admired. They are a fine peal of eight, with a tenor of almost 21 cwt.

Devizes was reached in good time, and, before ringing, lunch was partaken of. The lunch room was filled with glass cases of fish, the sight of which loosed the tongues of several of the fishermen-ringers, and some real fishermen's stories were told. The verger at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist very kindly showed us the interior of the church, which contains a Norman chancel of very fine proportions and remarkably well preserved. The organ case by Grinling Gibbons is another interesting feature of this church. The bells, a ring of eight, tenor about 19¾ cwt., were rung to short touches, and, after collecting the party with some difficulty, Freddie drove away to familiar strains.

Bishop's Cannings, which was the next stopping place, possesses a fine church, with a central tower and an early English chancel. The bells are a fine ring of eight with a tenor of 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat. Most of the party made good use of the bells, but one member, who shall be nameless, preferred his afternoon siesta to active ringing.

Special permission had been obtained to view Lacock Abbey, and this privilege was much appreciated by all the party.

AN INTERESTING ABBEY.

Lacock Abbey, now the residence of Miss Talbot, was originally an Augustinian Nunnery. It was dissolved by Henry VIII. in 1539, and the estate and buildings given to Sir William Sharrington.

The cloisters are well preserved, and the roof possesses many interesting and well-painted bosses. Unfortunately, the church was completely destroyed and the stone used for the building of the Tudor offices. The front of the residence was rebuilt in 1754, and the photographers among the visitors were interested to learn that the first photograph taken in England was of a window at this Abbey.

All the party were interested in a very large stone trough, carved out of a single stone, and various uses were suggested for it, including that of a coffin for Mr. Poppy, whose ample figure would have found adequate accommodation in the huge receptacle, the real use of which is unknown. A fine bronze cauldron of 67 gallons capacity was a reminder of the days of ringers' jugs, and the original purpose of this utensil was a matter of wonder. After thanking the guide and his rather shy assistant and buying an immense supply of postcards, the visitors adjourned to a nearby inn for tea, during which meal the baby of the party gave one of the oldest members some good advice, to everyone's great amusement.

Lacock is a most interesting village, full of charming old buildings, of which the Parish Church is no exception. Dedicated to St. Cyriac, it has some grotesque gargoyles and the interior possesses a fine fan vaulted chapel with a painted roof. The bells are a moderate ring of six with a tenor of doubtful weight. In the belfry, which is on the ground floor, a most curious ringing box was found. It contains a series of changes, written out on a long strip of paper, and made to wind round two rollers inside the box. The conductor, who does not ring, holds up the box and by turning a handle causes the changes to

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A LONDON JUBILEE PEAL.

COMMEMORATED AT CRIPPLEGATE CHURCH.

On Sunday, September 1st, during evensong, at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, an event of interest to ringers took place when a peal board was unveiled. The peal thus recorded was one of 5,025 Stedman Cinques rung on Jubilee Day by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and the record is the gift of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Giles'. The unveiling took place during evensong, when, after the reading of the second lesson, the choir, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the west end of the church. The covering was pulled away by the senior churchwarden, Mr. C. V. A. Ottaway, who said that the peal and the board were commemorative of the 25th year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

In his sermon the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Turner), who took for his text the words of St. Paul, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,' referred to the ringing of the peal on Jubilee Day, and to the presence of the ringers of that peal amongst the congregation. He spoke of the association that bells had with the life of their country. Their patron saint, he said, was the leader of a great monastery, and the monks of old were foremost amongst those who led the way in art and music and in the ringing of bells. They in England loved their bells, and they at St. Giles' were very proud of the peal that had been rung on their bells on Jubilee Day.

The service was attended by eleven of the peal band, with several friends, and the bells were rung both before and after the service. The peal board has been placed on the wall at the west end of the church, close to the door leading to the belfry. It is of light stained oak, with black enamel lettering, and besides stating that the peal was rung to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V., it contains the names of the ringers of the peal, the names of the Vicar, churchwardens and towerkeeper, and bears the footnote, 'This was the only peal rung in the City of London on Jubilee Day.'

The day was, appropriately enough, the feast of St. Giles, and it was fitting that the bells of this fine old church should be rung on such an occasion. At the conclusion of the ringing after the service, the Vicar greeted the ringers on their emerging from the belfry, and the conductor of the peal (Mr. C. T. Coles) took occasion to thank the Rev. E. G. Turner for the gift of the peal board, of which they of the Middlesex Association were very proud.

A MEETING AT FARNHAM ROYAL.

GREETING FROM A VETERAN.

'A most successful meeting' was the vote of everyone present at Farnham Royal for the meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild. The village seemed full of ringers, and, judging by the volume of sound from the inside of the church during the service, there certainly were a few ringers (with voices) about. An enjoyable service, with a talk by the Vicar on what really meant wholeheartedness, an excellent tea kindly provided by a dear old friend, Mr. J. J. Parker, and methods to suit all (not forgetting rounds) made the gathering a most enjoyable one. Of course there were a few trips, but Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London were accomplished and a good touch of Oxford Bob Triples to give the birds a treat. It is rumoured that they (the birds) used to sing Oxford Bob at Farnham Royal.

A full programme of meetings was announced, including Joint and Triple, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The evening concluded with the eight bells being lowered in peal.

Ringers were present from Amersham, Andover, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Harrow, Hillingdon, Iver, London, Maidenhead, Reading, Ruislip, Stoke Poges, Watford, Wooburn and High Wycombe, and they received a cordial welcome from Mr. Parker, now 81 years of age.

THE WEEK IN THE WEST

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appear at an aperture in the side of the box. The efforts of Mr. John Swinfield to conduct a touch from this machine were more amusing than successful.

The visit to the Abbey, together with the time taken up with tea and ringing, caused the party to be rather behind scheduled time, and they were not surprised when on arriving at Keynsham they found that the steeplekeeper had abandoned his vigil. However, the pilot, Mr. Knight, managed to find him, and all ringers in the party managed to have a short touch. During the waiting time an amusing interlude took place. The coach was waiting very near to the stand occupied by the regular service bus to Bath, and a certain somewhat inebriated gentleman took possession of the back seat and refused at first to be evicted. However, he eventually yielded to Freddy's persuasive powers. Bristol was reached rather late, but just in time for some of the party to join with the Bristol ringers at the weekly practice at St. Stephen's, and afterwards to spend a pleasant hour at headquarters.

(To be continued.)

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's on the 12th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner on Nov. 9th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. — W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Tea (1s. 3d. per head).—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ashdown's coach has been booked to take ringers to this meeting, and will leave Market Road, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m., picking up en route; fare 2s.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Wortley on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. —F. Clark and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following. All ringers welcome. Nearest station Hampton Court. Bus 214 from Kingston via Hampton Court passes church.—D. Cooper and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged in village. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Puddletown and Wool bells also available. Permission is given to visit the noted gardens.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dinder on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 52, Burcott Road, Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Come and spend a day in the country. 'From Rounds to Cambridge Surprise.' — Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Short service in St. Benedict's Church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. E. C. Essex, followed by business meeting in the Vestry. St. Benedict's bells available afternoon and evening. Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12) 6-8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, Bedfont, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; Stanwell, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; Harmondsworth, 7 to 8.15 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf, Stanwell, at 5.30 p.m. Price, 1s. each. Buses (No. 116) leave Hounslow every half hour from 2.1 p.m., but please bring your car, or cycle, if you have one. If you can, notify me about tea! Thanks! Note.—Joint meeting at Staines on Sept. 28th. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Sat., Sept. 7th, at East Crompton, near Oldham. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in tower at 6.30. Roll up and make this a good meeting. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec, 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 7th. Bells available 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.

PENARTH, GLAM.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 6 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements. Will members please note alteration of tower?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION.—A reunion DINNER, followed by an exhibition of Mr. Rupert Richardson's PICTURES of the Australian tour, will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, London, on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Dinner 4s. per head, open to all ringers and friends, but notifications with remittance must reach me not later than Saturday, Sept. 7th. Visitors should indicate if they wish for any ringing in the afternoon. — J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 14th, at Upper Sheringham. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please help to make this meeting a great success.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Oxenhope, near Keighley, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Apply before Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. D. Maude, Uppertown, Oxenhope, near Keighley.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 9th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.—Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Bus or coach to church from St. Albans or Watford. Nearest rail, King's Langley. Names for tea by Sept. 11th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SALISBURY GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Okeford Fitzpaine, Iwerne Minster and Manston bells also available. All ringers welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Assembly Rooms, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Notice for tea must be sent by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. Hoping to have a good meeting.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A special meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Sept. 14th, as a farewell to Rev. R. P. Farrow, who is leaving the district. Ringing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a social evening at the Star Inn. Light refreshments. Please notify A. Ballard, Hinckley Road' Stoney Stanton, Leicester. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston, Bath, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Sept. 14th, not the 7th as printed on meeting cards, at Alsager (8 bells). Ringing from 3 .o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me on or before Sept. 11th? — Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Haslemere on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. E. J. Ayliffe, Woolmer Croft, Critchmere Hill, Haslemere, by Sept. 10th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, 76, Church Street, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, by Wednesday, 11th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 11th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested in order to help a young band.—W. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 17th to Mrs. C. Osler, Fabians, Bramley. —J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Birstwith, near Harrogate, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the new peal of 8 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) also in the schools at 5 p.m., and all who require tea should notify Mr. Jackson Ewbank, Rose Cottage, Birstwith, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th. General meeting immediately after tea. There is an hourly bus service from Harrogate, leaving at a quarter past the hour. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay. — J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please send their names to Mr. A. A. Saunders, Greenstead Green, Halstead, not later than Wednesday, the 18th, or to me, F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne?

LEA, LINCS.—A Ringers' Day will be held at Lea (1 mile from Gainsborough) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6, tenor 13¾ cwt., recently rehung) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. The Rector will provide a free tea as usual, but only to those who notify me before Tuesday, Sept. 17th. All ringers will be welcome, and everybody who can handle a bell will be catered for.—Leslie Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell prize contest at Holmfirth on Sept. 21st. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each, only to those who notify by Sept. 14th.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves L.M.S. Station Yard, Wolverhampton, at 1.50 and every half-hour. Reports ready. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Havering on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6 recently rehung) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise me by Monday, Sept. 16th, of their intention of being present. L.P.T. Bus No. 175 from Romford Station passes the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, at usual terms. Service at 6 o'clock. Ringing afterwards. Please send advice for tea to Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, not later than 18th inst. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Highley, Salop, on Sept. 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible. — H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Old Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Tea will be provided for all those WHO SEND ME THEIR NAMES by the previous Wednesday (Sept. 18th). Members are reminded that the branch officers are elected at this meeting. Also it is requested that all outstanding subscriptions for 1935 should be paid by this date. — Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham 17. Phone: Selly Oak 1246.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS. — Last day for receiving subscription (1s.) Sept. 28th. Subscribers to the former edition are asked to send their forms duly filled in, even though they may not subscribe to the fourth edition. Association general secretaries are asked to kindly send (even though on loan) a copy of their latest annual report to assist compilation. Ringers wishing to subscribe please apply for form to Edgar Guise (for B.U.R.G.), 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol 2.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at West Hallam (Newark not available), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee meet 3.45. Short service 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Frequent bus service from Nottingham via Ilkeston; also buses from Derby. All attending must notify E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than 25th. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The fourth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 6 p.m. The Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, will preside. Hotel situated two minutes' walk from Foregate Street Station, and car park available on premises. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), all 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Sept. 24th, from branch officers, Dinner Committee, or Joseph D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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He thanks our correspondent for his account of the tour, but points out that it was the Sudbury ringers who went to Stoke-by-Nayland and Assington, the Lavenham men being at work. At least one, and probably all three, of the Sudbury ringers had their tea in front of them when called upon, yet filled the gap at a moment's notice. The visitors greatly appreciated this enthusiasm and obliging spirit.

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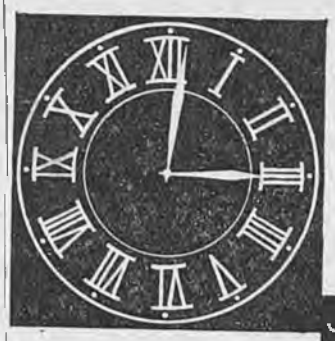

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The issue of such a publication was often talked about, but the Bristol United Ringing Guilds were the first to have the courage and enterprise to launch the undertaking. The directory has gone through three issues, beginning in a very modest way, and increasing in size and value with every edition. Now a new issue is contemplated and subscribers are invited. The method of compiling the directory is simplicity itself. The subscriber sends his name and address and the name of his tower, his association and office (if any), and with the information he forwards a shilling postal order, which entitles him not only to have his name inserted but also to a copy of the directory. Thus every ringer can, and should, have his name included in the publication and have a copy of the publication for his own use.

Subscribers are invited not merely in order that they may see their own names printed in the directory, but that other people may see them also. The value of the publication lies in the information which it gives to the Exercise at large. There are many occasions when a ringer wants the address of someone with whom he can correspond in some distant tower, outside the limits of his own association. There is no source of information to which he can turn, without at any rate a good deal of circumlocution, except the Ringers' Directory, and the more complete this is the more valuable it becomes to everyone. The use of the directory does not, however, end with its list of names. Particulars are given of towers and association officials, and a feature which we hope may again find a place in it is a pretty comprehensive collection of service touches. All these things, apart from the individual directory, which is of course its main object, add to its usefulness to ringers of all classes, whether they happen to be travellers or 'stay-at homes.' It is the importance of your name and address to other people that matters most in a directory. You never

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
WILLIAM SHORT	2	GEORGE F. SWANN	8
THOMAS HEMMING	3	C. HOWARD STANLEY	9
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	10
ROBERT MATTHEWS	5	CHARLES CAMM	11
THOMAS W. LEWIS	6	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal on twelve bells as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Woodberry, president of the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

HARRY G. FOXELL	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. TAYLOR	7
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	2	EDGAR HUMFREY	8
SYDNEY C. LODGE	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	9
CHARLES H. PULLEN	4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	10
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5	EDWIN HIMS	11
*REGINALD W. REX	6	RICHARD WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal of Cinques.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWIN H. LEWIS	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ROBERT RICHARDSON	9
GEORGE R. PYE	4	FREDERICK W. STOKES	10
LEWIS SNELL	5	JOHN A. FREEMAN	11
JAMES BENNETT	6	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

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

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERGA,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 29½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	2	†HERBERT A. MITCHELL	7
*MISS MARCIA WHITE	3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	8
*ANTHONY V. DENT	4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	9
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN	5	*HARRY GILLARD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Worboys (first quarter-peal) 1, E. G. Cottis 2, R. Fenn 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, C. E. Faulkner 6, C. Wilmington 7, E. G. Moore 8.

LEICESTER.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thursday, September 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 32¾ cwt.

REV. E. G. BENSON, St. Cath.	*Treble*	*REV. A. G. G. THURLOW, Selwyn	6
F. E. HAYNES, St. Cath.	2	*R.D. ST. J. SMITH, Selwyn	7
W. H. J. HOOTON, Queen's	3	C. W. WOOLLEY, Selwyn	8
F. S. POOLE, Sidney	4	S. H. WOOD, Magd.	9
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON, Trin.	5	E. M. ATKINS, St. Cath.	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 21 cwt.

*DEREK M. SHARP	*Treble*	JOHN CHAMBERLAIN	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	HARRY GIBSON	6
JOHN W. HOBSON	3	LEONARD RODMELL	7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON	4	ARTHUR E. WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method.

AVERTON GIFFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sunday, September 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN R. SANDOVER	*Treble*	ALFRED W. MYERS	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
HENRY G. LEWIS	3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	7
JAMES E. LILLEY	4	BERTRAM H. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
Specially arranged to enable Mr. J. R. Sandover, of Heavitree, to ring a peal at his native place and in the tower where he learned to ring over 40 years ago.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

RICHARD V. FULLER	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY	5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN	2	EDWARD W. BRAY	6
ERNEST GOWER	3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	*LOUIS W. FAULKNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Eastbourne's oldest ringer, the late Mr. T. Lewis.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 4, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
G. HARRY MYERS	3	A. WILLIAM MYERS	7
SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY	4	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
Arranged for Miss K. M. Bradford and Mr. T. J. Lock, of London.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

RALPH NARBOROUGH	*Treble*	HENRY HARRISON	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	6
JOHN E. HOBBS	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.
Rung to celebrate the 105th birthday of Mrs. Rachel Swain, of Flitwick, Beds, great-aunt of the ringer of the 2nd and great-great-aunt of the conductor; also to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE JENNINGS	*Treble*	ALAN ANDREWS	5
MAURICE LING	2	ERNEST DURRANT	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	HORACE A. WRIGHT	7
URBAN WILDNEY	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H. A. Wright.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
ROLAND PARK	3	EDWARD J. BEER	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
Rung for the marriage of Cyril M. Mitchell, a member of the local band, and Miss Phyllis Wilder.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	HARRY DAVISON	5
EDGAR WHITELEY	2	THOMAS B. KENDALL	6
*MISS MARY WHITE	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
*KENNETH SIMPSON	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 6th.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
STAFFORD H. GREEN	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	6
*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREYS	3	*HERBERT MARKWELL	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	4	FREDERICK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. Miss Humphreys' 50th peal.

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ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. TURTON	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	JOHN W. SYKES	6
*HARRY WARBURTON	3	RICHARD R. REECE	7
PERCY J. JERVIS	4	THOMAS E. LEE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
* First peal. The composition, No. 269, is now rung for the first time.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
*ARTHUR I. HOLMES	2	GEORGE LADD	6
JOHN CURRY	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
ARTHUR J. FARR...	4	*JOHN G. AMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* 100th peal. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
GEORGE MAYERS	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
First peal in the method by G. Mayers, of Norwich.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD J. MURRELL	5
CHARLES POTHECARY	2	THOMAS J. FOWLER	6
PERCY E. CLARK	3	PERCY E. NEWTON	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Tom Benney, who attained his 84th birthday on August 31st.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, September 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*JAMES W. PAUL... ...	...*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ...	2	ERIC G. BENNETT	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
WALTER R. FARROW... ...	4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge. One hundredth peal by the ringer of the sixth, in 73 of which the ringer of the third has taken part.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD A. REED	5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ...	2	A. JOHN RANCE	6
*HAROLD P. REED	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Sybil M. King, of Stoneham Park House, Southampton, and Mr. Richard A. S. Jerome, of Claricade Gardens, London, who were married in the above church in the afternoon.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NUNNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Lightfoot, Wells, London, Surfleet, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. METCALFE ...	...*Treble*	DAVID MACKAY	4
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	RONALD G. BECK...	5
KENNETH FORD	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. BECK.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	...*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
JAMES HEMMING	3	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)
On Sunday, September 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*FREDERICK C. TOWNES	...*Treble*	ALEC M. GENERY	4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ...	2	ROBERT C. LYON	5
ALBERT L. DIXEY	3	GEORGE R. TOWNES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.
* First peal in three methods. The band are all regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

ABBEYDORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, September 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. POULTON	4
ERNEST COX	2	WILLIAM POSTON...	5
JOHN J. WEBB	3	HENRY G. WILKS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

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ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)
On Sunday, September 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JACK DEAN	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ...	4
HARRY BARNETT	2	ALBERT MARTIN	5
TOM WORRALL	3	CHARLES HODGES...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.
This peal was rung for Sunday evening service.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court.
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ...	*Treble*	*JAMES SHARPE	4
HARVEY E. BURRELL	2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First peal of Minor and first extent in all methods.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 23 cwt.

*REGINALD A. ALEY ...	*Treble*	*ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
ALBERT L. WARD	2	*GEORGE T. H. WALKER ...	5
†HUGH BELL	3	VERNON TAYLOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the incumbent's silver jubilee as Vicar of Sileby.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York, Durham, Canterbury, Newcastle, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	*Treble*	JOSEPH ELLIOTT	4
CHARLES W. BURTON	2	AMBROSE MASON	5
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT	3	CHARLES BUTTON... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by AMBROSE MASON.
First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elliott, who kindly entertained the band after the peal.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three 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, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM STOCK	4
*DONALD COCKINGS	2	HENRY W. GAYTON	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	3	PEARL INSKIP	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.
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J. WILLIAM MOXON	*Treble*	FRANK ATKINSON	4
ARTHUR PANTHER	2	HAROLD CHANT	5
ERNEST CUTT	3	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who reached his 77th birthday on September 2nd.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one 720 of Woodbine, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ...	*Treble*	PERCY L. JOHNSON	4
WILLIAM GOODSON	2	ARTHUR P. BALLARD	5
GEO. W. BLOOMFIELD ...	3	THEODORE E. SLATER...	*Tenor*

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HANDBELL PEALS.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTER.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Monday and Tuesday, September 2 and 3, 1935, in One Hour and Forty-Four Minutes.
AT 52, BLABY ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

F. E. HAYNES, St. Cath. ...	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON, Queen's	5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY, Selwyn ...	3-4	S. H. WOOD, Magdalene ...	7-8

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

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY, MANCHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT 120, NICOLAS ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. W. WASHBROOK	1-2	ALLAN F. BAILEY...	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	ALFRED BARNES	7-8
PETER LAFLIN	9-10		

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALLAN F. BAILEY.
Witness—Alfred L. Booth.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Washbrook.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT CHART.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, September 7th. Several promising young ringers were waiting for a pull when the tower opened at 3 p.m. The local band had gone to Limpsfield Church to ring for one of their colleagues (Mr. J. Knight) on the occasion of his wedding, for which 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung after the ceremony.

At Limpsfield Chart the bells were set going to rounds and call changes; after the return of the local band change ringing was enjoyed.

Service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Lewis, and the lesson read by Alderman Temple Newell, J.P., of Reigate. Tea at the Institute was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair.

It was proposed that the next quarterly peal should be attempted at Limpsfield Chart, the method to be London Surprise Minor, conducted by Mr. L. Tidy. The next meeting is to be held at Godstone in December.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. and Mrs. Tidy for arranging tea.

Mr. Tidy said he would like to thank Mr. J. Manley, of Turner's Hill, for providing an iron handrail leading to the belfry at Limpsfield Chart Church.—This was greeted with great applause.

A return was then made to the tower and the bells kept going till 9 p.m., the ringing ranging from rounds to London Surprise Minor. At the request of a lady ringer, a course of Grandsire Triples was also rung on the handbells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

'ROPE SIGHT.'

Different ringers find different difficulties in attempting to grasp the first stages of change ringing, but most of these troubles can usually be attributed to want of 'rope sight.' Elementary rope sight is the ability to pick out the rope which is rising or falling immediately after your own when you are hunting up, or in front of yours when you are hunting down, or, perhaps, more strictly, in the case of the bell in front of you, selecting the one which is going to pull down immediately before you.

The rope sight of the bell that is pulling after you as you hunt up is fairly easily acquired by the average beginner. He has to discover which bell is following him, because that is the bell he has got to follow at the next pull, and there is a fair amount of time in which to pick it out, after you have pulled your own bell. You should look for it immediately you pull off, because, once your bell is over the balance, nothing you can do will alter that particular blow. Therefore, you can instantly devote all your attention to looking for the next.

All the while you are plain hunting there is one 'tip' to remember which will help to simplify your task. Once you have struck over a bell and passed it, you will not strike over it again until you have struck over all the rest. Therefore, as soon as you have passed a bell in hunting up, you need not look out for it again until you get behind the others. This process of elimination reduces the limit of your search for the next bell at every change.

HUNTING DOWN.

It is the hunting down that usually gives the beginner his greatest difficulty. There is much less time in which to find the bell that you have got to pull after. Instead of being the next bell to you, as when you hunt up, it comes to you from behind two other bells—the bell you are immediately striking over and the bell striking over the one you are to meet next. The bell next to you goes up, the other goes down (it is your 'course' bell) and you and the bell you are looking for then come together. By the time you see him, however, he is probably pulling off, and so you quickly have to follow suit.

Your 'course' bell can be a great help to you. He is the one you turned from behind, and, all the while the plain hunting lasts, will be the one you take off at lead. As soon as you have pulled off in one change, if you do not know which next to strike over, try and pick out the one your course bell is striking over. He will be your next.

Suppose you are ringing Doubles, and you are finishing your whole pull behind, you have got your own bell, you know your 'course' bell, you know the one you are already striking over—well, there are only two left, one of which is leading. With a little practice it ought not to be difficult to pick out the other, which is the one you want.

As soon as you leave fifth's place, there is only one bell besides your course bell and the one you are immediately following, so you ought not easily to mistake that. And when you strike in 3rd's there is, of course, only the bell you are striking over and your course bell (which is leading), and must be the last you want before you yourself lead.

If you are ringing Minor or Triples, the same process applies, and, although there are more bells below you when you start hunting down, some are 'so far away' that they hardly enter into your vision.

COUNT YOUR PLACES.

Rope sight does not come immediately, but practice will bring it and you will probably get it quicker if you remember the points mentioned above. In addition, do not omit to count your places, that is, after leaving lead (if you are ringing Doubles), count yourself into second's, third's, fourth's, fifth's; fifth's, fourth's, third's, second's, lead. And remember that in hunting up you have to hold up a little, as, in ringing Doubles with a covering bell, for instance, six other bells (instead of five as in rounds, or when you are leading) have to strike between your two blows. In hunting down, you must pull in a little, as only four bells, instead of five, strike between your two blows.

Some ringers can hunt up and down fairly easily if they are at one end or the other and have all the bells on one side of them. If they are in the middle, they find themselves handicapped by having bells on each side of them. This difficulty is more likely to arise where the ringing is taking place on the back six of a ring of eight and there is a big gap between the tenor and the first of the bells in use.

What the beginner should do is to try and ignore that gap. Endeavour to imagine (particularly if it is a six-bell tower) that you still have all the bells on one side. If you had been ringing the treble, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would be on your left. If you are ringing the 3rd, 4, 5, 6, 2, 3 are on your left. Stand facing the centre of the belfry and try to take in all the ropes without, or with only very little, movement of the head. It is often the fact that a ringer, who is constantly ringing at one end or other, faces towards the other ropes, rather than the centre of the belfry, that adds to his rope sight difficulty when he trys to ring one of the other bells.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church on Sunday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Williams (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Holman 2, G. Kent 3, R. Charge 4, F. W. Corney 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, George Charge 7, B. Brown 8.

'DISTRESSING AREA' VISITED.

JOYS OF A WEST MIDDLESEX EXCURSION.

The land lying in the great Middlesex loop formed by the Thames and Colne is too low and flat to have much in the way of scenic pretensions, and, in view of the increasing outward 'spread' of London, its attractions are in the main confined to 'bits,' a church there, a cluster of cottages here, the number of which tends, alas, to diminish steadily.

Possibly it was the inclusion of three such 'bits' in the programme of a meeting of the South and West District of the County Association on Saturday last that attracted some of the two dozen ringers who attended. This particular area is somewhat distressing to association officials, as the 'card index' remains in at least four of the towers situated there.

Several of Britain's ten million cyclists were on view, while we must not forget the gallant half-dozen who walked. Seeing them plodding along the country lanes reminded one of the aftermath of a race meeting!

Bedfont's recently restored ring of six were the first objective. After ringing there, it would appear certain that the locals must be deaf. Otherwise they couldn't stand the noise. As one wag remarked, 'Thank heaven, they are not twelve!' Why is it that only too frequently bell restorations are completed without any apparent regard to the ears of both the ringer and the listener? After ringing several five and six-bell methods, the 'Hore Belisha Boys' moved off, all observing the limit (not the limit mentioned by the walkers after reaching Stanwell; they were told it was only a mile, etc., etc.!).

Stanwell village continues to remain free from the encroachment of Greater London, and on that account alone is worth a visit. The church contains much of interest, including some excellent mural monuments. The lighting is provided both by the ancient oil lamps and the modern electricity! A large tower is surmounted by a tall spire, very much out of the perpendicular. The tenor of the ring of five was cast by Mears in 1766, weight 13 cwt. 14 lb.

We all know Doubles are so simple on paper, but on a ring like these, the practical exposition was not so easy. It was a useful experience, however, inasmuch that it directed the skill of the performers back to the elementary principles of handling the rope and attention to striking.

A certain Hertfordshire gentleman departed in the direction of Tring in a car and a cloud of dust, when the tea cup was nearly in his hand. Does he ever have tea on Saturdays? His absence was not so noticeable, perhaps, owing to the late arrival of the V.P. (meaning plus fives), who had walked half-way across Middlesex to be present! It was, in truth, a very jolly tea party, and he of the secretarial shorts (Middlesex style and so 'andsome) felt amply repaid for his secretarial labours.

On the road again (oh, for a pen'north on the bus) and so to Harmondsworth. He of the bare knees commandeered a car and returned to pack the walkers therein. Meanwhile, the cyclists had got the bells in order, and all the 'brass hats' had to do was ring 'em! They did so very well, and Surprising things were done after sly glances at diagrams. A good 'fall' in peal concluded the ringing.

It subsequently transpired that 'great was the fall thereof.' For the oldest inhabitant's parting words were, 'I enjoyed the run down, haven't heard it done for many a year.' Here he chuckled, and added, 'They allus be left up, and methinks they won't ring in the morning, 'cause they doan't know how to pull they up.'

It was a chilly night, but fast pedalling and those knees encased in a 'Daily Mail' soon restored the Bark to the Barker!

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District took place on Saturday, September 7th, at West Hartlepool. Ringers were present from Whickham, Newcastle, Sunderland, Darlington, Jarrow and the local tower. A short meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, being in the chair.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman said he was pleased there was a better attendance at West Hartlepool, although it could be better still, but these meetings had shown what good could be done when six members were present from Jarrow after having a meeting there some time ago. They saw what could be done when meetings were held at 'out of the way' places.

Mr. J. Titt, of Darlington, moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells.

Mr. Brewis (Jarrow) moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, and said he was pleased to be present at such a happy meeting.—Mrs. F. Robson replied on behalf of the ladies.

This being the last district meeting before the annual meeting at Durham, nominations were asked for for vice-president and secretary of the Eastern District, and Mr. R. L. Patterson and Mr. F. Robson were again nominated for the respective offices.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Eastern District be held at Sunderland after the annual meeting, and due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A happy time was spent by all.

BARNSLEY VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

As reported in the peal columns, a peal was rung at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, September 7th, in honour of the birthday of Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who reached the age of 77 on September 2nd. Mr. Potter is president of the Barnsley and District Society, of which he was one of the founders. He also held the office of secretary for a number of years, but gave it up to make way for a younger member. He is the oldest member of the society, and the peal was rung with the good wishes of all the band, in which all the members of the society and his many other friends will heartily join.

SUFFOLK GUILD'S DELAYED REPORT.

On Saturday, August 31st, a district meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Grundisburgh, when about 30 ringers were present. After ringing on the eight bells, tea was provided at the Dog Inn, and was followed by the meeting, the chair being taken by the Rector.

It was decided that as the report books had been so long delayed through several causes, a report covering the two years should be issued about the end of January.

It was also decided to cancel the proposed Kelsale meeting in favour of Leiston if available.

Three new members (including two ladies from St. Matthew's, Ipswich) were elected.

Members were present from Ipswich, Woodbridge, Tuddenham, Otley, Ufford, Cretingham, Hasketon and two visitors from Boston, Lincs. After the meeting some of the party visited Burgh, Hasketon and Tuddenham St. Martin for ringing.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MR. C. W. COOK ELECTED DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch was held in Cambridge on Saturday. The Rev. E. C. Essex conducted service in St. Benedict's Church and gave an inspiring address.

The business was transacted in the vestry. Miss K. Willers expressed a wish to be relieved of the district secretary's duties owing to her election as general secretary. She wanted, she said, to be free to give her undivided attention to the whole association.

Mr. C. W. Cook was unanimously elected to fill the double offices of District Ringing Master and district secretary.

The following District Committee were re-elected: Messrs. Dennis, Hibbins, Hurry, Martin and Webb.

It was decided to visit Barrington on October 19th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. E. C. Essex and to the retiring secretary for her work.

DEATH OF HORBURY VETERAN

RINGER WITH MANY TALENTS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Woffenden, of Regent Road, Horbury, at the age of 75 years, who passed away on Saturday morning, August 24th, at his home. He had been a member of the Horbury tower since 1894, and became conductor of the Horbury handbell ringers in 1890. This band won the first prize in the competitions at Belle Vue, Manchester, in 1896. About 20 years ago he toured America with the Horbury handbell ringers. Mr. Woffenden was formerly a bass singer in the Horbury Church choir and a trombonist in the Horbury Prize Band.

The bells at Horbury were rung muffled on Sunday, August 25th, to 756 Stedman Triples by H. Pickles 1, George Dews (Ossett) 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, C. E. Kent (Ossett) 5, J. Milner 6, R. Thicket 7, George Bennett (Ossett) 8. And on Tuesday, for the funeral, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major by members of the local band, assisted by Messrs. C. D. Potter (Barnsley), H. Dransfield, J. Ruddlesden and W. Idle (Earlsheaton), J. Moorhouse (Wakefield), and G. Bennett (Ossett). A course of Grandsire Major was rung at the graveside on handbells by W. Idle 1-2, G. Bennett 3-4, H. Rowley 5-6, J. Moorhouse 7-8.

Mr. Robert Thicket, Mr. Herbert Rowley and Mr. G. F. Pickles are now the only remaining members of the original Horbury band. They all started in 1890 and have thus each given 45 years' continuous service.

OUTING BEGUN WITH A PEAL.

YARNTON RINGERS MAKE UP FOR JUBILEE DISAPPOINTMENT.

The ringers of St. Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton, Oxon, held their outing on St. Bartholomew's Day, August 25th. The day started with an attempt to ring the Jubilee peal, which failed on May 6th, after 4,800 changes, owing to a misunderstanding. This time it was successful, and was noteworthy for several reasons. The ringers were the regular Sunday service band and it was only the second peal to be rung, although the bells have been in the tower for over 300 years. During the peal the 4th bell became loose on her headstock, and only the resolute and clever ringing of the conductor, Mr. Harry Floyd, brought the peal to a successful conclusion.

After a short rest, the ringers, together with the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. N. Aston) and the churchwardens (Messrs. S. Lay and A. Green), attended a supper in Oxford and a performance of the 'Jubilee Revue' at the New Theatre, Oxford. This brought to an end the day's programme, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is reported that a duplicate of Westminster Abbey bells has been promised to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, by friends in England and Victoria.

Buckfast Abbey bells have now been taken out of the tower prior to recasting, with additional metal, by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

It is said that recently one of the monks, when ringing, had a narrow escape from death. He failed to let go of the sally, and was jerked out over the low parapet which surrounds the gallery from which, up to now, the bells have been rung.

He swung out into space with a sheer drop below him of 60ft. to the nave floor, but, clinging to the rope, he was pulled back to the gallery by the revolution of the bell. The monks, we are told, fell prostrate in thanksgiving for his escape.

To celebrate family events covering five generations, a peal was rung at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, last week. It celebrated the 105th birthday of Mrs. Rachel Swain, of Flitwick, Beds, the great-aunt of Mr. E. C. Gobey, and the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey. This must surely be another record.

Six nominations were received for one vice-presidency of the Lancashire Association, and nine nominations for the four places on the Central Council. Two names were submitted for the post of treasurer, and three for the election of two auditors. A general election, indeed! The voting has taken place and the result of the polls will be declared at the annual meeting, to be held at Preston on September 28th.

A peal ringing tour is in progress this week in Dorset. It is very largely a bachelor party. Fifteen towers are on the list. The ringers include Messrs. O. Sippetts, K. Snelling and N. Elliott (Crawley), K. Hart (Brighton), J. Cripps (Shoreham), W. Williams (London), G. Popnell (Bedwellty), F. W. Rogers, A. T. Greenwood, F. S. Bayley (Portsea), C. E. Smith (Godalming), C. E. Bassett (Petersfield) and W. Perkins (Irthlingborough).

To-morrow another tour starts in Wiltshire.

Mr. Pat Cannon is now residing at Portmadoc, Caernarvonshire, for an indefinite period on business. He is in a town with bells, but few change ringers. The nearest change ringing tower, he tells us, is Bangor, 30 miles away. But it will be a nice Sunday morning walk, won't it, Pat? And the Welsh mountains are very beautiful.

There must be some magnetic attraction about Grantham. We all know what happened to two prominent ringers during the August holidays. They can smile—well, smile just a wee bit—in their turn now, for the other day 'His Worship' of Surfleet, intending to go to Lincoln, was 'brought back to earth' when his wife asked him where he was going, and he woke up to find himself well away on the Grantham road. But, being in his own car, of course, he was not dependent on making a connection at Peterborough to get to his proper destination.

It has been decided to have the ring of five bells of Paulerspury Church, Northants, rehung with new fittings in new framework. The work is to be carried out by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Mr. Fred Wilford, who recently gave up the office of Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild after many years' service, has retired from his appointment under the water authority at Northampton and has gone to live at Chapel Brampton.

Ringers with the Christian name of Ernest who would like to attempt a peal in London on Saturday, November 9th (the date of the A.S.C.Y. dinner), are asked to communicate with Mr. E. E. Holman, 61, Ruby Road, Walthamstow, E.17. It is hoped to arrange for a Surprise peal, or even two peals.

A workmanlike tenorman wore dungarees to 'beat the drum' to a peal of Grandsire Triples in a Hampshire tower the other day. If he hadn't he might have had to ring in a bathing suit, for his usual clothes were wet through after being caught in heavy rain.

But even that was better than a South Wales ringer a fortnight ago, who hadn't even got a bathing suit on, when his belt gave out in the middle of a peal.

The 'Barrabool' composition was rung for the first time on tower bells at Overseal, near Burton-on-Trent, on December 15th, 1934, conducted by Ernest Morris. That at Lewisham reported last week is the second time the composition has been rung on tower bells. The statement in our last issue was our mistake. We ought to have known better.

The peal rung at the Cathedral Campanile, Chichester, on August 24th, was to celebrate the 77th birthday, on Thursday, August 22nd, of Mr. H. J. Tucker, and many were the congratulations given to him at the conclusion of the peal by all the band.

The associations are getting to work again after the summer holidays. No fewer than 33 meetings, to be held on Saturday, September 21st, are advertised to-day in our notice columns.

YOUNGSTERS' HALF-PEAL.

On Saturday, September 7th, the Burnham, Bucks, band made their first attempt for a local peal of Bob Major. Owing to the indisposition of two members of the band, it was found desirable to bring the bells home half-way, after 1 hour and 32 minutes' good ringing: *B. O'Neill (age 14) 1, †R. Taylor (age 13) 2, J. E. Taylor (age 14) 3, †W. A. Cyster (age 15) 4, J. D. Taylor (age 15) 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. Gilbert 8. Another attempt is to be made in the immediate future. * First attempt. † First 'inside.'

THE FIRST PEAL AT WISBECH.

AN EARLY RINGING TOUR.

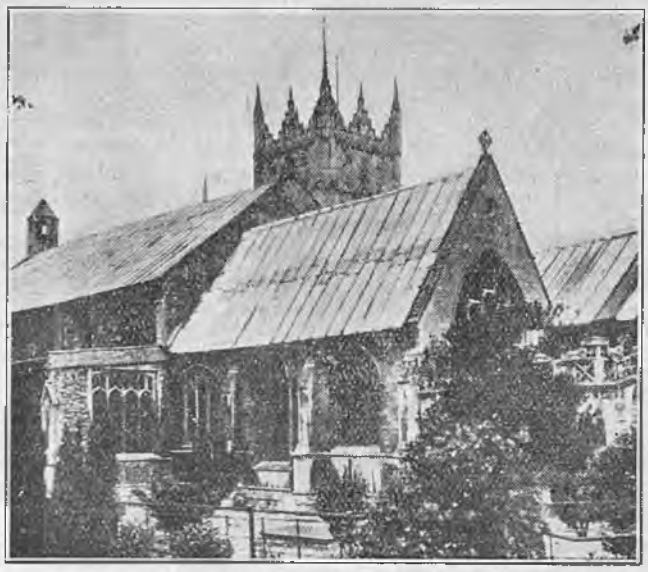
Norwich Scholars' Prowess at the Ropes.

The peal of Bob Major at Wisbech, Cambs, a short time ago, described as 'the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the only previous peal being Stedman Triples in 1906, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson,' recalls the first peal rung on the original bells of Wisbech, in the year 1771. These bells were a ring in F. The back eight of the present peal in E flat were originally cast at Downham and were opened on December 19th, 1823.

The peal rung in 1771 is of more than passing interest. It was the first peal on the bells and was one of a series rung by the Norwich Scholars, who, even in those distant days, had their 'ringing weeks.'

On this occasion they rang peals at Downham and Wisbech, opened the bells at Holbeach and, on the way home, took part in a ringing competition at Coltishall, which they won and, as prizes, received a new hat apiece.

Whether the ringers trudged the 70 miles to Holbeach and back again we do not know, but the experience evidently created an ambition to go further afield, for in the following year they made a journey to 'the cities of York and Lincoln and most of the remarkable towns in those parts, at which places they were treated in the politest manner and with the greatest respect, being universally esteemed for their skill in the much admired art of campanology.'



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WISBECH.

What information we have of the excursions, and in those distant days the journey to York and Lincoln must, indeed, have been 'a great adventure,' is due to that assiduous collector of early ringing records, the late Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk. From his voluminous manuscripts, his son, Mr. Theodore Slater, sends us the following extracts, which will be read with interest.

First of all there was the announcement of the opening of Downham bells, which appeared in a Norwich newspaper:—

'Downham Market—On Wednesday June 12th 1771 Will be opened at Downham in Norfolk A Peal of Eight Bells, the Tenor, Twelve Hundred Weight, the Treble four hundred in the Key of G. As there is no Particular Company proposed to open the bells such Ringers as choose to attend will meet with a kind reception by their humble Servant,

John Hall, at the Chequers in Downham Aforesaid. NB. A dinner will be provided Gratis.'

The Norwich men apparently did not attend the opening, but:—

'On Sunday June 23rd 1771 Was Rang at Downham in Norfolk, A Complete 5040 of Bob Major without changes alike or Bells out of course, And the first that ever was rang in that Steeple, Performed by Eight men from Norwich who completed it in 3 hours and 4 minutes.'

LIKEWISE On Monday June 24th 1771 Was Rang Another Complete 5040 Bob Major at Wisbeach in the Isle of Ely, And the First that ever was Rang in that Steeple which was Completed in 3 Hours and 19 minutes

John Chamberlain Treble and called the Peal

John Keepus	2	Simon Watling	5
John Dixon	3	John Dye	6
James Watling	4	John Howse	7

James Vines ... Tenor

(The 2nd man's name is also spelt Keepers.)

(Continued in next column.)

TO-MORROW'S AUSTRALIAN REUNION.

AN 'EMPIRE' GATHERING EXPECTED IN LONDON.

The reunion of the Australian tourists in London to-morrow promises to be an interesting gathering.

It was on September 14th last year that the English bellringers sailed in s.s. 'Barrabool' upon their journey to the Antipodes, and visitors from many places are coming to join them in celebrating the anniversary of their departure upon a tour which made ringing history.

Indeed, the gathering promises to take on an Empire character, for in addition to the English ringers who visited Australia and New Zealand, the company, it is hoped, will include Mr. M. R. Taylor, one of the Hobart ringers, whom the tourists met in Tasmania, and Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

A band of the tourists hope to attempt a peal in the afternoon at St. Clement Danes, 'Australia's church' in the Strand, where they meet as members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. All ten of those taking part have rung a peal at Melbourne Cathedral.

Other visitors will have facilities for ringing in the afternoon at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. James', Clerkenwell.

In the evening the party will sit down to dinner at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, and afterwards there will be an exhibition of Mr. Rupert Richardson's cinematograph pictures of the tour.

Not only will the tourists be very glad to meet each other once more, but the whole proceedings promise to be very enjoyable and interesting.

LET US DANCE THE METHOD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's novel way of teaching method ringing, described in the Beginners' column in your last issue, it has occurred to me that even more advanced ringers might get a lot of fun out of it. I'll warrant it would not be easy to get through a plain course of some of the advanced methods in this way.

It would be real fun to see eight London Surprise men 'walking' the method—they need not stop to ring handbells in between the steps, but just walk the 'blue line,' as it were. And why should not those who are fond of 'tripping the light fantastic toe' dance a course, or even a touch, of Stedman Cinques, a miniature 'Paul Jones' say, for the sixes in front, and a few waltz steps for each of the dodging places. It occurs to me that this would be good entertainment for dancers and spectators alike. 'TWO-STEP.'

'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'

ALMOST SOLD OUT.

So great has been the demand for 'A Great Adventure' that the book is almost sold out.

Those who promised, before publication, to purchase copies and have not yet forwarded remittance *must do so by next Tuesday*, the 17th inst., otherwise delivery cannot be guaranteed.

(Continued from previous column.)

Wisbech is 13 miles from Downham. On the following day the ringers went on to Holbeach, where they opened the new bells.

Holbeach in Lincolnshire—Also on Wednesday June 26th 1771 Was Opened at Holbeach A peal of Eight By the Aforesaid Company, Who gave Great Satisfaction to all the Gentlemen and Ladies who came on purpose to hear the Ringing at the Abovementioned Place.

Also the Same Company (that rang at Downham and Holbeach) went to Coltishall On Monday July 1st 1771 And rang for the Hats which they won from all the Companys present.

John Chamberlain called a peal at St. Michael's Coslany on January 13th, 1772, and later in the summer of that year the Norwich men journeyed to York and Lincoln, as the following extract shows. It would have been interesting to know how they travelled.

'Last Monday, July 6th 1772, A Company of Ringers Belonging to St. Peter of Mancroft in this City Returned home from a Tour which they had made to the North. In this Excursion they visited the Cities of York and Lincoln and most of the Remarkable Towns in those Parts. At which Places they were treated in the Politest manner and with the Greatest Respect, Being Universally Esteemed for their Skill in the much Admired Art of Campanology. At Holbeach in Lincolnshire, they rang a Complete Length of "Eight In." At which Place Their names with the Bell each man rang Was set up in the Belfry of the Church.'

Mr. Theodore Slater adds the information that Samuel Slater wrote to Holbeach and made inquiries about the visit of the Norwich Scholars, but the Rector replied that no record of the peal existed at Holbeach as far as he knew. Mr. P. Sadler, who helped Samuel Slater to compile these MSS., was told by the old Norwich Scholars that a peal of 5,040 Bob Major was rung at Holbeach, but he was unable to get a complete record of the peal. Probably the tablet recording it was taken down at some time and never replaced.

TASMANIA'S CATHEDRAL.

PUBLIC DEMAND FOR RINGING PEAL.

The provision of a ringing peal of bells in the tower now being erected at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, which, as mentioned in our issue of August 2nd, has been decided upon, was not secured without considerable effort.

When the English visitors arrived in the city last November the proposal which found favour with the authorities was for a chime of 13 bells, with tenor of 7 cwt. The tourists, led by Mr. Fussell at the civic reception which the Dean attended, used all their persuasive powers to secure that at least eight, if not ten, of the bells should be hung for ringing, and these of much larger size than was contemplated. It appeared as if this suggestion might be agreed to, but after their return to England information came that official opinion had swung back to a set of bells hung for chiming only.

We now know, of course, that other and wiser counsels prevailed, and that an order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor and Co. for 13 bells with a tenor of 15 cwt., eight of which are to be hung for ringing.

But the Tasmanian mail, which reached us recently, reveals that this decision was not come to without a good deal of pressure of public opinion, which came to the surface through the Press and elsewhere, and which was focussed in a leading article in 'The Mercury,' Tasmania's principal daily newspaper.

'Divergences of opinion,' said 'The Mercury,' 'may be expected in regard to the decision of the Dean and Chapter of St. David's Cathedral to put in a carillon instead of a peal of bells. A letter in "The Mercury" states the case very clearly when it says that a carillon "would tend to take away from the dignity" that is proper to a cathedral. Those who are familiar with some of the cathedrals in Britain will remember the magnificence of the peals which all of them have, and the peculiar individuality that such bells lend. There is something that is not only solemn and venerable, but which goes very deep into religious emotion, and seems unbreakably associated with it. It is the prerogative of a cathedral, more especially in the capital city of a State, to possess a peal of bells. Apart altogether from the technical side of the carillon, it has not, by its form, that imposing sense of grandeur that is felt when a full peal of bells is heard. It is smaller in every sense and less impressive, for it lacks the same depth of meaning, and speaks another language than the "full-throated clamour" that belongs to a peal. It may be that in reaching a decision the Dean and Chapter were influenced by questions of finance. If that is responsible for the choice of a carillon—and we hope it is nothing else—it is not improbable that a public appeal for funds would ensure the installation of a peal rather than a carillon. A cathedral is part of a city, and round it centres much of the religious life of the community. It is, therefore, deserving of all honour and every dignity, and, presuming that financial matters have affected the Dean and Chapter in their decision, an appeal to the general public might very satisfactorily enable them to revise it and give to St. David's Cathedral the peal of bells that would grace it with the lasting tribute of faith.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRACTICE MEETING AT DORSET BEAUTY SPOT.

A very useful meeting for practice was held on a recent Thursday by members of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches at the delightful village of Kingston, near Corfe Castle. The church is a cathedral in miniature and a noble piece of modern architecture bearing monumental witness to the munificence of the Earl of Eldon, who, it is said, spent £60,000 on it, and to the chaste and beautiful marble from the Purbeck quarries with which it is built.

The village also possesses another church, which was dedicated in 1880. It occupied six years in building. None of the work was put out to contract, the whole being entrusted to the estate workmen. Mr. G. E. Street, R.A., who was the architect, was in the rare and happy position of being bound by no restrictions as to cost or time. Every detail received his unremitting attention, and in building this beautiful village church, which forms so conspicuously striking a landmark, upon the steeply sloping hill, he achieved the 'masterpiece' of his career.

The bells (eight) were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. They were retuned and two recast in 1924 with a tenor of 29½ cwt. in D. They are a sheer delight to ring on, the 'go' and tone being all that can be desired. The ringing chamber is ideal.

The 25 ringers present for the practice were from Dorchester, Bournemouth, Poole, Wareham, Wool and Wyke Regis. A call was made on the way to ring at Wareham. The practice started about 3.30, and, with a break for tea and a visit to the top of the tower to admire the view—the Isle of Wight, the Purbeck Hills, Dorset Downs and Lake Land, together with Corfe Castle, make a perfect picture—were kept going until 8.30. Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were practised.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. R. Sandover 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, A. L. Bennett 3, R. B. Roberts 4, C. Glass 5, R. Wilmington 6, C. R. Walker 7, A. Mitchell 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. Wilmington.

A RINGER FOR 75 YEARS.

DEATH OF SUSSEX VETERAN.

Death has removed one of the oldest change ringers in the county of Sussex in the person of Mr. Tom Lewis, of Eastbourne, who was in his 91st year. He commenced his ringing career at 14 years of age, and actually took part in the ringing at St. Mary's Parish Church as recently as the King's Jubilee last May. He had thus had an active span of ringing for no less than three-quarters of a century.

THE LATE MR. TOM LEWIS.

The funeral took place on Monday, September 2nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. P. Hughes), a full choir being in attendance. The Sussex County Association was represented by Mr. A. C. Pankhurst (honorary divisional secretary of the Eastern Division), Messrs. A. Gower and Ben Hobbs (St. Saviour's Church), Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett (Brighton), Mr. G. Kenyon (local secretary of St. Mary's Parish Church tower), together with a large gathering of St. Mary's Parish Church ringers.

In the evening a half-muffled peal was rung.

DEATH OF MR. CYRIL HERBERT.

A BEDFORDSHIRE STALWART.

The death occurred, somewhat suddenly, on September 5th, of Mr. Charles Cyril Herbert, of Woburn, Beds, at the age of 64 years. He had been in indifferent health for several years past, and suffered from heart attacks at varying intervals. He had a more than usually severe attack at midday on Thursday week, from which he never recovered consciousness.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the Vicar of Woburn (the Rev. Alan Hervey) officiating, assisted by the Rev. Albert Rust, of Husborne Crawley, president of the Bedfordshire Association.

Deceased's only brother, Mr. Ernest Herbert (who is now the sole remaining member of the family) and Mrs. E. Herbert were the chief family mourners, and others present were Miss Steel and Mr. A. King (vice-presidents), Mr. A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary) and numerous other members of the Beds Association from Woburn, Aspley Guise, Husborne Crawley, Linslade, Bedford, etc. Miss Clarke attended as representative of her brother, Mr. C. W. Clarke, who was unable to be present, as were quite a number of other prominent local and county ringers owing to illness and other causes.

At the end of the service the whole pull and stand and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave.

Cyril Herbert was born at Aspley Guise, Beds, but removed to Woburn in his early childhood. He became a member of the Bedfordshire Association (which his father was instrumental in forming) just 50 years ago, and was made a vice-president in 1924. His tally of peals was 77, which would undoubtedly have been very much larger had he not been a sufferer from paralysis of the hip, contracted in infancy. Although this was a severe handicap to him, especially in tower-bell ringing, he often showed great fortitude in 'sticking it out' to the end of many a peal.

When the Woburn company gained several promising recruits in the late nineties and became proficient enough to ring a peal, Cyril Herbert naturally fell into the position of foreman and conductor, and rapid headway was made under his tuition, especially in handbell ringing, as his father's home (and subsequently his own) was 'open house' to all and sundry, and handbell practice took place regularly twice a week, culminating in the scoring of a peal in each number from Triples to Plain Bob Maximus, the latter being the only peal on twelve bells rung in the county and by the association.

Other handbell 'records' for the county were performed from time to time, notably Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Little Bob Major and Royal, and a non-conducted peal of Plain Bob Triples (Holt's Six-part), which the writer cannot trace as having ever been previously accomplished on handbells. In addition, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal broke down less than half a course from the end at the first attempt.

Cyril Herbert's death has widened an increasing gap, both locally and further afield, which it seems impossible will ever be again filled.

Seldom did a report appear in 'The Ringing World' of a visiting company of ringers to Woburn without a reference being made to their being met and welcomed by 'the brothers Herbert.'

Much sympathy is extended to his brother, Ernest, in his great bereavement.

H. D. H.

THE WEEK IN THE WEST.

By 'Riponian.'

(Continued from page 576.)

'TOWER SNATCHING.'

Wednesday brought a day of real 'tower snatching,' nine towers being visited during the course of the run, and as the bells had to be pulled up in almost every case, the younger end of the party found themselves in great demand.

Bristol was left at 10 a.m. promptly, and a short journey, again enlivened by the Poppy chorus, with 'Dusty Rhodes' at the mouth organ, brought the excursionists to Chew Magna. This church, dedicated to St. Andrew, possesses a fine peal of eight, tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb., rehung and retuned by Mears and Stainbank in 1928. The church also possesses a painted chancel screen and interesting tombs.

Chew Stoke, only about one mile from Chew Magna, has a ground floor belfry and a light peal of six. After ringing here, a number of interesting Bibles in the church were found well worthy of inspection.

Proceeding to Compton Martin, good use was made of the peal of six, tenor 16½ cwt. Some fine Norman work, particularly in the chancel, also engaged attention. One pillar raises an interesting architectural problem. It is obviously Norman in style, but the fluting on it reminds one of the Prentice Pillar in Roslyn Chapel, and is probably the work of a Tudor craftsman. It was at this village that the singers went astray, and wandering, quite by chance, into the village inn, persuaded an old lady resident, aged 83, to have a drink with them. She informed them that it was the first occasion in her life when she had had a drink in the morning. On the strength of this they took her photograph. We are told that the cider was quite above the average.

Ubley possesses a very small church, dedicated to St. Bartholomew, and the peal of six bells, tenor 12 cwt., is rung from the ground floor. Preserved in the church is a portion of an old bell recast in 1913 into the present peal. This fragment of the bell shows the Prince of Wales' crest and bears the date 1622. Several good touches were brought round, and 'Freddie,' the driver, who was, by this time, getting used to ringers, started up the engine as the bells came down.

After lunch the fine Church of St. Andrew, Blagdon, was visited. The church has been extensively but very carefully restored and possesses some good modern examples of craftsmanship in its windows and rood screen, the latter being a memorial to members of the Wills family. The bells go somewhat heavily, but are a fairly good eight with a tenor of just less than a ton.

WEIGHT AND SEA.

The bells at Wrington, the next stopping place, are too well known to call for further praise. Sufficient then, let it be, to say that they are a splendid ten, with a tenor of 37 cwt. in C sharp. The visitors appreciated the opportunity of ringing them and tried to do them justice.

Upon arriving at Congresbury, the excursionists were pleasantly surprised to find not only a ground floor belfry, but also that the bells were up ready for use. They are a good peal of eight with a tenor of 35 cwt. Following the ringing, the journey was resumed to the inevitable 'Covered Wagon,' and Yatton was reached in time for tea. Afterwards there was ringing at the Parish Church on the peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), and the visitors had time to inspect the interesting church, which contains some fine examples of local craftsmanship, including the screens carved by the boys of the Yatton Night School, and a banner, the work of local ladies. There are several fine tombs in the church, which is well preserved. In the vestry is an interesting model of a bell, complete with fittings, which, unfortunately, proved unringable.

The steeple presents an odd appearance, as, owing to an error in design, it has never been completed, and terminates in a weathercock at less than half its intended height. St. Andrew's, Clevedon, was the last tower for the day. Here there is a fine peal of eight with tenor of 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E, hanging in a central tower. Those who managed to secure a pull in the earlier touches afterwards enjoyed a pleasant walk along the sea front to the Pier Hotel, where the party reassembled.

On the return journey, via the coast route to Bristol, the party were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Guise and their daughter, Peggy. The return journey was again enlivened by singing, and after one call to assuage the thirst of the choir, Bristol was reached rather later than usual.

The non-ringing ladies were found very useful during the tour, and particularly on this day, when they spent a great deal of time securing picture postcards of the various churches in which ringing took place. Perhaps this activity of theirs explains the mystery of why ringers take their wives with them on tour.

Thursday brought a very early start and a very long journey. Shortly after 8 a.m. the 'covered wagon' was en route for Devon to the strains of 'Roll along,' and, favoured by the weather and absence of traffic, was soon in Bridgwater.

Bill Thomas travelled with us on this occasion, and amused everyone by donning a small cricket cap bearing the figure of a bell and the letters B.U.R.G. and an enormous pair of spectacles attached to his coat by a length of window cord. Those who were familiar with the route pointed out to the less familiar the objects of interest, and included in this category all visible towers with peals of bells. Passing through Exeter, we climbed the long hill past the racecourse and then stopped for a few minutes to admire the magnificent view obtainable from this point, cool the engine, gather heather and, in some cases, obtain a little refreshment.

FAREWELL TO BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS.

Buckfast was reached three minutes ahead of time. The magnificent Abbey was admired by all. The present ringing 'chamber' is, as many know, situated on a gallery running round the central tower, and is about 60ft. above the level of the Abbey floor. The bells, which are shortly to be removed for recasting, will, on their return, be hung higher up in the tower, now rising to completion, and the present bell loft will become the new ringing chamber. The tourists contented themselves with ringing rounds on the peal of twelve and with a touch of Grandsire Triples on the back eight. This peal of twelve, with tenor 28 cwt., have trebles which are not easy to handle, and the visitors were probably the last band to ring on this peal before their recasting, and the last to ring in this unusual ringing chamber. An inspection of the Abbey, which is exceptionally beautiful, was made. One member of the party had some difficulty in finding the entrance to the tower, and accidentally entered the Refectory, disturbing the monks at their midday meal.

Lunch was served at Buckfastleigh, but, owing to lack of waitresses and the immense appetite displayed by the choir, the tourists were considerably behind time when Buckfastleigh was left for the return journey. 'Freddie,' however, did his best, and, returning along the same road avoided Dartmoor by some miles, and, on reaching Exeter, a rapid dash was made to St. Sidwell's, where one of the local ringers was patiently waiting. Time did not allow of much ringing on this peal of ten, but everyone had a pull, and the more energetic members of the party found time to visit the Cathedral for a few minutes.

An extra tower, St. James', Taunton, was, by invitation of Mr. James Hunt, included in the programme, and this gentleman was waiting patiently for the party when they arrived, rather late, in Taunton. Everyone had a pull on this ring of eight (tenor 20 cwt.), and noted with interest, in the belfry, a copy of 'A Great Adventure.' After securing a rather late tea, the journey was resumed to Bristol via Bridgwater, with plenty of songs to enliven the trip. One stop, for the benefit of the thirsty members, was made, and at 11 p.m. the party arrived back in Bristol, after a very pleasant day, having covered about 220 miles.

INTERESTING FACTORY VISITS.

Ringing on Friday was rather limited, as there were two escorted tours of factories to make, and no ringing was included in the official programme. But, thanks to the activities of the Bristol ringers, two further towers were secured. About 9 a.m. they assembled at St. John's-on-the-Wall and rang several good touches on this pleasant peal of six (tenor 11 cwt.). This church is exceptionally interesting, as it is built on the city wall, the tower forming part of the wall itself. The lowest stage of the tower is an archway, giving, at one time, access to the city, and now providing a light traffic route. The interior of the church is interesting and contains some good wood carving.

The rest of the morning was spent in a visit to the famous factory of W. D. and H. O. Wills, which proved exceptionally interesting. The raw tobacco and the various processes of manufacture were seen, the spinning and compressing of the shredded leaves into more familiar forms were watched with interest. The stripping room, where the veins are removed from the leaves, was also interesting, but it was the cigarette making machines which attracted most attention. These machines were turning out familiar brands of cigarettes, including the humble 'Woodbine,' at an unbelievable rate, and were fascinating to watch. Equally interesting were the machines which packed the cigarettes into packets, manufacturing the packets, inserting the cigarettes, pictures, foil and paper, and finally placing the outer wrapper on the packet, and the requisite number of packets in a carton. Other processes, including the manufacture of cigars, were watched. The factory, despite the aroma of tobacco, which at times was almost overpowering, is exceptionally clean, and the 3,500 employes seem to be very happy in their work.

At the conclusion of the tour each member of the party was presented with a souvenir book and cigarettes or tobacco. Some, probably the nicer looking ones, also received a handsome cigar each. As a token of appreciation, the lady guides were invited to join the party at the social held in the evening.

After lunch in Bristol, the whole party again assembled at St. Stephen's, with the exception of one member, who turned up only a minute or two after. He had been having his hair cut, and those who were on the 1932 tour were not slow in reminding him of an occasion when he delayed the party for some time for a similar reason. A short journey brought the tourists to Somerdale, the factory of Messrs. Fry, the celebrated chocolate manufacturers, situated in ideal surroundings, and within sight of Keynsham Church. This again proved to be a very interesting experience, but the aroma was not as pleasant to the male nostrils as that of the tobacco factory. All the many processes through which the chocolate passes were seen, and the size and noise of the machines was rather surprising.

Clever packing machines were seen in action, and the dexterity of some of the girl workers called for admiration.

The number of steps climbed and descended during the two tours was large even for ringers, and tea in Messrs. Fry's huge dining hall was much appreciated. It was supplied at a purely nominal charge. Before leaving the factory each was presented with an edible souvenir of the tour.

(To be continued.)

'THE WORLD WE LISTEN IN.'

MR. FILSON YOUNG THINKS RINGING MUST BE FUN.

In the current issue of 'The Radio Times,' Mr. Filson Young, who recently had an interesting article on bellringing as gleaned from the columns of 'The Ringing World,' returns to the subject, 'if only,' he says, 'to share some concentrated information with many readers.' 'You know,' he proceeds, 'I constantly get letters about matters written about on this page; but I don't think anything I have written here has produced so many entirely delightful letters as has the article on bellringing, published a few weeks ago. Bellringers must be very jolly people, but they seem to have minds like mathematicians. I am going to quote part of a letter I received from Ilminster, the erudition of which both staggers and allures me. Shall I try to learn change ringing? It sounds far more difficult than flying.'

And then Mr. Filson Young goes on to quote from a letter containing some of the fundamental principles of change ringing. He concludes:—

'Can you beat that for fun? Can you understand any of it? And isn't it exasperating? You feel certain that the writer not only knows what he is talking about, but believes that he is making it clear to you and me. I have had to leave out two quarto pages of his typewritten letter; but it is all in the same fluent, delightful vein. I believe that if I could understand it, I should be half-way to an expert change ringer. Nevertheless, the understanding of it seems hopelessly unattainable. But then so once did flying. And perhaps flying and ringing have something in common; for my friend ends his letter by telling me that "the first ten minutes' instruction made me a ringer for life."'

COST OF TEAS AT KENT MEETINGS.

ASHFORD DISTRICT SUPPORT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association once again held its annual meeting at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, August 31st. Upwards of 60 were present from Ashford, Canterbury Cathedral, Cheriton, Cranbrook, Brabourne, Egerton, Gravesend, Headcorn, Hythe, Newington, Pluckley, Sturry, Stowting, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye. The Vicar, the Rev. Ronald Sinclair, conducted the usual service, giving a short and inspiring address, which was much appreciated. Miss Harman kindly presided at the organ.

Tea was provided by the association in the Parish Hall, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) and the officers of the district.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Vicar until he had to leave, and then by Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

The question of combining the quarterly meetings with meetings of the Romney Marsh Guild was brought up for final discussion, and it was unanimously decided to combine them, at the discretion of the respective secretaries.

The quarterly meetings for the coming year are to be held at Biddenden, Headcorn, Hythe and Ashford, in December, March, June and September respectively.

Mr. P. Page was re-elected Master and thanked for his past services, as also were the Central Committee representatives, Messrs. E. S. Ruck and C. Tribe.

Mr. F. Conley was reappointed secretary, and Mr. G. Swaffer accepted the post of assistant secretary in order to take the office if or when Mr. Conley has to leave.

Five practising members and one non-resident life member were elected.

A resolution from another district, protesting against the action of the Central Committee in fixing the price allowed for district annual teas, was read.—The meeting unanimously decided that the amount was sufficient, and authorised its representatives to vote for the retention of the committee's ruling.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and his attendance, to the organist for her services, also to the general secretary for his visit to Ashford.

A collection for the Benevolent Fund amounted to 19s. Useful practice was put in on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' Church on the 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner on Nov. 9th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 14th, at Upper Sheringham. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please help to make this meeting a great success.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Oxenhope, near Keighley, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. — Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Assembly Rooms, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Hoping to have a good meeting. — H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A special meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Sept. 14th, as a farewell to Rev. R. P. Farrow, who is leaving the district. Ringing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a social evening at the Star Inn. Light refreshments. Please notify A. Ballard, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, Leicester. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston, Bath, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Meeting at Haslemere on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson on Saturday, September 14th. Visitors welcome.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Great Horwood on Saturday, Sept. 14th. 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.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested in order to help a young band.—W. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 17th to Mrs. C. Osler, Fabians, Bramley. —J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Birstwith, near Harrogate, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the new peal of 8 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) also in the schools at 5 p.m., and all who require tea should notify Mr. Jackson Ewbank, Rose Cottage, Birstwith, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th. General meeting immediately after tea. There is an hourly bus service from Harrogate, leaving at a quarter past the hour. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay. — J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please send their names to Mr. A. A. Saunders, Greenstead Green, Halstead, not later than Wednesday, the 18th, or to me, F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne?

LEA, LINCS.—A Ringers' Day will be held at Lea (1 mile from Gainsborough) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6, tenor 13¼ cwt., recently rehung) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. The Rector will provide a free tea as usual, but only to those who notify me before Tuesday, Sept. 17th. All ringers will be welcome, and everybody who can handle a bell will be catered for.—Leslie Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell prize contest at Holmfirth on Sept. 21st. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each, only to those who notify by Sept. 14th.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves L.M.S. Station Yard, Wolverhampton, at 1.50 and every half-hour. Reports ready. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sileby on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Notification for tea, to undersigned, not later than Wednesday previous.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Meeting Ruddington, Sept. 21st. at 5 p.m. New members and learners welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 in the Church School, price 1/-. Frequent bus service from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, Coventry.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. For tea please advise K. Lewis, 32, Brindley Avenue, Marple.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting of the above branch will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, September 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 (9d. per head). Service at 7. All ringers welcome. Please let me know by Wednesday, the 18th, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Maxey on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec. 137, Scotney St., Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.— Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Hope on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells open 3 p.m. Ringers make own arrangements for tea. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright St., North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at The White Cot Dairy at 5. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A practice meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, September 21st. Bells from 2.30. Please notify Mrs. Brindley, Burghclere Parish Room, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton Parish Church, on Saturday September 21st, instead of 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Deerhurst September 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Intending visitors please notify by Wednesday, 18th.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chesham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 21st, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head for those who notify me not later than September 16th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Havering on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6 recently rehung) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise me by Monday, Sept. 16th, of their intention of being present. L.P.T. Bus No. 175 from Romford Station passes the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Northwold on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Littleport on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Please come.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambridge.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, September 21st, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 21st. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 18th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.— Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (a fine peal of six) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton-St.-Margaret on Saturday, September 21st. Bristol bus from Swindon Town Hall every half-hour, fare 3d. Eight bells, usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bridgwater Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—By kind permission, the Southern District will hold a meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, September 21st. Bells 4—6, 7—9. Tea may be obtained at Express Dairy, G.W. Road, Cheap fares, Underground, to any Hounslow station, thence 1d. bus.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, at usual terms. Service at 6 o'clock. Ringing afterwards. Please send advice for tea to Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, not later than 18th inst. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Highley, Salop, on Sept. 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible. — H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—The ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), restored by Gillett & Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro on Sunday, September 22nd. Ringers' day, Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 2 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea for ringers at St. Andrew's Hall at 5 p.m.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — The Lord Bishop of Peterborough will re-dedicate the bells at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25th. A ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Babcary (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 8th annual cup contest will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m. Contest commence 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Aston, Sheffield, before Sept. 25th. The bells will be open for visitors after tea and meeting. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wed., Sept. 25th. —D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Preston, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at Preston Parish Church (10 bells), Preston St. Mark's (6), Penwortham (8), Higher Walton (8). Service at Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in School, 5 (1/6 each to all who send their names to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, before Thursday, September 26th). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse will demonstrate with his ringing machine from 2.30 to 3.30, and 5 to 5.30.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11; A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at West Hallam (Newark not available), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee meet 3.45. Short service 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Frequent bus service from Nottingham via Ilkeston; also buses from Derby. All attending must notify E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than first post 27th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The fourth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 6 p.m. The Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, will preside. Hotel situated two minutes' walk from Foregate Street Station, and car park available on premises. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), all 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Sept. 24th, from branch officers, Dinner Committee, or Joseph D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Tea at 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall; price 1s. each. Notification re tea should be sent to your own Branch Secretary by the 23rd. Ringing arrangements: Wraysbury (8) 3—4.30, Egham (8) 3.30—4.30 and 7—8.30, St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7—8.30 St. Peter's, Staines (8), 3.30—5 and 7—8 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Rd., Thames Ditton; A. W. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough; F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—The bells will be re-dedicated on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7 p.m. Ring of eight rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

TATTERSHALL, LINCS.—The bells which have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on Friday, October 4th, at 7 p.m.

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Until a year ago the ties between ringers in the outflung parts of the Empire and those in the homeland had been very flimsy; indeed, they hardly existed except in the common interest in the art, and interest in ringing in the Dominions is apt to reach a very low ebb. Facilities are few and far between, and a man cut off from bells must naturally find his interest flagging. Even where there are companies it is hard to maintain keenness, and only those who have had the struggle to keep ringing going in such isolated centres can fully realise the difficulties. But the tour to Australia last year did at least two things. It stirred up a new interest among the ringers and churchpeople in the Commonwealth—as our readers have seen in the reports which have come to hand from time to time. A course of Grandsire Doubles here, a peal attempt there and, in the case of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, the decision to add more bells, and at Hobart, to have bells hung for ringing instead of for chiming only at the Cathedral. That is one thing.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EVAN COLES...	...*Treble*	FRANK ROWSELL	6
ERNEST STITCH	2	*REGINALD ADDIS	7
ALBERT J. PITMAN	3	†THOMAS J. SETTER	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
GEORGE LARGE	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

LONDON.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ..	*Treble*	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	8
JOSEPH HARDCASTLE	4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	9
*CHARLES SHARPLES	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

First peal in the method for the society and rung on the anniversary of the sailing, in 1934, of the English ringers who toured Australia. All the above have rung a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. * First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY ...	...*Treble*	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ...	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLLER ...	2	J. HILTON SYKES	6
VICTOR COPLEY	3	CHARLES H. GILLOTT	7
WILLIS HAIGH	4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

The annual peal. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary Brearley, B.A., and Miss Bessie Brearley, A.L.C.M., older daughters of the treble ringer, and sisters of the conductor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HERBERT CHADDOCK	5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL	2	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE	6
NORMAN CHADDOCK	3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER	7
HAROLD DENMAN	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. O. Burchnall and Miss M. Pinney, who were married in London the same day.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF HEREWARD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SFERRING	*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
FRED HARTMAN	2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE	6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	3	JAMES MORGAN	7
GEORGE JONES	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

First peal in the method by all. First peal of Hereward Major in Wales.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LADD	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN	6
GEORGE R PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were recast and augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	†RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. † 400th peal for the Guild. First Surprise peal on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt. in D.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	FRANK E. DARBY	5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	3	DANIEL COOPER	7
THOMAS G. BANNISTER	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Treble*	JOHN W. UNWIN	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	6
ARTHUR S. BOAR	3	LOUIS HEAD	7
WILLIAM SPICE	4	GEORGE H. SPICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Wednesday, September 11, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOLER	5
TOM O'HARA	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
*VICTOR COPLEY	3	J. HYLTON SYKES	7
JOHN R. BREARLEY	4	THOMAS E. LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt. 12 lb.

FRANK BENNETT	*Treble*	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	5
ROBERT J. DAWE	2	GEORGE W. STOKES	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	7
*JOHN WHITEHEAD	4	†JOHN C. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt for peal of Stedman. † First peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, September 12, 1935, 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.

*ARNOLD ARMITAGE	*Treble*	FRANK LORD	5
JACK BRAY	2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN.	6
FRED LACEY	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
ERNEST BRITTAIN	4	*HAROLD JUDD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY LACEY	*Treble*	*SYDNEY M. BAILEY	5
LESLIE W. STEVENS	2	JOHN GRUNDY	6
GEORGE BUTLER	3	HORACE MOULT	7
JOHN BOOTH	4	*BERT QUEMBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. STEVENS.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor, and arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

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BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH	...Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	5
HENRY HODGETTS	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE	3	FRANCIS KIRK	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	...Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey, and a patron of the association. It was the conductor's 150th peal (all on tower bells) for the Herts Association and his 25th on above bell.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*RONALD F. SALTER	...Treble	FRANK BRADLEY	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN.	2	J. ALFRED BARRETT	6
FRANK BROWN	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
ALBERT COPPOCK	4	RALPH NARBOROUGH	...Tenor

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRETT.

* First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING	...Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
GEORGE HOWLETT	2	RUSSELL RICHES	6
WILLIAM FLATT	3	WALTER BARRETT	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	CHARLES LOOME	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH	...Treble	*JAMES G. NEWMAN	5
ALBERT FLEET	2	HARRY TYSOE	6
EDGAR H. TINGEY	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	7
MISS EVELYN STEEL	4	FREDERICK BOWLES	...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Cyril Herbert, vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT	...Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH	5
WM. E. PITMAN, MUS. BAC.	2	HORACE WHITEHEAD	6
JOSEPH WAGHORN	3	HARRY PARKES	7
*REGINALD A. BALDOCK	4	*JOHN W. EUSTON	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. WAGHORN.

* First peal in the method.

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WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE	...Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	6
THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM LEWIS	7
WALTER H. RAXTER	4	CHARLES CAMM	...Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Raxter, this being his first peal in a Treble Bob method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*LEWIS BUSH	...Treble	FRED WIGMORE	5
ALFRED BACON	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	6
JOHN BUCKENHAM	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
WALLACE COUSINS	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	...Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Weir, curate at this church, who was married in London on September 7th.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	...Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
*GEORGE E. FEARN	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	A. PADDON SMITH	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

* 100th peal. First peal of Major as conductor on tower bells. Rung in the octave of the 74th dedication festival of this church.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE CORNWALL	...Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES L. SADLER	2	ERNEST COX	6
JOHN J. WEBB	3	ALFRED T. POULTON	7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	4	WILLIAM POSTON	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

LAWRENCE CHADBURN	...Treble	*MRS. L. L. EAST	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	J. ALFRED BARRETT	6
MISS IDA B. THOMPSON	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	7
HORACE BYFIELD	4	†WALTER NICHOLS	...Tenor

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRETT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss I. B. Thompson.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Tuesday, September 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Dickens 1, G. F. Swann 2, W. H. Funge 3, W. H. Hall 4, J. Preston 5, W. G. Anker 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, E. Roper 8. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of Sir Alfred H. Evans, J.P., the ringers wishing him 'many happy returns of the day.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Thursday, August 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Headington,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

George Horwood	...Treble	Francis E. Taylor	4
Richard A. Post	2	Francis E. May	5
William H. B. Wilkins	3	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg	...Tenor

Conducted by F. E. Taylor.

BADGEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Cheltenham Branch.)

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, 10 of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob, and eight of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 17 cwt.

R. Daniels	...Treble	A. Williams	4
W. Oakey	2	L. Harper	5
G. Kilminster	3	C. Staite	...Tenor

Conducted by W. Oakey.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Crane, a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the first association meeting held at this tower.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

E. A. Stevenson	...Treble	H. C. Read	4
Mrs. H. Carter	2	W. C. Medler	5
H. F. Carter	3	G. Bailey	...Tenor

Conducted by G. Bailey.

Rung in honour of H. C. Read's wedding.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Gordon Limmer	...Treble	Leonard Stilwell	4
William Birmingham	2	James F. Smith	5
George H. Gutteridge	3	Alan R. Pink	...Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Birmingham.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre, (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden, (4) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (6) London, Cunecastre and Wells, (7) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 10 cwt.

Harry Gibbard	...Treble	Thomas A. Cooper	4
*Charles W. Woods	2	*Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	5
Horace M. Day	3	Thomas L. Bainbridge	...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. Day.

* First peal in 26 methods. Arranged for the wedding of Mr. G. E. Pickering and Miss E. A. Neal, daughter of the tower captain, who were married in this church the same afternoon.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) London Bob and Lytham Bob, (6) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (7) College and Wavertree College. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Lois M. Neale	...Treble	Harold Barsley	4
Arthur Young	2	Cyril R. Burrell	5
Harvey E. Burrell	3	*William E. Clarke	...Tenor

Conducted by William E Clarke.

* First peal in 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minute

In the Belfry of St. Michael's,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Bertie J. Howchin	1-2	George H. Cross	5-6
Albert Roughy	3-4	William B. Duncan	7-8

Conducted by George H. Cross.

First half of peal composed by George H. Cross.

Second half of peal composed by John R. Pritchard.

Umpire: J. A. Godfrey. First peal on handbells by the ringer of 1-2 for 23 years.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

On the Lawn at Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

*Edwin H. Lewis	1-2	Wilfred H. J. Hooton	5-6
†Christopher W. Woolley	3-4	‡George E. Feirn	7-8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

* First handbell peal in the method. † 100th handbell peal. ‡ First peal in the method. This peal was witnessed by seven ringers and others.

The following peals were rung during a ringing tour in and near Dorset:—

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Keith Hart	...Treble	Wilfred Williams	5
Alfred T. Greenwood	2	C. Ernest Smith	6
Jack M. Cripps	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Kenneth Snelling	4	Oliver Sippetts	...Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Frede. W. Rogers

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Keith Hart	...Treble	Frederick W. Rogers	5
Nelson Elliott	2	Jack M. Cripps	6
Kenneth Snelling	3	Wilfred Williams	7
C. Ernest Smith	4	Oliver Sippetts	...Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise in the county and by the Guild.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

NELSON ELLIOTT	*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS...	5
GEORGE POPNELL	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5
KEITH HART...	2	C. ERNEST SMITH...	6
NELSON ELLIOTT...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
GEORGE POPNELL	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	JACK M. CRIPPS	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Superlative Surprise on the bells.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol Surprise in the tower. C. E. Smith's 250th peal.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5
KEITH HART...	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	6
WALTER PERKINS	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
KEITH HART...	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ORIGINAL.

There is a tendency among many ringers to despise the simple things, but there is often a great deal to be learned from them. One of the neglected methods is 'Original,' so called, we presume, because it is the foundation of all methods—the plain hunting of all the bells. Nothing is simpler than this in change ringing—that is probably why it is neglected, but it is splendid practice. Indeed, it is surprising that more use is not made of it as an introduction to the art for the beginner.

Plain hunting has been fully explained in these hints to beginners, but briefly to recapitulate: After leading you strike in turn in all the places on the way to the back, until you get behind. Thus, if you have five bells, when you have led, you strike in 2nd's, 3rd's, 4th's, twice in 5th's (which constitutes the whole pull behind and turns you round, so to speak), and then go back to lead a step at a time—4th's, 3rd's, 2nd's. How to find the right bell to strike over was described last week. Read that article if you missed it, it may help you.

Now the method, Original, consists merely of this plain hunting. The odd bells (1, 3, 5, etc.) start by hunting up, and the even bells (2, 4, 6, etc.) by hunting down. Actually you can ring the method by starting the bells in the opposite directions, but we need not bother about that here.

If you ring Doubles, the bells come round at the end of ten changes; if you ring Minor, at the end of twelve changes, and so on. There are just twice as many changes in a plain course as there are bells employed. Let us confine ourselves for the moment to Doubles. In order to get the full 120 changes, bobs and singles must be employed, as in any other method, and the conductor will find the calling an interesting job, even if the method is simple, because the bobs can come very close together.

In the construction of the Doubles you get all the bells in turn leading a whole pull right, that is, at handstroke and backstroke. At the other end of the changes, the whole pulls behind come at backstroke and handstroke, and the bob is made by a bell making 3rd's place and causing the bells in 4-5 to dodge, one after its whole pull behind and the other before it. The bell making 3rd's place goes back to lead, in front of, instead of behind, the bells that dodged.

When a single is called, the bells behind, instead of dodging, 'lie still,' as it is called; that is the bell coming down makes a whole pull in 4th's over the bell making 3rd's, and then lies another whole pull behind; the bell going up lies a whole pull behind (two blows over the same bell), and hunts straight down.

THE CONDUCTOR'S JOB.

Now, if you once have rope sight, it ought not to be very difficult to ring this method, but the conductor has got to keep awake. He can get 60 changes by calling a bob as he passes down through 3-2 for the first time, and another bob a whole pull later, just as he leads. Then after going behind he calls a bob just as he leads the next time. This he does twice more alternately, and the bells come round at the end of the course—that will be when the conductor gets back to the point from which he started. In the actual ringing those who are dodging behind at the first of the pair of bobs must remember to stop for another dodge when the second bob is called.

To extend the 60 changes to the full 120, two singles are needed, which must be called in the corresponding place in each half. For convenience, as a first attempt, it may be well to call it in passing through 3-2 coming down the last time in each half, in which case it has to be followed by the remaining bob a whole pull later. Here are the figures of this 120; they may help the budding conductor.

	12345	
	21435	
	24153	
Call first bob	42513	
	45231	
Call second bob	54213	First bob made here
	52431	
	25413	Second bob made here
	24531	
	42351	
	43215	
	34125	
	31452	
	13542	
	15324	
Call third bob	51234	
	52143	
	25134	Third bob made here
	21543	
	12453	
	14235	

This, repeated twice, produces 60 changes. The complete 120 is got by calling a single the last time you pass through 3-2, and then ringing another 60 changes in the same way. The studious conductor will soon learn to put his singles elsewhere if he wishes, and he will probably be quick to find out that the calling of the bobs may be varied by having one in the first course and two in the second, and also by using any of the five bells as his 'observation.'

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR SOUTH WALES.

PENARTH'S ACQUISITION.

Penarth Parish Church now has the proud possession of a musical ring of eight bells. The old ring of six bells had been silent for the past few years, and, thanks to an anonymous donor, were recently sent to the Loughborough Foundry, where they have been broken up and recast into a ring of eight, with tenor 12¾ cwt., and hung with entirely new fittings in a metal frame.

The Bishop of Llandaff dedicated the new bells at a special service on Wednesday evening, September 11th. The church, a very large one, was full to overflowing, many of the congregation having to stand. Immediately following the dedication ceremony, the bells were rung in rounds whilst the clergy returned to their places. The Lord Bishop gave an address.

The opening touch was one of Stedman Triples, rung by members of the Diocesan Association. Afterwards various methods were rung by visiting ringers. Everyone was delighted with the beautiful tone and go of the bells, which reflect the highest credit on the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT HENFIELD.

On Saturday, September 14th, a very successful meeting of the Southern Division was held at Henfield. Fifty ringers were present from Brighton (St. Nicholas', St. Peter's, and the Good Shepherd), Shoreham, Steyning, Lower Beeding, Billingshurst, Hurstpierpoint, Bolney, Twineham, Tunbridge Wells, Worthing, Hastings, Lewes, Warnham, Southborough, and also from the local tower.

The Rev. Canon R. J. Lea (Vicar) conducted the service, and the Rev. S. G. Blaikie preached from the text, 'As workers together with him,' stressing the point that ringers were also members of the Church organisation.

Tea took place in the Church Room, and was by the kind invitation of the Vicar, who also presided over the business meeting which followed.

New members were elected from Shoreham, Mr. F. Page; non-resident, Mr. R. V. Fuller, of Reigate; and the division was pleased to welcome another honorary member from Henfield, Mr. P. J. Avis.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality and his arrangements at the service.

A collection was also made for the Benevolent Fund of the association amounting to 17s.

At six o'clock the bells, which had been kept going during the afternoon, were set going again to methods which ranged from rounds to Bristol and London Surprise, while some good touches of Stedman and Plain Bob were rung on handbells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRESH GROUND BROKEN.

For the first time during its 57 years' existence, the Norwich Diocesan Association visited Upper Sheringham and received a very hearty welcome from the Rev. J. F. G. Guinness and Squire H. E. S. Upcher.

Members were present from Aylsham, Buxton, Cromer, Northrepps, Norwich, North Walsham, Wiveton, Dersingham, Fakenham, Saxlingham, and the local band, and a variety of methods rung on the six bells during the afternoon and evening.

A short service conducted by the Vicar was followed by tea in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting Messrs. Sydney Flint (Dersingham) and John King (Bodham) were elected members of the association; Wymondham was selected as the venue of the next meeting on December 7th, and Mr. Coleman (general secretary) made known the Central Council's decision to compile a register of peals rung prior to 1826.

It was decided to consider ways and means of teaching a band at the local tower, and, in conclusion, the Vicar was thanked for the use of his bells, his address and his hospitality.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Hungerford on Saturday, September 7th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Beedon, Hungerford, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore and Thatcham. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master) was present with visitors from Beaconsfield, Swindon, Bramley, Aldbourne, Farnborough, Twyford and Woolton Hill.

The Rev. H. Wardley King (Vicar of Hungerford) being away on holiday, service was conducted by the Rev. C. Elliot Inchbald, of Hungerford, who gave a very helpful address. Mr. D. Davis was at the organ. Tea was served in the Church House, 36 sitting down. The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided over the business meeting.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 16th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. Elliot Inchbald for his address and welcome, to Mr. Davis for playing the organ, and to Mr. and Mrs. Reed for providing the tea.

The Deputy Master addressed the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were no belfry elections necessary before the peal at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, rung for the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. All the ringers held the society's certificate of membership.

For those who are interested in such facts, here is a coincidence. The conductor, who thus called the first peal for the Melbourne Society in the British Isles, had previously called the first peal of Cinques, out of the British Isles, in Melbourne. More than 30 years ago in Ireland he called the first Surprise peal rung out of England, and, a little later, the first Irish Association peal rung in England.

A very pleasant joint meeting of the Surrey Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Thames Ditton on Saturday week, and was attended by about 30 ringers, most of whom were members of the two organisations.

In the notice of the East Grinstead and District Guild meeting at Lindfield in our last issue, the date was erroneously given as September 21st. The meeting was, however, held last Saturday.

The London County Association's Sunday evening ringing at Bow is postponed until September 28th.

Ringing at St. John's Church, Worcester, on the occasion of the Worcestershire Association's annual dinner on September 28th is curtailed to one hour—from 4 to 5 p.m.

Lancashire and Northern ringers will have an opportunity of seeing and hearing Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's ringing machine at Preston on September 28th. There are, of course, only two of these machines in the world. The other, invented by Mr. John Carter, is in the South Kensington Science Museum.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are rehanging the ring of five bells of Melbury Abbas, Dorset.

Mr. Fred G. Goddard has just completed 53 years as a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Isleworth on Sunday evening celebrated the event.

The reports of a number of ringing excursions and a letter from Mr. G. L. Joyce on the Central Council publications are unavoidably held over until next week.

REV. W. GREENWOOD'S RETIREMENT.

VICAR OF STEDMAN'S CHURCH AT CAMBRIDGE.

The Rev. W. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, retired last Saturday. Ordained 59 years ago, he was for ten years Vicar of Foxton, and was appointed to St. Bene't's in 1907 by Corpus Christi, who are the rectors and patrons. Despite his 82 years, Mr. Greenwood has until recently taken an active part in the life of the parish.

It was largely owing to the wholehearted support given by Mr. Greenwood that the restoration of the Saxon tower of St. Benedict's and the rehanging of the bells on which Fabian Stedman rang were made possible to the ringers of the world, to commemorate the tercentenary in 1931 of Stedman's birth.

CHIMING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The point raised by 'Campanologist' is an interesting one, as it must involve the question of church clocks. If ordinary chiming is harmful to bells, then the clock chimes must be equally harmful.

Those of us who listen to some of the broadcast services can sympathise with the inhabitants of 'Campanologist's' parish, as bells are often chimed for the Sunday evening broadcast instead of being rung as one would expect.

PHILIP A. CORBY.

Sydenham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Shropshire Association selected one of the most northerly towers in the county for the September meeting, held at Ellesmere.

Transport facilities and holidays restricted the attendance somewhat, but the following towers were represented: Hodnet, Wem, Shrewsbury (St. Chad's), Coalbrookdale, Great Ness, Whittington, Stanton and the local company. A visitor in the person of Mr. Dean, Stoke-on-Trent, was a welcome addition.

The melodious and historic ring of bells were much appreciated by all, although the weight (tenor 25 cwt.) was a little too much for six-bell ringers. Stedman is practically the only method rung by the Ellesmere company, and so Stedman Triples was the order of the day, with Grandsire Doubles, rung with 6-7-8 and 4-6-8 covering, for learners, to whom some useful practice was given.

The next meeting is at Edgmond, near Newport, on a date to be announced shortly.

SILVER WEDDING.

At Holy Trinity Church, Dartford, on Saturday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Jenkins 1, J. Wheadon 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, F. Walker 5, N. Summerhayes 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, H. Simmons 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, and as a 79th birthday compliment to the tenorman.

AN 'EMPIRE' GATHERING OF RINGERS.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF SAILING DAY.

Visitors from South Africa and Tasmania.

Ringers from Tasmania and South Africa and others who have visited and rung in Australia and New Zealand were present at the Australian Tourists' Reunion gathering in London on Saturday, the anniversary of their departure from England.

On September 14th, 1934, a party of twelve sailed out of the river Thames on that great adventure, which was to take them on a memorable journey of over thirty thousand miles, and ending, for some of them, in a trip round the world. While the tour was still in progress a suggestion was made that, all being well, they should celebrate the event with a meeting when the anniversary came round, for these ringers, when at home, are widely scattered through the country.

As the arrangements for this reunion took shape, it became apparent that others, beside the tourists, would like to share in the proceedings, and the upshot was that a party of over 70 dined together on Saturday evening at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Prior to this, however, the tourists, as members of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Clement Danes' Church—the Australian Church in London—the special interest in this, apart from the fact that it was the society's first peal in the method and its first peal in England, being that all the band had rung a peal in the Cathedral at Melbourne, nine of them being of the party who rang there last October, and the tenth, Mr. W. R. Madgwick, who rang a peal at St. Paul's in 1925—the last peal rung in Australia before the visit of the tourists.

While this was in progress, others who had come to join in the gathering were able to enjoy ringing on the ten bells at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the eight at St. James', Clerkenwell.

Dinner at the Bedford Head was presided over by the Rev. E. Bankes James, who was supported by Canon G. H. Ridout (Johannesburg), Mr. M. R. Taylor (Hobart), and, in addition to the tourists, ringers were present from Liverpool, Oxford, Gloucester, Burton-on-Trent, Walthamstow, Slough, East Ham, Harrow Weald, Putney, Crayford, Gravesend, Hemel Hempstead, Watford, Ealing, Cookham, Croydon, etc. Some of those who attended had been present to see the party off on their journey a year before, and the gathering proved a very happy one.

After dinner a short toast list was gone through. The Chairman proposed 'The King' and spoke of the loyalty of Australians to the Crown.

MESSAGES FROM AUSTRALIA.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having first expressed regret at the absence of one of the members of the party—Mrs. Sharples, who was unable to be present—mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) and Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool), and a telegram addressed to 'Empire Ringers, Bedford Head,' conveying 'Best wishes for happy evening from Guildford Diocesan Guild and visitors at Haslemere.' Mr. Goldsmith then read a letter of greeting from St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. In this, Mr. A. A. Savage (the hon. secretary) said: It is understood that a reunion of bellringers who took the long journey here towards the end of last year is being arranged in London on the anniversary of the sailing date from England. It is the wish of the ringers of St. Paul's, Melbourne, that I should convey to you on that occasion their best wishes and appreciation of your visit here. You set us a standard of bellringing and fellowship that we must endeavour to follow. Your visit cannot fail to have a lasting effect for good. Of course, progress in change ringing in Australia is slow, and we are afraid it always will be, as there are so few ringable bells here, and continued practice, which is so helpful, is practically out of the question. It would have given great pleasure to the ringers of St. Paul's to be with you at the reunion, but perhaps you may arrange the next reunion in Melbourne (laughter and applause). Adelaide has a centenary next year. The peals you rang here are not forgotten. The Chapter has had under consideration for many weeks the tablet for the Cinques, and it has been decided to have a record of the peal of Royal and the handbell peal printed and framed. In conclusion, the St. Paul's ringers hope your meeting will be most happy and enjoyable and the peal of Royal successful.'

Those who made the journey, continued Mr. Goldsmith, would ever member the personal kindnesses extended to them by Mr. and Mrs. Savage, whose home was always open to them all. Mr. and Mrs. Savage had written a letter conveying their best wishes 'to the good people who took the long journey to Australia last year.' 'We assure you,' added the letter, 'that your visit here will never be forgotten by us. Your company gave to us the greatest pleasure we have had since we left England. Our only regret was that we were not able to do more for you. When you left Melbourne it was, to us, like being parted from a big, happy family, with the consolation that we had met and made friends with the best people in England. We should have enjoyed, very much, spending the evening with you' (applause).

ACTIVITY AT BALLAARAT.

Mr. Goldsmith also read a message from Miss Frey Shimmin, of Melbourne, who took part in the peal of Cinques, and an extract from a letter from Mr. H. R. Maddern, secretary of the ringers at Ballaarat Town Hall, in the course of which he said that he had recently given three broadcast talks on bellringing, the first on the history and uses of bells, the second on methods of ringing, and the third, from the belfry itself, describing the Alfred Memorial bells in the Town Hall, with a descriptive 'ring out' on them and a few minutes of Grandsire Triples on handbells. 'The result of the broadcast did much for bellringing, and practice is now possible, with the very comforting feeling that our fellow-citizens do in some measure appreciate our difficulties,' said Mr. Maddern. He added: 'We have since turned our attention to the handbells once more, and this time we progressed with the plain course of Grandsire Doubles. At this we soon became proficient, and then followed some ringing practice with the tongues tied. A few weeks at this, and then the stage was set for an open go. To our delight we went through like a seasoned team. We certainly felt proud of our achievement, and a reference in the local Press the following day was most congratulatory, and concluded with something like "Giant oaks from tiny acorns grow." A very true saying, indeed, and we hope that some day we will get a peal' (applause).

MR. A. A. SAVAGE.

Mr. Maddern sent his greetings to all the ringers of the tourist party. Miss Frey Shimmin, the young Australian lady who took part in the peal of Cinques at Melbourne, also sent a message of greeting, with wishes for success and a happy gathering. She added that she hoped some day to visit England, and, said Mr. Goldsmith, if she did she would certainly receive a great welcome (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith went on to propose the toast of 'Our Australian Friends.' He referred to the wonderful time which the Australian ringers and churchpeople in the centres visited gave to the tourists. Their hospitality was unbounded from Perth to Sydney, from Melbourne to Hobart, and was continued in New Zealand to those fortunate enough to visit those islands. The visitors made many fast friendships on this historic journey, and they were delighted to have with them that night Mr. Malcolm Taylor, one of the Hobart ringers, who had recently come to England to stay for about a year. He wished success and prosperity to all their Australian friends (applause).

Mr. Taylor briefly responded to the toast. He said that in Tasmania they were delighted to extend what hospitality they could to the English tourists, and since he landed in England three weeks ago he had received nothing but kindness. There were many difficulties confronting ringers in Tasmania, as they would realise when they remembered that there were at present only one peal of bells and only about twelve ringers in the whole State. It would not, however, be the fault of the bellringers in England if he did not become an efficient ringer before he returned to Tasmania (applause).

REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPIRE.

Mr. W. H. Fussell proposed 'The Visitors.' He said a year ago that day a party of twelve left the British Isles and travelled in the Southern hemisphere. They came back again from that wonderful journey, and he was thankful to say were all alive to meet again on that occasion. On behalf of the Australian team he sincerely thanked all those who, although they were friends, some of them of many years' standing, had come as visitors to meet them that night. It was typical of the warm and kindly feeling that existed among ringers, and helped to cement the brotherhood. It promoted the art of ringing and was an aid to the welfare of the Church and her bells (applause). That gathering was an Empire gathering. The Empire

was like part of a patchwork quilt. They had with them Canon Ridout from one corner—South Africa. They had with them Mr. Taylor from another corner—Tasmania. They also had Australia represented by Mr. Madgwick, who lived there for some years and rang a peal at Melbourne long before the visit of the touring party, and who was almost entitled to be called an Australian. Then there was with them Mr. Richard Deal, who also lived in Australia for some years, and Mr. John Cheesman, who from his residence in the islands and his love of Christchurch could be said to represent New Zealand. It was a very happy thing to have these representatives of the Dominions with them that night to cement the bond of Empire, and the tourists felt honoured to have their company (applause).

BELLS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Canon Ridout, who responded, said he nearly joined in the Australian tour. He received an invitation from Mr. Fussell to do so, and had made all arrangements, when, at the eleventh hour, he was prevented by the coming of visitors to stay with him for some months. He then asked himself if it was worth while inviting the tourists to visit South Africa on the way, but he came to the conclusion it would hardly have been worth their trouble, for there were only four rings of bells in the country—a heavy eight, quite unringable, at Grahamstown Cathedral, a peal of eight at Woodstock, a suburb of Cape Town, and a ring of ten and a ring of eight, both in good order at Durban. At these last-named churches there used to be some change ringing done, but the ringers had drifted away, and he was afraid change ringing was now moribund. Canon Ridout referred to other bells in the Union, not hung for ringing, including a fine carillon of 48 bells in Cape Town, and to others in towers too fragile to allow the bells to be swung. At Johannesburg Cathedral, eighty feet of the tower had been erected, but another 100 feet had to be built before it was completed. The authorities there missed a great opportunity 30 years ago, when a gentleman, very fond of Beverley, offered the then Rector, if he would undertake to build the tower, to write a cheque at once for a peal of bells like St. John's, Beverley, with a 40 cwt. tenor and a six ton bourdon bell. But the Church Council turned it down, and a great opportunity was missed. Next year Johannesburg would be celebrating its jubilee, and the church there would be keeping its jubilee the year after. The Dean was hoping that the completion of the tower might then materialise and a full ring of twelve bells be put in (applause). He himself was in charge of a poor Mission, and it had taken 20 years to raise the money for a church, so that he was afraid that it would be many years, and long after his time, before they got a tower and bells. Canon Ridout went on to refer to the few ringers scattered about South Africa, among them Mr. F. G. May, formerly of Bristol, and to another whom he met there years ago, Mr. E. H. Behan, who is now in Melbourne, and who spent some time with the tourists during their visit. In South Africa, Canon Ridout concluded, they tried to keep up their heart, and looked forward to the future with the hope that developments would not be too long in coming (applause).

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed 'The Australian Tourists,' whose undertaking, he said, had aroused the admiration of everyone. Few people, he was sure, anticipated the success that attended the trip. For himself, he expected they might ring three or four eight-bell peals, perhaps, but the result, both in organisation and peals, was a wonderful achievement, in which the peal of Cinques stood out foremost in the whole tour (applause). All other outings paled into insignificance against this tour, and it was not beyond imagination that it might be repeated at some future date. If it was after next Christmas he hoped he would be able to go as well (applause). It was a very happy idea to meet on that anniversary, and he hoped the tourists would long be spared to meet together (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Afterwards Mr. Rupert Richardson gave an exhibition of the cinematograph pictures which he took on the tour, and this proved full of interest to the party. Mr. Goldsmith acted as commentator, and the company were shown life on shipboard, scenes in and around Melbourne, including the many wonderfully decorated cars in the floral float procession during the centenary festival. The beauties of Tasmania; the gold diggings, for the benefit of the Duke of Gloucester, in Bendigo; Sydney Harbour and Blue Mountain scenery; and native life in Ceylon, Aden and Port Said, as well as many of the interesting features of Malta, were passed over the screen, and with intervals for handbell ringing, the entertainment lasted nearly two hours and a half. At the close Mr. T. J. Fowler proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Richardson and Mr. Goldsmith, which was carried by acclamation.

It was a memorable gathering and a delightful evening.

The thanks of the tourists are due to the Rector of St. Clement Danes (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) for permitting the peal to be rung, and to Mr. J. S. Hawkins for having the bells in readiness. The thanks of all the visitors, too, must be given to the Rectors of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. James', Clerkenwell, for the use of the bells at those churches, and to Mr. W. Hewett and Mr. A. W. Coles for their services in this connection.

A VISIT TO SALISBURY.

FARNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of Farnham, Surrey, for their 14th annual outing on Saturday, August 17th, had a circular tour to Salisbury and back. Leaving by coach at 7.40 a.m., the ringers, with their wives and friends and Messrs. Denyer, sen., and Jonas (Aldershot) and Alexander (Farnborough), proceeded via Odiham and Basingstoke to Whitchurch, where they were met by Mr. Clarke, of the local band. Here a pull on this nice ring of eight was enjoyed for about three-quarters of an hour, every ringer of the party having a touch. After ringing, the party was welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Taylor, late of Binsted, to whom several of the ringers were known personally, Mr. Taylor having, whilst at Binsted, been hon. secretary of the Alton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. The party were invited by the Vicar to inspect a new electric organ of beautiful tone which has recently been presented to the church, and on which Mr. Wiltshire (organist at St. James' Church, Farnham), who was one of the party, played for a short time.

On leaving Whitchurch, the journey was continued through Andover and Amesbury to Stonehenge, where a halt was made for about half an hour to allow an inspection of the Monoliths, in which the whole party were greatly interested. Salisbury was reached at 11.50 a.m. Here the party dispersed for refreshments and a general look around, many of them visiting the Cathedral. At lunch at the Central Cafe the party was joined by Canon E. M. Girling, Rector of Farnham, Mrs. Girling and Miss Girling, who had motored to Salisbury for the purpose, and Mr. F. W. Romaine, of St. Martin's band, Salisbury.

Mr. Edwards, in a short speech, said how pleased the whole party were to have the honour of the Rector, Mrs. and Miss Girling with them. He referred to the good feeling that had always existed between the Rector and the bellringers since the Canon had been the incumbent. The Rector was at all times willing to let them have the use of the bells, when they wanted them, not only for themselves, but also for any band of ringers who might be visiting Farnham.

The Rector replied in a happy speech. Last year, he said, he was not able to be present, owing to being in Germany, but this year, as in previous years, it gave him great pleasure to be with them again, and hoped it would not be the last occasion he would join them at their annual outings.

After lunch with Mr. Romaine, the ringers proceeded to St. Martin's Church, where further ringing was indulged in for nearly an hour, before going on to Romsey, which was reached at 4.50 p.m. The ringers were met by Mr. Paskins, of the local band, and at the fine old Abbey the splendid peal of eight were made good use of for about an hour, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The journey was then continued via Winchester, Alresford and Alton (with stops for refreshment, etc.) to Farnham, which was reached at 9.30 p.m., everyone having had an enjoyable day. The weather was ideal for the occasion.

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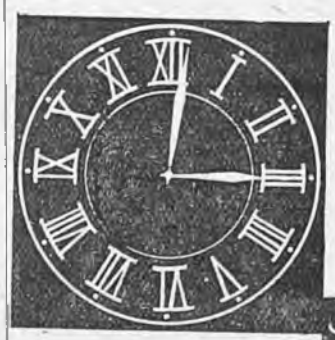

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By 'Riponian.'

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A SOCIAL EVENING.

From Fry's a return was made to St. Mary Redcliffe, where there was permission to ring. A short period of waiting gave an opportunity of inspecting what is reputed to be the finest parish church in England. It is a magnificent church, and has, through the munificence of Lord Dulverton (a member of the Wills family), been most carefully restored. One of the assistant clergy welcomed us to St. Mary Redcliffe and its bells. Everyone was given an opportunity of ringing on this famous ring of twelve, with a tenor 50½ cwt., and after a pleasant hour's ringing, the back ten were brought down in peal. Bidding farewell to a veteran ringer who had turned out to see the visitors on hearing the bells, they returned to headquarters at The Assize Courts Hotel for the official social evening of the tour.

A large room had been reserved, and a company of about 60 assembled under the presidency of the chairman of the B.U.R.G. The company consisted of the tourists, together with members of the B.U.R.G. and their wives and friends. Bill Thomas was present, and on this occasion found it necessary to produce two 'Kitties,' the first disappearing unexpectedly early.

A varied and interesting programme had been arranged. Mr. George Veale sang some good West Country and humorous songs and was assisted at the piano by a brother of Mr. Edgar Guise. Mr. Hart, one of the tourists, rendered selections upon the piano, including Mr. Poppy's favourite song, 'Poor Old Joe.' The company was mystified by some clever conjuring tricks performed by Mr. E. M. Leaker, nephew of Mr. F. Leaker, the Bristol ringer, but regret was felt that he could not produce a fresh 'Kitty' for Bill Thomas. Mr. G. W. Spikes (bass-baritone) was in excellent voice and sang some fine old songs in good style. A quintette of the tourists sang some of the hits of the week, including the 'Kruschen Song,' by special request of the ladies. The cigars, cigarettes and tobacco provided by Messrs. Wills earlier in the day were in evidence, and the party were pleased to have with them some of the lady Guides from the tobacco factory. The waiters were kept busy, and used some unusual methods and receptacles for conveying the refreshments into the room. The beer came up in buckets instead of pint pots.

During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. Edgar Guise, to whose brilliant organisation and hard work the success of the tour was so largely due. The presentation took the form of a solid silver cigarette case, subscribed for by all the tourists. Mr. John Swinfield, in asking Mr. Guise to accept this token of esteem, spoke of the good work done by Mr. Guise and by the B.U.R.G. as a body. He appealed to all ringers present to support the New Directory, shortly to be published by the B.U.R.G., and to support 'The Ringing World,' pointing out that such a tour would have been impossible without the columns of this journal in which to advertise.

PRESENTATION TO MR. E. GUISE.

Mrs. Thompson made the presentation on behalf of the company, and thanked Mr. Guise for his efforts. She stated that though she herself was not a ringer, her daughter was, and she (Mrs. Thompson) read 'The Ringing World' from cover to cover every week.

Mr. Edgar Guise, in thanking the tourists for the present, accepted it on behalf of the B.U.R.G., and stated that he would endeavour to have the case, full, on the table at all meetings of the Guild. He pointed out that the number of applicants for the tour was just sufficient, and hoped that future tours would be equally successful; the fact that 17 of the members of the present touring party had taken part in the last tour was a pleasant feature, and he (Mr. Guise) was pleased to do all in his power to assist the Guild.

Later in the evening copies of the Jubilee Edition of the Bristol City Handbook were presented as souvenirs to the tourists. Dancing followed, and some of the younger members gave evidence that the rhythm of the bell(e)s is not the only rhythm that appeals to them.

The dancing and balancing feats of one gentleman caused much amusement, but eventually met with disaster. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the honouring of the King brought a successful evening to a close.

Most of the party then made their way to St. Michael's Hill, but the tourists' quintet were seen, accompanied by certain ladies, going in the direction of the Corner House. We understand that these gentlemen acted as guides to their lady guides of Messrs. Wills, but, missing all the late cars back into the city centre, were observed by the police 'hiking' through Bristol in the direction of St. Michael's at varying times in the early hours of the morning, the baby of the party being the last to arrive.

So ended a varied and interesting day.

A FINE AND FINAL DAY.

Saturday brought a fine day and seven towers. 'Freddie' and his coach first took the party to Churchill, where the peal of six (tenor 13 cwt.) was rung in good style. At Banwell they found a new organ in process of being built, and they also admired some good woodwork in the church. The bells are a rather heavy six, both in weight and 'go,' and would be preferable as an eight. The tenor is 24 cwt.

At Burrington Coombe a stop was made to photograph the 'Rock of Ages,' the rock, in the cleft of which, according to tradition, Toplady, sheltering from a storm, found the inspiration for his well-known hymn. To the accompaniment of 'Dusty Rhodes'' mouth organ, the choir rendered the first verse of this hymn, sitting on the actual rock.

The run through Cheddar Gorge was much admired, and when Cheddar was reached some of the party took the opportunity of inspecting the famous caves. Lunch was served at the Cliff Hotel, at the time very busy with tourists.

Afterwards the short journey to Wells was made. The fine Cathedral was much admired, and the famous clock was inspected with interest. The noble ring of ten were set going, but time did not permit of very long touches.

Having collected the party and obtained the usual supply of picture postcards, the journey was resumed to Shepton Mallet. The Misses Fletcher had, to the great regret of all, left the party at Wells to continue their holiday elsewhere, but Mr. H. Birt joined the company at the Cathedral, and spent the remainder of the day with them.

Shepton Mallet bells are a useful ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.), and one of the party rang his first course of Bob Major at this tower. On a board in the belfry the Ten Commandments are painted, together with the figures of Moses and Aaron, and it is interesting to ringers to note that the bells and pomegranates on Aaron's robe are faithfully depicted.

At Wanstrow is a small church with a ground-floor belfry on the south side. The bells are a light ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.), and they were quickly set going to the great delight of the villagers, who complain that the bells are seldom rung. One of the visitors, in attempting to find a postcard shop, caused some amusement when he entered the wrong house, having mistaken the door of a private house for the shop door.

CONCLUSION.

Arrived at Frome, the tourists found quite a party to meet them, for, in addition to the local ringers, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Guise had motored over, as had also Mr. F. J. Smallwood, accompanied by his wife and daughter. The bells were raised in peal with two men on the seventh and two on the tenor, and despite the fact that the tenor is 35 cwt. all the bells went up the right way. Following ringing and inspection of the church, the visitors adjourned for a well-earned tea. Despite the size of the party and the smallness of the cafe, a very good tea was served at a remarkably cheap rate. Here Miss Foulk said goodbye to the party to continue her holiday near Frome.

'Freddie' drove us away at a rate that Mr. Hore-Belisha would not have approved of, and soon had us at Timsbury, the last official ringing call of the tour. At this small, but well-furnished, church, there is a good light peal of six (tenor 12 cwt.). The touches rung here were short but well struck, and the rising and falling in peal was really very good. Ringers are reputed to be made, but it is significant that we passed a large asylum on the outskirts of Bristol, at the very end of the tour, without being invited to 'come inside.'

Although certain of the party had to dash off to catch trains immediately they reached Bristol, there were enough left to hold the usual session at headquarters. A few ringers stayed in Bristol over the week-end, and a full band of the tourists rang for Sunday morning service at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, whilst in the evening a few found their way to Brislington, and assisted the local ringers to ring for evening service. Later a small party gathered at headquarters for the official 'good-bye.'

A great variety of methods was rung during the week, including Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Major and Royal, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Kent and Oxford Minor, Major and Royal, London Surprise Minor and Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

The tourists, who gathered from about nineteen different counties, enjoyed the tour immensely, and many new friendships were formed and old ones renewed. 'Nobby' will long remember his nickname, another gentleman will remain ticklish, and the choir will remain silent till the next tour.

As the official scribe of the party it gives me great pleasure through these columns and by courtesy of the Editor to record the sincere thanks of the party to all who conspired to make the tour such a success. Particularly do they wish to thank the clergy and local companies for placing the bells at their disposal, and in many cases for meeting them and showing them the interesting features of the churches; also the members of the B.U.R.G. who accompanied them on the tours and acted as hosts, especially Mr. H. Knight, who by energetic chaperoning of the tourists managed to keep them all up to time at no small effort. Finally to the official organisers of the event, who did everything in their power to ensure complete comfort, and succeeded.

The Exercise has reason to be proud of the B.U.R.G., and we wish them success in all their efforts to extend the spirit of comradeship amongst ringers. Long may they flourish.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Thursday, September 12th, 720 Bob Minor: *Sidney Hollis 1, Edward Drake (Carisbrooke) 2, *Lester Bailey 3, Harry Phillips 4, William Upton (Newport) 5, Charles Dennes (first 720 as conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

FAILURE TO PULL TOGETHER

HASLEMERE RECTOR CHIDES THE EXERCISE.

Is there a failure on the part of ringers to pull together? Canon S. Martin Jones, Rector of Haslemere and an Honorary Canon of Norwich, gave members of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild a very heart to heart address on the occasion of their meeting at Haslemere on Saturday.

Success in any undertaking, he said, whether peace or war, business or sporting events, depended on three things—unity of action, a dogged perseverance and a courageous initiative and spirit of adventure. 'I have been in Orders for nearly 40 years,' he added, 'and have been in parishes in the North, the Midlands, East Anglia and the South. In four of those parishes there were excellent rings of bells, but in all of the four there was a conspicuous absence of unity of action. It is the hardest thing out to get bellringers to pull together. The famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was silent for a year owing to the absence of a spirit of unity. What I say does not apply to Surrey, but I cannot see why they should be different from other bellringers I have met in Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Norwich.'

He wanted them to realise, if he made no other point, that their work was a work for God, and by getting slack and failing to turn out they were letting down the whole side. Their place would not only be missed by man, but also by God when they were doing God's work. They should not be content with ringing rounds or one method, but have in their work a great incentive and ambition to achieve more than they had done in the past

The true spirit of pulling together prevailed at the meeting. The well-hung peal of ten at Haslemere were fully employed, and the presence of stalwarts from Beddington and Croydon added to the enjoyment and standard of the ringing. Following tea at the Broadway Cafe a short business meeting was held, and the secretary, Mr. George Grover, was instructed to send a telegram containing the good wishes of the meeting to the Australian tourists assembled for their reunion dinner.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Llanbradach, situated in the Rhymney Valley, was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, held on Saturday last. The bells, a light musical ring of eight by Taylor, were put in 24 years ago. Soon after 3 o'clock they were raised and rung in the standard methods until 4.30. The Rev. David J. Wills, B.D., Vicar, then conducted the service and gave an inspiring address.

Tea, very kindly provided by the church authorities and the ladies of the parish, followed in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. In the report of restorations and augmentations, mention was made that during the week the dedication of the new ring of eight took place and that the reopening and rededication of the restored ring of eight at Cowbridge was to take place on October 1st. Mention was also made that a new chime of eight, with a 16 cwt. tenor, had recently been installed at Porth. The reason these bells were not hung for ringing was the want of a suitable tower.

The hon. secretary read the circular letter he had received from the Central Council in regard to the proposed 18th century peal records.

Mr. H. Broughton gave notice that he would at the next annual meeting move that the date of the annual meeting be altered from Boxing Day. The general opinion was that it would be an advantage if it were held in the summer.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Marshfield. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed and the bells were again rung. The attendance was not so large as usual. Nevertheless, the meeting proved a pleasant one.

LATE NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th, at Henbury. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Please let me know for tea not later than 25th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

BLYTH, NOTTS.—The bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd, by the Bishop of Southwell. Ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Birstwith, near Harrogate, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the new peal of 8 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) also in the schools at 5 p.m. General meeting immediately after tea. There is an hourly bus service from Harrogate, leaving at a quarter past the hour. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay. — J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested in order to help a young band.—W. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves L.M.S. Station Yard, Wolverhampton, at 1.50 and every half-hour. Reports ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.— Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sileby on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Meeting Ruddington, Sept. 21st. at 5 p.m. New members and learners welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 in the Church School, price 1/-. Frequent bus service from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.— Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Hope on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells open 3 p.m. Ringers make own arrangements for tea. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright St., North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting of the above branch will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, September 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 (9d. per head). Service at 7. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at The White Cot Dairy at 5. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A practice meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, September 21st. Bells from 2.30. Please notify Mrs. Brindley, Burghclere Parish Room, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton Parish Church, on Saturday September 21st, instead of 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chesham (6 bells) on Saturday, September 21st, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Havering on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6 recently rehung) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. L.P.T. Bus No. 175 from Romford Station passes the church.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Northwold on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Littleport on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Please come.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambridge.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (a fine peal of six) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—By kind permission, the Southern District will hold a meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, September 21st. Bells 4—6, 7—9. Tea may be obtained at Express Dairy, G.W. Road, Cheap fares, Underground, to any Hounslow station, thence 1d. bus.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. Annual dinner on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, at usual terms. Service at 6 o'clock. Ringing afterwards. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

POSTPONED, from Sunday, September 21st, to Sunday, September 28th, L.C.A. evening ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow. Will members please note and support?

LEA, LINCS.—A Ringers' Day will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at Lea (one mile from Gainsborough). Excellent bus services are available from Gainsborough and Lincoln. All will be welcome, and everybody who can handle a bell will be catered for.—Leslie Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye to-morrow (Saturday), September 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—The ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), restored by Gillett & Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Truro on Sunday, September 22nd, at 3 p.m. Ringers' day, Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 2 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea for ringers at St. Andrew's Hall at 5 p.m.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — The Lord Bishop of Peterborough will re-dedicate the bells at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25th. A ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Will members please note that subscriptions for the current year are due and should be paid without delay?—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so that arrangements for tea can be made?—J. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notice for tea must be sent by Tuesday, the 24th, to D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Babcary (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 8th annual cup contest will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m. Contest commences 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Aston, Sheffield, before Sept. 25th: The bells will be open for visitors after tea and meeting. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Hanslope (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at 5 p.m. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wed., Sept. 25th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Preston, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at Preston Parish Church (10 bells), Preston St. Mark's (6), Penwortham (8), Higher Walton (8). Service at Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in School, 5 (1/6 each to all who send their names to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, before Thursday, September 26th). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse will demonstrate with his ringing machine from 2.30 to 3.30, and 5 to 5.30.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11; A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS. — Last day for receiving subscription (1s.) Sept. 28th. Subscribers to the former edition are asked to send their forms duly filled in, even though they may not subscribe to the fourth edition. Association general secretaries are asked to kindly send (even though on loan) a copy of their latest annual report to assist compilation. Ringers wishing to subscribe please apply for form to Edgar Guise (for B.U.R.G.), 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol 2.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at West Hallam (Newark not available), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee meet 3.45. Short service 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Frequent bus service from Nottingham via Ilkeston; also buses from Derby. All attending must notify E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than first post 27th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The fourth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 6 p.m. The Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, will preside. Hotel situated two minutes' walk from Foregate Street Station, and car park available on premises. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) 3 to 5.30, St. John's (8) 4 to 5 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Sept. 24th, from branch officers, Dinner Committee, or Joseph D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Blewbury on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea, please notify me by the 25th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD will hold a meeting at Hastings on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild are to attend this meeting, and members are asked to be present to welcome them. Ringing at Blacklands 3.45 to 4.30, All Saints' 5.30 to 7, St. Clement's 7 to 8.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Tea at 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall; price 1s. each. Notification re tea should be sent to your own Branch Secretary by the 23rd. Ringing arrangements: Wraysbury (8) 3—4.30, Egham (8) 3.30—4.30 and 7—8.30, St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7—8.30 St. Peter's, Staines (8), 3.30—5 and 7—8 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Rd., Thames Ditton; A. W. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough; F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Burton on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Please let me know by Tuesday, September 24th, if you intend to be present.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on September 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart., at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please let me know numbers by September 25th latest.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell to follow. Those requiring tea should notify Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by Wednesday, September 25th, without fail. Gentlemen welcome.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by September 25th. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, 12.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, September 28th, at 6.30 p.m. Method for special attention, St. Clement's. Every ringer will be welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Committee meeting in Choir Vestry at 4. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 5. Dinner and annual meeting in the Royal County Hotel at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social gathering. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 to 4.30, and the bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's will also be available. Those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A special meeting, by invitation of the Vicar, will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, September 28th, as a grand ringers' opening of the restored peal. Bells (5) available afternoon and evening. All members and friends cordially invited. Please turn up and make this a bumper meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Bus No. 342 from Barnet to Hertford passes by the church. No. 340-341 from St. Albans passes half-mile from the church. Tea arrangements will be made. A visit to this old church is worth while.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—The bells will be re-dedicated on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7 p.m. Ring of eight rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

TATTERSHALL, LINCS.—The bells which have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on Friday, October 4th, at 7 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting for this year will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided) and business meeting. The district secretary appeals to all members to attend. Important item on agenda affecting everyone. Please notify of intention to attend by Tuesday, October 1st.—Alec. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea notify E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, by Tuesday, October 1st, without fail. Walthamstow St. Mary's bells (10) will also be available from 7 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, W. H. Lawrence and E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free through the kindness of Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton. Names, please, to Mr. H. Allison, Wyngarth, Algarth Estate, Pockington, York. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—A good attendance is hoped for.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Please bring wives and friends. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Further details next week.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), St. Marie's R.C. (8), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Ranmoor (10), Handsworth (8), 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, October 8th, from divisional secretaries, or Sidney F. Palmer, Local Hon. Sec., Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Parish Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.— F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

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Speaking upon experience gained in four different parts of the country, the Rector of Haslemere, Surrey, referred in a sermon the other day to a lack of unity which he had found among bellringers. Canon Jones seems to have had a rather unhappy experience, but it is not safe to generalise upon a few isolated examples. At the same time it is just as well, perhaps, that we should be reminded of shortcomings which other people see in us. It cannot be denied that most of us know of a band here, and another there, in which the spirit of true brotherhood fails to find lodgment. We believe that in the majority of bellringing companies there is to be found as much unity as is apparent in any other body of people drawn together for a common purpose or pursuit. Where can you find any organisation in which, in the course of time, differences will not appear—differences which, dealt with openly and honestly, probably lead to good in the end.

The differences which eventually lead to disunity in a band of ringers often spring from petty jealousies or some sense of grievance—and they usually occur in those places where the leader is tactless, autocratic, and probably impatient. There is no gainsaying the fact that ringers as a body are difficult to handle. Why is it? Frankly we do not know, but we suspect it is partly the spirit of indifference which characterises so many of them—indifference to progress, indifference to punctuality, indifference to the convenience or the sacrifices of others. When men profess to be part of an organisation which, more than most, depends upon successful team work, it is not a matter of inconsequence if one or two of a company are unpunctual by habit, indolent in their actions, and careless of their colleagues' time or patience. These are usually the men who show most resentment if their attitude to ringing is called into question; and here again may be the source of discord.

'If we don't hang together we shall hang separately,' once said a notorious rebel to his fellow-revolutionaries. If we do not pull together in ringing, we cannot pull separately—with gratifying results, at any rate. Canon Jones' appeal, therefore, is not out of place, and even in those belfries where all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds, it is just as well occasionally to be warned of the dangers that may arise from selfishness, indifference and sloth. Many bells are silent and many bands short-handed to-day from one or all of these reasons. Human nature being what it is, it is too much to hope that all such failings may be eradicated from all our belfries. But there are leaders who might well ask themselves if their tactics are right—whether that dictatorial

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manner which sometimes gives offence; that endeavour to make someone look small in the presence of others; that monopoly of the conducting, when some other member is anxious to learn to call, are, after all, in the best interests of the band and of the art of ringing. And there are ringers who could with advantage think more of what they owe to the other members of their band—that earlier start on Sunday morning; that new method that should be looked up for practice night; that little bit of extra keenness that would make all the difference to the interest and progress of the whole company. These are the things that would make for greater unity in many belfries.

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Tenor 30¼ cwt. in C sharp.

WILLIAM J. CLOVER ...	...*Treble*	*REGINALD J. DAVEY	7
ALBERT G. WARNES	2	CHARLES E. LOVETT	8
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ...	3	*HENRY TOOKE	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	*WALTER R. FARROW... ...	10
*ALFRED J. MOY	5	GEORGE BAILEY	11
*JOHN KENYON	6	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

*ROBERT OWEN	...*Treble*	†JOHN W. EUSTON	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	ALBERT E. SELLERS	7
GEORGE T. MILLER	3	†AMBURN WILSON	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	4	LEONARD RODMELL	9
CECIL CORRICK	5	JOHN W. HOBSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the East Yorkshire Regt. (the Snappers), the Duke of York's Own. Credit is due to the treble ringer, who lost his leg whilst serving with this regiment.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
FRANK SADLER	5	ROBERT LEWIS	*Tenor*

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

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
KEITH HART	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	WALTER CHARMAN	7
GEORGE OLLIVER	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, FYLINGDALE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	HARRY GIBSON	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	HARRY RODMELL	6
*DEREK M. SHARP	3	ARTHUR E. WEST	7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON	4	LEONARD RODMELL	*Tenor*

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BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
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WILFRED STEVENSON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM J. CHESTERS	5
*WILLIAM CARNWELL	2	WILLIAM P. DEANE	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	†WILLIAM WEATHERBY	7
THOMAS HURD	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE	*Treble*	FRANK C. TYSOE	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	WILLIAM STOCK	6
CHARLES MORTIMER	3	ERNEST FREEMAN	7
H. L. HARLOW	4	HENRY STAPLETON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.
First peal on the eight bells, which are by John Taylor and Co.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
WILLIAM WATHEN	2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	6
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	7
P.C. HENRY J. VINCE	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*F. J. WILCOX	*Treble*	†G. H. HART	5
MISS E. K. FULTON	2	†R. H. J. GOODSHIP	6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	3	G. W. FLETCHER	7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER	4	*W. HORROD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. FLETCHER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on the augmented ring. A 'farewell' to the ringer of the 6th, a boy entrant to the R.A.F., and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Five 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. 10 lb.

FRANK BENNETT	*Treble*	HAROLD S. HORDEN	5
ROBERT J. DAWE	2	RICHARD V. FULLER	6
JOHN W. JONES	3	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Rung after meeting short for Caters. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Groves.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	*Treble*	*EDWARD B. HAMPTON	5
HARRY BALAAM	2	LOUIS J. LOCKYER	6
GEORGE PULLINGER	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	4	JOHN CHESTERMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major. This is thought to be the first occasion on which three one-armed ringers have stood in a successful peal attempt. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th each lost an arm during the war.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR J. JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. POSTON	5
REGINALD POSTON	2	JAMES P. HYETT	6
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
ALFRED T. POULTON	4	CHARLES L. SADLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

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LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

HUGH ROBERTS ... ...*Treble*	†JACK COLLINGWOOD 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	*GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
*J. NORMAN BENSON 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
*FRANK VARTY 4	JOHN BRESSE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. Fiftieth peal together by ringers of 7 and 8, the latter of whom has now completed the circle in this tower.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

HENRY TOOKE ... ...*Treble*	WALTER R. FARROW 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	CHARLES E. LOVETT 7
*GEORGE T. PEGNALL... ... 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pegnall. C. E. Lovett is on holiday from Jersey, Channel Isles.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE ...*Treble*	*HARRY BIRCHALL 5
*CHARLES W. BIRCHALL ... 2	*WILLIAM BIRCHALL 6
*TOM BIRCHALL 3	MARK LANE... 7
*C. NORMAN BIRCHALL ... 4	WILFRED J. MOSS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Mark Lane is from Bletchley, and, except him and the treble ringer, all are regular service ringers at this church.

THATCHAM, BERKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...*Treble*	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 5
SAMUEL QUINTIN 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER 7
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 14)... 4	GEORGE GILBERT... ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY WINGROVE ... ...*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JOHN W. EUSTON... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	TONY PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...*Treble*	KENNETH FORD 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... ... 6
JOSEPH H. WHITE 3	HARRY J. SANGER 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ...*Treble*	*WALTER TOMLINSON 4
MISS ADELINE A. STOKES 2	HARRY CARTER 5
*GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal in seven methods.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; (2) London and Cunecastre; (3) Ipswich; (4) Wearmouth; (5) Lightfoot; (6) Wells; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT ... ...*Treble*	DAVID MACKAY 4
E. JOHN TARGETT 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
LEONARD DUNFORD 3	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal in eleven Surprise methods of Minor by all the band and on the bells.

WESTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE CROSS 4
SEALEY WOODBURN 2	FRANK S. MERRITT 5
WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 3	GEORGE BREWER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by N. G. WILLIAMS.

ELSTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. PADGETT ... ...*Treble*	EDWARD FOSTER 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	*W. D. SHORTHOSE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. E FOSTER.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all. J. F. Milner has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

ELSHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven spliced extents: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury; (3) Single Oxford and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

GEORGE L. HALL... ... ...*Treble*	*GEORGE W. MOODY 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	†GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
FRANK LORD... 3	JACK BRAY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First spliced peal. † 50th peal. First peal in 14 methods as conductor and on the bells. In this peal there were 174 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, September 16th, at the Church of St. George, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): R. B. Tapp (first quarter-peal) 1, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, F. Twigg 3, L. G. Burgess 4, E. A. Jackson 5, P. Laflin 6, C. E. Tomkinson 7, H. Ashton 8.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Two Hours & Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5-6
*CHARLES SHARPLES	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair.

The following were rung during a week's tour in Wiltshire:—

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ...	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24¾ cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	6
GEORGE R. PYE	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	9
JAMES BENNETT	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

MERE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, 8

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¼ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	6 8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CALNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... ...	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON... ...	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
GEORGE R. PYE	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	5	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21¾ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by W. J. G. BROWN.

First in the method on the bells. First of Major as conductor.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¼ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	*Treble*	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD...	*Tenor*

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	*Treble*	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope's use of the word 'impertinence' would be excusable—if merited. His generalised charge of 'misstatements' is inexcusable—unless proven. I apologise to you for having repeated something which Mr. Trollope says is untrue. While I must have misunderstood what William Pye meant to convey, I am not alone in a clear recollection of what passed. Apart from expressed opinions, to which I have every right to adhere, and a figure of speech, there is not one 'statement' in my letter which is not literally true Mr. Trollope dares to generalise, but not to specify.

By way of contrast I specify, item by item, flat contradictions to inaccuracies in his letter: 'Mr. Joyce' never mentioned 'stuff and nonsense.' The 6-5's page does not 'accurately' serve any purpose at all. It does not convey 'warnings regarding Standard Callings' (they are treated elsewhere, and it is headed 'Peals of Treble Bob'). There are not '262 methods' in the book. There is not 'a list' of the 6-5's (there are two, each distinct from the other). The errors on that page are more than the six given. The degree of necessity to 'warn against Northumberland' is not equal to that of Whitley (peals without 6-5's are possible in one and not the other). I did not 'bring in' Mr. Turner's name (it has 'especial' reference in the Preface, and is the only one there which bears no definite limit to work done).

Two facts emerge from this unhappy correspondence, which receive emphasis in two sentences of Mr. Trollope's letter. He says, about the 6-5's: '. . . Had we known at the time . . .' And about 'Mr. Joyce's proof': '. . . I know nothing about it. . . .' The facts are these: The committee, like all other humans, are prone to err. And, in spite of Mr. W. G. Wilson's assertion, do not take kindly to criticism and outside assistance.

This committee has the responsibility of recommending the use of public money to finance publications for the general use of the Exercise. I state, most emphatically, that the best and sufficient outside help, toward the compilation of these works, is not sought. Mr. Powell spoke of this at the Central Council meeting this year. Every time I have met Mr. Trollope, in years, I have made myself a nuisance to him in the matter of one remarkable man's unrivalled knowledge of the Minor in all its phases. Within a few hours after receiving the book, Mr. A. G. Driver warned me against the mistakes. Here are those I remember: The statement that the book contains all Alliance Methods which can be spliced with Little Methods is untrue. They can be spliced otherwise than as stated. Five false methods were included, and other true methods omitted. Two false extents. Two lists of methods producing 6-5's, one inaccurate and the other incomplete. These would never have crept in had Mr. Driver seen the draft. I have told Mr. Trollope so. He has told you that the 6-5's list will stand, for reprint, in spite of its errors. This attitude toward the Exercise in general would, in myself, a non-member of the Council, be something more than 'impertinent'!

I asked that the committee consider a system of proof, even if they turn it down. You are told that the book is written and no material alterations will be made. A Mr. W. G. Wilson is privileged to read the draft. I gauge this gentleman's capacity for constructive criticism by his description of the system's capabilities, viz.: '. . . any surprise method. . .' (The emphasis is his.) Fancy a system capable of dealing only with one method. Fancy any system capable of dealing only with Surprise methods!

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch, Essex.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

HUNTING DOWN.

When we inaugurated this column we asked beginners to let us know some of their difficulties, and we promised that, as far as we were able, we would help them. Very few beginners have taken advantage of this offer, so we suppose that beginners have no difficulties, or are too shy to write to us. We hope, however, that some at least have gained knowledge by these notes.

Here, however, is a letter, not from a beginner, but from a teacher, and it leads to a question which should interest all learners. The writer is the Rev. H. Drake. He says:—

Unfortunately, your article 'For Beginners' on 'Rope Sight' stopped just where I needed it most. All that you wrote is exactly what I do myself, and what I teach beginners to do.

Where the difficulty comes (and I think this does more to choke off promising beginners than anything) is in getting the necessary rope sight to start hunting down with six or more bells.

I am quite convinced that the soundest, best and quickest way of teaching both rope sight and good striking is by beginning with Minimus. With only three other bells to look for, the beginner can easily pick out the right ropes, and the right sounds. If it is not (a) the bell just dealt with, there are only two others, (b) and (c), that he has to look for, and it is not usually difficult to tell in an instant which of these two he wants.

There is no difficulty in going on from this to Grandsire Doubles, as if he counts the treble and the bell in the hunt, in his mind's eye, as one bell, the ringing is exactly the same as Plain Minimus.

WHERE THE DIFFICULTY BEGINS.

From this to Plain Doubles is a decided step, but not a difficult one. The difficulty comes in with Minor, and much more so with Triples and Major. It is easy to learn how to hunt up, but when he has rung his first blow behind, how is he to find out which bell he rings his second blow over? His next blow, and perhaps the next to that, will be even more puzzling, but by the time he gets to three blows from the lead, what he has learnt about counting his place in Doubles and Minimus will come to his aid. I find it quite beyond me to count myself, say seventh, in Major ringing, by seeing that six ropes have gone before me (though there is not the same difficulty on handbells). What I do, myself, is to keep note of the coursing order.

It does not seem safe to allow a beginner to depend on what he may or may not have been able to see of the coursing order, and, besides, it makes it almost impossible to learn new methods. If you are only able with confidence to get up behind, in a new method, and begin to flounder as soon as you have to count your place down, you cannot get very far.

Is there no good way of teaching beginners to get over this obstacle?

BEGIN ON FIVE BELLS.

This letter is a very fair statement of one of the difficulties which instructors have in teaching the elemental steps in change ringing to the beginner. Hunting down is by no means as simple as hunting up. As we explained in the article referred to, there is less time for the learner to pick out the bell he wants, and that bell is more obscure because it is, as it were, hidden by two other bells until the moment when the beginner has to strike over it.

Those who read our article on 'rope sight' will, we think, have gathered that we realised the difficulties of the situation for the beginner. It is because of these difficulties that we believe it is best to start the young ringer in changes on not more than five bells. We know there are some towers where the instructor does not hesitate to put a youngster straight on to Triples or Major, but, in our view, time is lost rather than gained by it.

It is far better, we think, to take the thing by easy stages—the easier the better. If a schoolmaster endeavours to teach a child how to solve some simple mathematical problem, he does not begin with a complicated example. He does not argue that if the child can do the complicated calculation, the simpler problems will be all the easier to him. In the same way it is a mistake to endeavour to put a beginner to ring on seven or eight bells on the ground that when he has mastered this, ringing on five and six bells will be easy for him.

We are convinced that the way to teach a beginner to find his way in hunting down is to keep him on five, or certainly not more than six, bells until he has thoroughly grasped it. Patience expended at this stage will be well repaid.

While, unquestionably, it is too much to ask the majority of learners to try to remember coursing order, it ought not to be long before the beginner can be expected to remember in each lead the bell that takes him off at lead, and the bell he turns from behind.

If he knows the former, he knows which to look for when he begins to hunt down; if he knows the latter, he knows which to lead after, and it serves as some sort of guide as he hunts to lead.

If he knows these two bells, he has only two others to look for in Doubles. In Minor there are three others to look for, but, knowing the first that he wants and knowing also that the next cannot be his course bell, his choice of which to pull after when he strikes his blow in 5th's is simplified, because the two others are, by comparison, more or less out of reach.

We doubt if there is any very definite rule which can be propounded to make hunting down as simple as hunting up—there are many

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ANOTHER SIX-BELL RING FOR DEVON.

NEW TREBLE ADDED AT DOWN ST. MARY.

A crowded congregation attended the dedication of the new treble bell added to complete a ring of six at Down St. Mary, Devon, by the Lord Bishop of Crediton. The following clergy of the Cadbury Deanery were also present: The Rev. J. A. Durling, R.D. (Vicar of Crediton), who acted as chaplain to his lordship, and Revs. H. St. J. E. Wrenford (Rector of Clannaborough), E. Doudney (Rector of Morchard Bishop), A. Rhys James (Rector of Bow), H. C. Pratt (Vicar of Colebrooke) and E. V. Cox (Vicar of Brampford Speke and president of the Devonshire Guild).

The service, which was choral, consisted of evensong to the 3rd Collect, and was taken by the Rev. J. Milford (Rector). The processional hymn was 'We love the place, O God.' The lessons were read by the Revs. E. V. Cox and E. Doudney.

In the address given by the Bishop, his Lordship remarked that the occasion on which they were gathered together was indeed a happy one in that it marked the completion of the peal of bells in their Parish Church. He gave a short history of the bells and reminded his hearers that their lives, like the bells, ought to ring true and in harmony one with another.

After the address the Bishop proceeded to the belfry, where Mr. W. H. Bushell (churchwarden), on behalf of the parishioners, asked his lordship to bless the new bell, after which the full six bells were rung.

The service concluded with the blessing and the recessional hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.' The collection, which was for the Bell Fund, amounted to £3 9s.

The service was followed by a public tea in the Schoolroom, at which about 120 sat down.

The bells were afterwards rung by eleven teams of ringers present, who expressed great satisfaction with the work which has been done. The new bell has been cast and installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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ringers beyond the elementary stage who experience more difficulty in finding dodging or place-making positions on the way down than they do on the way up—but we think that if the simple points mentioned above are stressed with the beginner and pointed out to him on paper or blackboard, he will not be long in seeing 'daylight.' In any event, whatever his capacity, do not try to make him run before he can walk. Let him see his way through Doubles or Minor before he attempts the, to him, more intricate path through Triples or Major.

This article may seem more like hints to instructors than to beginners, but we hope the learner who reads them may profit by them.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

REMOTE WESTERN DIVISION MEETING WELL ATTENDED.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday, September 14th, at Oxenhope, near Keighley. Although situated practically on the edge of the far-reaching Cock Hill moors, about 40 members availed themselves of the opportunity to ring on this light but easy going peal, which, for the information of the doubting Thomases, were recast and rehung as a peal of six and two trebles added after a lapse of nearly four years. Methods ranging from Bob Minor to Double Norwich were rung.

Tea was provided in the Schools, after which the business meeting was held, the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) being in the chair.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by the vice-president, and seconded by Mr. J. Riley, of Haworth. A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who presided at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. J. Riley and seconded by Mr. F. W. Dixon.

No invitation having been received for the next meeting, Bramley was chosen, subject to the approval of the Bramley company. For the benefit of peal ringers, this meeting has been arranged for the second Saturday in December.

Further ringing took place at the conclusion of the business.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION AT ALFRISTON.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Alfriston on Saturday, September 21st, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), Uckfield and Lewes, with Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rudd), who gave an interesting address. A splendid tea was provided at the Star Inn, and in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. G. W. Stokes occupied the chair. The chairman referred to the death of Mr. Tom Lewis, who had been a ringer in Eastbourne for 75 years, and as a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

The Rev. Francis Peyton Hughes (Vicar of Eastbourne) and Mr. H. B. Marchant, of Eastbourne, were elected hon. members.

Mr. W. Pickworth proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing on the six bells, the ropes from which hang down in the centre of the church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 250th anniversary of the founding of the East Yorkshire Regt. was commemorated by a peal of Grandsire Caters on the fine bells at Beverley Minster, and the treble ringer, Mr. Robert Owen, whose first peal it was, served with the regiment in the Great War and lost a leg while fighting with the 'Snappers,' by which name the East Yorks are known. The peal also celebrated the birth of a son and heir to Mr. C. Carrick.

The tour into Wiltshire, with a dodge into Dorset, last week resulted in eleven Surprise peals in 14 attempts. As the result of this tour and the tour in the previous week, the Salisbury Guild has been credited with 19 Surprise peals (including two of Royal) in a fortnight.

A tour is in progress in Gloucestershire this week. Three or four twelve-bell towers are included in the list.

Great interest attaches to the peal at Stretford on September 19th. With the exception of the conductor, the five other Stretford men who took part are first local ringers to attempt a peal. Mr. C. W. Birchall has been a ringer at this church for 43 years, his brother Tom for 37 years. C. N. and H. Birchall are sons of Charles, and William is a son of Tom Birchall. Quite a family affair, in fact. The old six bells at this church were opened in 1870, and there has been a Birchall among the ringers ever since.

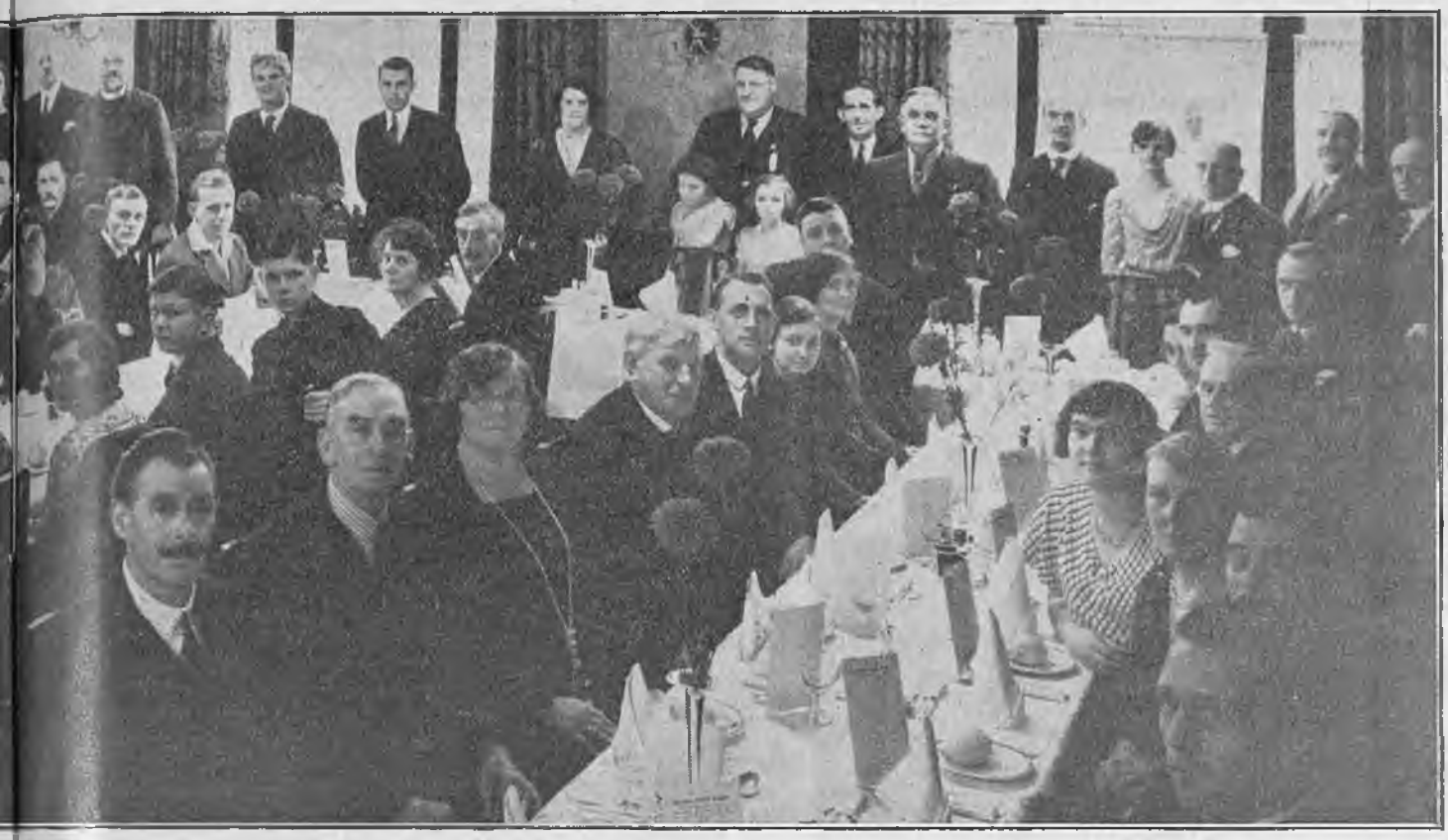
In the Cumberland Youths' peal at Thatcham on Saturday last there was a difference in age of 59 years between two of the members taking part—J. E. Taylor 14; S. Quintin 73.

A tablet to commemorate the recasting of the church bells at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, will be dedicated by the Bishop of the Diocese on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 8 p.m. There will be ringing both before and after the service.

Will the gentleman who took the wrong hat from the ringers' gathering at Lea, Lincs, on Saturday last, please communicate with J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

Those who desire to have their names in the B.U.R.G.'s forthcoming edition of the 'Ringers' Directory' are referred to our notice columns for the address.

RE RINGERS AT THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION.



s who visited Australia in 1934, there were twelve English ringers who have rung in the Commonwealth and six who have rung in New Zealand, in frica) and Mr. M. R. Taylor (Tasmania), who are seen on the left and right of the chairman (Rev. E. Bankes James).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT BERE REGIS.

The September quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Bere Regis. The lovely weather accounted for an excellent attendance, about 70 members and friends putting in an appearance.

The bells were available early in the afternoon for the visitors previous to the service. Other ringers visited Puddletown and rang on the fine peal of six there.

The visitors greatly enjoyed the drive through a part of the Hardy country. They went through Tolpuddle, where they saw the memorials erected last year by the T.U.C. to the memory of the 'Tolpuddle Martyrs.'

The choral service was conducted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) and the Rev. A. F. Godley, Rector of Stratton. The chairman gave a short address, taking as his text, 'Fear God, love the brotherhood.'

A bountiful tea, kindly provided by Host William Bedford, an hon. life member of the Guild, was served in the Village Hall. As the chairman had to leave early, Mr. Bedford was voted to the chair. In the short business meeting that followed, the secretary read a list of apologies and stated that the annual meeting would be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, and would coincide with the branch jubilee, as it was 25 years since the branch was founded.

A warm welcome was given to all the visitors. Mr. Martin Stewart replied for the members of the band that were touring Dorset during the week, and had commenced their tour that day with a peal at Poole.

Mr. G. F. Strickland, a visiting ringer from London, also replied.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. A. F. Godley, seconded by Miss L. R. Clapcott, and carried with acclamation. A special vote for his generosity was given to Mr. William Bedford, who was always willing to assist the Guild, and who was giving a conducted tour around his noted watercress beds—of 'Silver Spring' fame—and gardens, and for his generosity that day.

The meeting ended, some members visited the tower to continue their practice, others visited the gardens, while others went on to Wool to ring. Seventeen towers were represented.

THREE ONE-ARMED RINGERS.

TAKE PART TOGETHER IN A PEAL.

Three ringers, each of whom lost an arm in the Great War, took part together in a peal of Bob Major at East Tytherley, Hants, last week. They were Messrs. H. Balaam (Basingstoke), G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke) and J. W. Faithfull (Southampton). They were all ringers before the war, and it says much for their enthusiasm that, despite the handicap of having lost a limb, they have kept up active participation in the art. All these ringers, as well as other one-armed men, have previously rung peals, but this is believed to be the first occasion that three have taken part in the same peal.

DEATH OF OXFORD GUILD RINGER.

FOREMAN OF NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWER.

The death occurred on September 13th of Mr. W. F. Smith, foreman of the Newport Pagnell tower, after but a short illness. He had been ailing for a month or more before leaving his employment. Mr. Smith, who was 63 years of age, was one who hardly ever missed taking his place for Sunday service ringing, and always when ringing for a service set his fellow-ringers a good example by taking his place afterwards in the church. He was a very keen ringer and always endeavoured to attend all branch meetings and the annual Diocesan Guild meeting. Incidentally, he was one of the first to help to form the North Bucks Branch. He held the position of foreman and secretary at Newport Pagnell for a good number of years and was also a member of the Branch Committee.

His work for the church did not end in the belfry. He was also a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. Before living at Newport Pagnell Mr. Smith was a member of the Chicheley tower.

The funeral took place on September 17th, the Rev. E. Powell (assistant curate) officiating. The tower was represented by Messrs. E. Lathall, H. C. Beard, J. Clare, and F. C. Tomkins, a former member of the band. Among the floral tributes were those from the tower, North Bucks Branch, sidesmen and Parochial Church Council, and clergy and churchwardens.

Much sympathy is extended to the widow, sons and daughters.

'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'

SOLD OUT!

'A Great Adventure' is out of print. The last copies were disposed of more than a week ago and a number of would-be buyers have been disappointed.

The demand greatly exceeded our anticipations, and we express regret to those whom we have not been able to supply.

AUSTRALIAN CITY TO RESTORE ENGLISH BELLS.

MELBOURNE TO HELP ITS NAMESAKE.

The ring of eight bells, tenor 15 cwt., of Melbourne Church, Derbyshire, is to be rehung and restored at the expense of citizens of Melbourne, Australia. This is parallel to the restoration of Boston 'Stump' bells, which was paid for by the citizens of Boston, Mass.

Melbourne Church is one of the most perfect examples of Norman architecture which have been handed down to us, and is one of the rare examples in which the ringers stand on the church floor to ring, under the central tower, some of the ringers having to stand in the choir stalls for the purpose. There is a great draught of rope from the church floor to the first floor, and there are two sets of salley guides to steady the ropes.

The work is being carried out by John Taylor and Co.

A CORNISH RESTORATION.

OCTAVE TO BE COMPLETED AT REDRUTH.

The Parish Church of St. Uny, Redruth, was crowded to overflowing on Sunday afternoon last, when a thanksgiving service was held for the completion of the work of rehanging and quarter turning the ring of six bells. This ring had been in a very bad state as far as 'go' was concerned for a long while, and it seemed as if nothing would ever be done; in fact, it could not be tackled by the Rector and Church Council, as they have a great responsibility on their hands to complete the Church of St. Andrew in Redruth itself, St. Uny, the Parish Church, being about a mile out of the town. Some months ago the ringers set to work to see what could be done, and, with Mr. Percy Williams as treasurer and no mean subscriber, the whole of the money has been raised within a few months, and, what is more, the Rector (the Rev. W. Ladd Canney) was able to announce at the service of thanksgiving that two treble bells had been given by Mr. E. C. Carveth, of Glamis Court, Bognor Regis, as a memorial to his wife, who has lately been buried in the churchyard. These had been ordered and there would have to be a further thanksgiving service when the ring was completed.

The Lord Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. W. Hunkin) gave the address at the service. A procession was formed and the clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop offered prayers of thanksgiving for the restoration. Whilst the procession returned to the chancel a few rounds were rung by the local company.

Immediately after the service rounds and call changes were rung by the local band, under the captain, Mr. Seymour, and a few six-scores of Grandsire Doubles by the few visitors present, who included Messrs. A. W. Brighton (London), A. S. Roberts and Miss E. J. C. Angwin (Truro), Messrs. H. Morcom (St. Newlyn East) and E. and W. Sanders (Tuckingmill). It being Sunday, the visitors wanted to get back to their own towers for evening ringing, so the bells were soon lowered in peal. Enough, however, was done to make sure that the 'go' is now perfect.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was present to represent the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have carried out the work to the satisfaction of all concerned, and they now have the order to proceed with the two trebles, and, if possible, to have them ready for November 1st.

This octave will be of great value in mid-west Cornwall, as Redruth is on the main line and easily accessible. It will give great opportunities for practice (and, we hope, peals) without any annoyance to residents. The tenor is about 13 cwt.

A 'Ringers' Day' is being held on Saturday, October 28th, when it is hoped many will be able to try the bells. Tea is being provided for all who attend this gathering.

VICAR WANTS TO BECOME RINGER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Bagshot on Saturday, when the members welcomed among them as visitors Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. J. Reeves (Tring) and Mr. Wilfred Williams (London).

The new Vicar (the Rev. E. Banks Jones) welcomed the Guild and gave an address at the service, and a party of over 30 were entertained to tea by the generosity of Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and other members of the Bagshot band.

The Vicar was elected an hon. member and expressed a wish to learn to ring. As a former member of the R.A.F., he said, he had learned to do many things, and he hoped he would be able to become a ringer.

Two new ringing members were elected and very useful ringing practice was put in.

REV. R. P. FARROW'S DEPARTURE FROM MIDLANDS.

GREAT WORK FOR RINGING.

A special meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on September 14th, to bid farewell to the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, who is leaving the district for East Lulworth, Dorset. Members attended from Barwell, Broughton Astley, Burbage, Croft, Earl Shilton, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton and Kirkby Mallory, and visitors from Anstey, Leicester, Wigston and Wolvey were welcomed. Ringing in methods up to and including Bristol Surprise was followed by a social evening.

Following light refreshments, a letter was read from Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. secretary of the district, was was unfortunately unable to attend. He wished to join with the meeting in wishing 'Godspeed' to the Rev. R. P. Farrow. He added that members often did not realise the effort made by a clergyman to attend ringing meetings on Saturday, often at some inconvenience. Mr. Farrow made frequent and welcome visits to meetings, and, unlike many, did not wish to be always 'at the top.' He was, wrote Mr. Rowley, 'one of us,' his humour added life to the meetings. He would be very difficult to replace.

Mr. C. H. Belton spoke of the great work Mr. Farrow had done in bringing ringers, their work and aims, continually before the Church authorities. The district was indebted to the Rector for the persistent way he had done this, and in losing him they were losing a good friend. He wished him good luck in his new sphere.

Mr. R. F. Elkington, on behalf of the Leicester District, spoke of the long association Mr. Farrow had had with the M.C.A., and spoke of incidents covering a long period. He regretted his leaving, but said he would find good ringing friends in the district to which he was going.

Mr. J. Beale, on behalf of the Warwickshire Guild, said how sorry they were Mr. Farrow was leaving, and wished him 'Godspeed' in his new work.

A PARTING GIFT.

Mr. W. A. Wood, the district chairman, said that the district felt they could not let the Rev. R. P. Farrow leave without some recognition of the work he had done for the district and for the M.C.A. The Rector had been a member of the M.C.A. since 1903, of which 12 years were spent in the Hinckley district. He was one of the M.C.A. representatives to the Central Council of Church Bellringers during the years 1930-33, and had done great work in bringing the work and aims of ringers before the Church authorities, a work difficult for a layman to do. The inauguration of services at the monthly ringing meetings and the arranging of the first 'quiet time' for ringers in the district were largely due to Mr. Farrow's efforts. The standard of ringing at meetings had materially improved in the district, helped by the ready way in which the bells of Stoney Stanton were made available for special practices. The district would find Mr. Farrow very hard to replace. On behalf of the meeting, Mr. Wood asked Mr. Farrow to accept a token of the Hinckley District's appreciation of his work.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow replied and expressed his thanks in a most interesting speech. He spoke of the wonderful fellowship existing among ringers all over the country, and gave accounts of his experiences in this direction. He spoke of the influence ringing clergymen have both in the ringing chamber and with the Church authorities. It would be a good thing if more clergymen took up ringing, but they ought not to expect preferential treatment in the ringing room simply because they were clergymen. He was very sorry that the long association with Midland ringers was being broken, but hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them at some future time. He again expressed his thanks for the token of remembrance.

This took the form of a ringer's gold badge suitably inscribed.

Songs by Mr. Bramley, choruses and handbells by Mr. Newton's very capable band concluded a most pleasant evening.

On Sunday evening, September 15th, for evening service at Stoney Stanton, a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: C. Carr (Boughton Astley) 1, Rev. R. P. Farrow 2, F. R. Deacon (Kirkby Mallory) 3, J. E. Clough (Burbage) 4, A. Ballard (Stoney Stanton) 5, W. A. Wood (Croft) 6, F. Measures, conductor (Burbage) 7, A. Simpson (Stoney Stanton) 8.

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SURFLEET AGAIN.

ANOTHER PEAL RINGING EXPEDITION.

Another week-end party at Surfleet! Mr. Churchwarden Richardson, known by many ringers as 'The Mayor and Corporation,' is never so happy as when he has a number of ringers staying with him, and, despite the 'tragedy of the wrong train' in August, he had the courage to invite one of the 'silly ninques' to attend this latest week-end gathering. The silly ninque in question, thinqueing of the threat of being made to go without drinques (or to pay for them), or to be made a joint tenant with the pigs in the sty and their stinques, took no train risks on this occasion. He accepted an offer of a lift in a car without kinques, arriving at Surfleet—well, only a little bit behind time.

All the rest of the party being present, it was not long before the first peal of the week-end was started for, and in a little over 3½ hours a peal of Stedman Cinques (as recorded in 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 13th) was completed. The small bells at Surfleet require pretty expert handling for them to be struck properly, and it was satisfactory to know that the peal passed the general judgment of some well-known ringers, who arrived in the village during the afternoon. These same ringers accepted an invitation to spend an hour or two at Glyn Garth during the evening, and an enjoyable time was passed with the handbells.

Next day, being Sunday, ringing for services was the first consideration. Stedman Cinques and Bob Maximus in the morning, and London Surprise Major and Bob Royal in the evening, made opportunities for a few 'first touches.' The time between dinner and tea was spent in handbell ringing. George Feirn surprised the company by calling Original Major on handbells, and a hurried attempt was made to find a peal composition. However, no figures were obtainable, and so Double Bob Major was rung instead. In seven minutes over two hours a very good peal was brought round, conducted by W. H. J. Hooton. The president of the Central Council, we venture to think, greatly enjoyed this peal. So did many of the umpires(?); they found the music of the bells a very soothing influence, and quickly went to sleep!

Rupert, always original, began a new collection. He already collects peals, towers, films, elephants, etc., and has now started on quite of new line. He collects 'ports and lemons' from anybody who is foolish enough to admit having done something for the first time. He 'collected' one from the president for this peal, one from George Feirn, and another from Chris. Woolley—or he would have done had the place where they are sold been open.

A short interlude with the 'woods' on the lawn gave him an addition to his film collection—the president playing bowls, with Bob Pye showing him how to do it!

After tea, Mr. Lewis took his departure, having to do the journey of some 140 miles alone. His passenger of Saturday, having arrived safely at Surfleet, preferred to stay there whilst there were more peals to be rung

Later on the handbell ringers again showed their prowess. Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise Major, and some weird stuff, called Qualis, let George Feirn in for four more ports and lemons. The Rev. E. Bankes James, with Messrs. Hooton and Woolley, had all rung these methods before, and so did not become victims of Rupert's thirst.

Monday was the great ringing day. Up early and a run to Long Sutton, where a good peal of London Surprise Major was rung on a very nice peal of eight by Taylors. This was the first on the recast bells. Back to Pinchbeck for a peal of Cambridge, which was called by the date hunter, Jim Bennett. There is another good Taylor peal at this tower, and possessors of Taylor's almanack will find a photo of this church on the September page.

The tenors in each case were rung by the Mayor (with corporation), whilst the 'Mayoress' created a personal record by ringing two peals in one day. This is where the Mayor (corporation included) tripped up. Still adding to his collection, he booked two more from George (poor George!), but was reminded that the Mayoress owed one. Being a dutiful husband he paid, and the only things that Rupert collected that evening were several empties.

Sunny Jim, of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was up with the lark next morning for a last look round to complete what he called 'a jolly good week-end.' All good things, however, come to an end, and the last of the party left for London during the morning by car! No trains, thank you. You never know but what you might get to Grantham—although, if the latest information is correct, even Rupert's car has begun to contract this habit.

[Rupert obviously stole a march upon the rest of them. A postcard to 'The Ringing World' sent from Surfleet, after the departure of all the guests, announced that the peal at Pinchbeck was the Mayor's 400th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, of which he is Master. What a lot of ports and lemons it would have cost him if only they had known!—Ed. 'R.W.']

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, September 15th, for morning prayer, 720 Bob Minor: H. Newell 1, V. Chapman 2, K. Willers (conductor) 3, A. Wilson 4, J. Harper 5, E. Chapman 6. This was the first attempt for a 720 by V. Chapman and H. Newell.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS.

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association held their autumn meeting at Old Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, September 21st. After ringing in the afternoon, followed by a service, the branch were entertained to tea, by the very kind invitation of Mrs. Parsons, widow of the late Mr. Albert E. Parsons, an old stalwart of the association.

At the business meeting the Vicar of Old Hill (the Rev. Leslie Wilson) took the chair, supported by Mr. T. Hemming (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. William Short (Association Ringing Master) and about 70 members.

The chief business was the election of officers, and the following were duly elected, viz.: Mr. Thomas Hemming, Ringing Master; Mr. William B. Cartwright, secretary and treasurer; Mr. John Bass, branch representative on the Central Committee.

It was recommended that Mr. Charles H. Woodberry should be the member from this branch to be elected as one of the association's representatives on the Central Council.

It having been pointed out that there were two vacancies in the list of vice-presidents, it was also recommended to the Central Committee that the names of Messrs. John Bass and Hector G. Bird should be put forward to fill such vacancies.

The branch having received an invitation to hold the next meeting at Kidderminster, it was decided to hold the meeting at that place, with many thanks to the Kidderminster ringers for their kind invitation.

The secretary read a letter he had received from the secretary of St. Andrew's, Netherton, tower, informing the members that Netherton bells would be opened on Saturday, October 19th, at 3 p.m., and, what is most important, they would be opened free of debt.

The Vicar and local ringers were cordially thanked for making the arrangements, as also were all others who had helped to make the meeting a success.

After the meeting further ringing took place, the methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol and London Surprise.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

The meeting of the South-Eastern District held at Burnham-on-Crouch on September 7th proved very pleasant and enjoyable, 38 members and friends attending, and several taking advantage of the coach which had been booked for the occasion.

Ringing commenced with Cambridge Minor, after which touches in various methods were rung, so that all present had a pull.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Williams), who, in an interesting address, gave the association a very warm welcome and congratulated the ringers on their singing of the hymns unaccompanied.

Tea was partaken of at the Railway Hotel, and, in the absence of the District Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips), who was unable to attend owing to professional duties, Mr. G. Green presided over the business meeting.

Three new ringing members were elected, Messrs. Meadowcroft, Galleywood; T. Fanshawe, Danbury; and W. Harrington, Purleigh.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Boreham on October 12th or 19th.

Mr. Green proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, taking the service and his interesting address; also to Mr. Stebbing and the local band for making the necessary arrangements.

After tea several members made their way down to the 'seaside,' while others returned to the tower, where ringing continued until about 8.30, when the coach arrived to take them home.

The following towers were represented: Great Baddow, Broomfield, Burnham-on-Crouch, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Great Totham, Little Waltham, also visitors from Hornchurch and Prittlewell.

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NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting at Harwich has been postponed to October 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so that arrangements for tea can be made?—J. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Babcary (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 8th annual cup contest will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m. Contest commences 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells will be open for visitors after tea and meeting. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Hanslope (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at 5 p.m. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Preston, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at Preston Parish Church (10 bells), Preston St. Mark's (6), Penwortham (8), Higher Walton (8). Service at Parish Church 4. Tea in School 5. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse will demonstrate with his ringing machine from 2.30 to 3.30, and 5 to 5.30.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11; A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Last day for receiving subscription (1s.) Sept. 28th. Subscribers to the former edition are asked to send their forms duly filled in, even though they may not subscribe to the fourth edition. Association general secretaries are asked to kindly send (even though on loan) a copy of their latest annual report to assist compilation. Ringers wishing to subscribe please apply for form to Edgar Guise (for B.U.R.G.), 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol 2.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at West Hallam (Newark not available), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee meet 3.45. Short service 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Frequent bus service from Nottingham via Ilkeston; also buses from Derby.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Blewbury on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on September 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart., at 5 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Tea at 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall; price 1s. each. Ringing arrangements: Wraysbury (8) 3—4.30, Egham (8) 3.30—4.30 and 7—8.30, St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7—8.30, St. Peter's, Staines (8), 3.30—5 and 7—8 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cotts., Queen's Rd., Thames Ditton; A. W. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough; F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell to follow. Gentlemen welcome.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, September 28th, at 6.30 p.m. Method for special attention, St. Clement's. Every ringer will be welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Festival at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Committee meeting in Choir Vestry at 4. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 5. Dinner and annual meeting in the Royal County Hotel at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social gathering. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 to 4.30, and the bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's will also be available. Those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Bus No. 342 from Barnet to Hertford passes by the church. No. 340-341 from St. Albans passes half-mile from the church. Tea arrangements will be made. A visit to this old church is worth while.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—The bells will be re-dedicated on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7 p.m. Ring of eight rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 1st, St. Magnus' on the 3rd, 17th and 31st, St. Andrew's on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th

(nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BLYTH, NOTTS.—The bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd, by the Bishop of Southwell. Ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

TATTERSHALL, LINCS.—The bells which have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on Friday, October 4th, at 7 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting for this year will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided) and business meeting. The district secretary appeals to all members to attend. Important item on agenda affecting everyone. Please notify of intention to attend by Tuesday, October 1st.—Alec. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea notify E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, by Tuesday, October 1st, without fail. Walthamstow St. Mary's bells (10) will also be available from 7 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, W. H. Lawrence and E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free through the kindness of Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton. Names, please, to Mr. H. Allison, Wyngarth, Algarth Estate, Pockington, York. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—A good attendance is hoped for.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6 bells), on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards hopes to be present, and will give the address. Tea and meeting after the service. Please let me know if you intend to be present. A good meeting is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, October 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, October 5th. Tea provided for those advising me not later than October 3rd.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will take place on Saturday, October 5th, at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells). Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the annual dinner will also be for sale. Roll up and make the meeting a success.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5 bells) on Saturday, October 5th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Sherfield English, on October 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by October 2nd, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—The new bells, by Taylor and Co., for the Canon Murray Memorial Tower of the Annunciation Church, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 5th. Short service at 3 p.m. Sermon will be preached by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. A short touch will be rung after the dedication by members of the Kent County Association, after which the bells will be available to visitors. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's Hall, opposite, for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, October 1st.—T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, October 5th. Eight bells. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. James', Clerkenwell. Weekly practice will be resumed on Friday. October 4th, at 7.30. Everybody welcome.—A. W. Coles.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, S.S., on Saturday, October 5th. The six bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Business 5.30. A good attendance desired. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, October 5th, a peal board, recording a peal rung for the Jubilee, will be dedicated at Barley. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service and dedication at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Waggon and Horses. Please notify Mr. W. A. Tack, 2, Mortimers, Barley Royston, Herts, if you wish tea arrangements to be made for you. —D. Mears, Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Algarkirk on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards, 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, October 1st?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Louth on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m., at Mr. Hanson's Cafe, Upgate, for those who notify Mr. A. E. Hoodess, 4, Chequer Gate, Louth, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 5th, being Goose Fair Saturday. Bells (10) open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Charlton-on-Otmoor (5) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden bells (8) available in the evening. Please notify me before Oct. 3rd if requiring tea. — F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify secretary not later than Thursday, Oct. 3rd.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Visitors please inform me by first post Thursday, Oct. 3rd.—W. Evetts, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings (6) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus from Wellingborough Market Street at 3 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head return. Please back this up and let me have names early. —A. Bigley, Dis. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. It is very necessary to acquaint me if you require tea. Come along!—anything you wish from rounds to Surprise.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, Oct. 5th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

MORCHARD BISHOP, DEVON.—Ring of 6, tenor 15 cwt., restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Sat., Oct. 5th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Public tea, 4.30, in the Memorial Hall (9d. each)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) recently rehung. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Sargent, M.A.). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Oct. 1st.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — October Notices.—Oct. 6th, Sunday service ringing: 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.; 14th, practice St. Clement's, 7 p.m. prompt, also quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., when arrangements for annual meeting will be made; Oct. 23rd, combined practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 8 p.m.; Oct. 27th, Sunday service ringing: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m.; Oct. 28th, practice, St. Clement's, 7.30 p.m.; Oct. 29th, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

COTTESMORE, NEAR OAKHAM.—The new treble, to complete the ring to six bells, will be dedicated at the harvest thanksgiving service on Friday evening, October 11th. The new bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Shef-

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field, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), St. Marie's R.C. (8), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Ranmoor (10), Handsworth (8), 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, October 8th, from divisional secretaries, or Sidney F. Palmer, Local Hon. Sec., Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Parish Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.— F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A by-meeting will be held at Stowting (bells recently augmented to six) for the purpose of electing the local ringers members of the association, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford 2.25 p.m., or Hythe 1.15 and 3.35 p.m. It is essential for those requiring tea to notify me by Wednesday, October 9th.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, will be provided only for those who notify me not later than Monday, October 7th. Please support the organisers by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by October 9th. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. —Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon (opposite 'The Greyhound'), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Reception 6 o'clock. Dinner 6.30. Bells of the Parish Church (8) and St. Peter's (10) are available from 3.30 to 5.45. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Applications (enclosing remittance) should be sent to me as soon as possible (in no case later than Oct. 5th), or to any of the district officers and committee. Please bring your wives and friends.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held as usual at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Keep the date open. Association tea. Full details later.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton,

A JOINT MEETING of the Ladies' Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in St. Andrew's Hall and social evening from 7.30. Ringing: St. Andrew's (8) 4 to 5 and 6.30 to 7.30, St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3.15 to 4.30. *Please* notify your own secretary or the undersigned re tea by Oct. 7th. All ringers and friends welcome. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. (Middlesex Association), 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—At Clifton Reynes, October 12th. Belfry (6) open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards, and discussion of future meetings in the deanery. Visitors requested to attend from anywhere near, especially change ringers. Please send a postcard by October 8th to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The South Norfolk Branch meets at North Lopham on Saturday, October 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Everyone who has seen or would like to see a bell rope is heartily welcome.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Quarterly meeting at Leyton, Oct. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Numbers for tea by Oct. 15th, and oblige.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

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A NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The William Pye Memorial Scheme has now been launched. It is a national appeal, and we feel sure that associations and ringers throughout the country will give it whole-hearted backing. Although his special interests were centred in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, the late Mr. Pye's ringing activities extended to every part of the country. In almost every county and diocese, during a long career, he had, at some time or other, led a party of peal ringers, who, while adding to their own laurels, did no little good in the places visited by a display of skill which acted as an inspiration to others. Elsewhere his ringing accomplishments were looked up to with admiration. The example which he set in the ringing of the higher methods, and the help which he gave to men who sought to reach the higher standards of the art, to say nothing of his many great individual performances, led to William Pye being looked upon everywhere not only as a great ringer, but also as a great leader in the practical side of the art. It has been quite truly said that he takes a place with those who have been national figures in the Exercise.

The appeal for funds for a fitting memorial to this great ringer has been issued by a joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations, and the aim is to add two treble bells to the ring of six at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, in which parish Mr. Pye long resided. In addition a memorial tablet will be provided in the church porch. A substantial sum is needed to carry this scheme into effect, but ringers are ever generous in things of this kind, and we believe they will desire to show in no mean spirit their appreciation not only of what William Pye himself did, but of the example which he set in raising the standard of method ringing. The associations of which he was a member, and which, many of them, owe something to him for raising the level of their peal records, the thousands of ringers who have rung with him and the hundreds who have been indebted to him for help they have received in various ways will be honoured to take a share in providing a memorial to this man of ringing genius. And there will be many more in every corner of the British Isles who will want to associate themselves with this lasting tribute to one of the greatest figures that ever handled a bell rope. There was nothing small or mean in William Pye's approach to ringing. His outlook was ever progressive. The things he did, if not within the capacity of everyone, showed others the possibilities that are open in the field of our art, whether by the use of brain or muscle. For these and other reasons William Pye's memory deserves to be perpetuated in tangible form.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	*JOHN W. EUSTON	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	10
HARRY R. ROPER	5	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	6	REUBEN SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal on twelve bells. C. A. Catchpole's 250th peal, and R. Sanders' 40th peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM TATE	6
HAROLD DYSON	2	THOMAS HOLDER	7
HORACE FOX	3	†EDWARD ATKINSON	8
ARTHUR WALKER	4	HARRY C. WALTERS	9
*HERBERT WALKER	5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the centenary of the first peal of bells erected in this tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

STANLEY PRESTIDGE	*Treble*	FRANK J. BURLEIGH	6
HARRY HUBBLE	2	RONALD GOODMAN	7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	3	GILBERT T. GUEST	8
HERBERT SHEPPARD	4	HENRY GOODMAN	9
WILLIAM GREEN	5	*THOMAS T. JUSTICE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. John Goodman, jun.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	6
C. HOWARD STANLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ROGER W. DANIELS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

The average age of this band is 29¾ years.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR	*Treble*	*HENRY SHADRACK	5
HERBERT DEVONISH	2	PERCY GREEN	6
THOMAS LINCOLN	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
HENRY WARN	4	†HARRY BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

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

ALBROUGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES LOOME	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ...	2	RUSSELL RICHES	6
ERNEST WHITING	3	WILLIAM FLATT	7
STANLEY COPLING	4	WALTER BARRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM FLATT.
First peal as conductor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*REV. C. H. WHEAT	*Treble*	JAMES E. BROWN	5
JOHN HUTCHINSON	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
JAMES E. BURLES	3	J. GORDON WHITTAM ...	7
†GEORGE M. WHEAT	4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. 25th peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

ALBERT A. LUCAS	*Treble*	T. HENRY WRIGHT	5
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST E. PICKERING... ...	7
FRANCIS R. DEACON	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING... ...	*Treble*	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	5
*JOHN H. ARBON	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
*WILLIAM A. WOODS	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
*CHARLES CLARKE	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 127). Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS
* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	JAMES DURRANT	5
WILLIAM KINSEY...	2	GEORGE LILLBY	6
JAMES ROSE	3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	GEORGE W. ABLITT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

STANDISH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH	5
WILFRED HALLIWELL... ...	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS	6
HAROLD WALMSLEY	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER	4	WILLIAM DICKENSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	CHARLES BRASIER	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... ...	6
GEORGE WIGGINS	3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	†CHARLES R. PENNYGAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
* 25th peal. † First peal. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. It was also a birthday peal for the wife of the 5th ringer and a birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Miles, captain of the local band.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM TAYLOR...	5
ALFRED BLOGG	2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	6
*KENNETH HALL...	3	JOHN JACKSON	7
†FRED W. PATCHELL	4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. The composition, a two-part with 6 extent wrong, and 4, 5 and 6 extent home, is rung for the first time.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

WILLIAM MUSK	*Treble*	ALBERT G. HARRISON... ...	5
*FREDERICK C. ROPER ...	2	CLEMENT J. MORE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ERIC G. BENNETT	7
GEORGE ARCHER	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER...	*Treble*	CHARLES BROWN	5
HORACE FOX...	2	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON... ...	6
JOHN H. LENTON...	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	7
HARRY C. WALTERS	4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. G. Shipley, M.A., on the completion of 24 years as Vicar at this church.

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	*Treble*	F. J. MYNARD	5
*DONALD COCKINGS	2	SYDNEY C. MILTON	6
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	HENRY STAPLETON	7
WILLIAM STOCK...	4	CHARLES WADSWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.
* First peal on eight bells.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, September 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROY HAZLEHURST	...Treble	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	5
*ROBERT JONES	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
FRANK VARTY	3	JOHN BROWN	7
†RICHARD BRADLEY	4	ERNEST F. BENNETT	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the 107th birthday of Miss Janetta Hynde. It was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bennett.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*THOMAS R. HENSHER	...Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY	5
JAMES T. WARD	2	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	6
JOHN J. MAWBY	3	HARRY CHAMBERS	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING	...Treble	CHARLES ROOPE	5
STANLEY COPLING	2	WILLIAM FLATT	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES LOOME	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	...Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

The only composition of this length in 25 courses, now rung for the first time.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S, No. 1. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE E. WILSON	...Treble	JOHN CURRY	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	WILLIAM H. HOLLINGWORTH	6
JOHN G. AMES	3	SIDNEY F. PALMER	7
GEORGE LADD	4	HARRY NICHOLS	...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday compliment to George Ladd and Sidney F. Palmer.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR PEAKE	...Treble	ERIC B. ALLMAN	5
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH	2	ARTHUR ALLMAN	6
RICHARD T. HOLDING	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	7
JOHN BRASSINGTON	4	HARRY THEWELL	...Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Mr. J. Brassington has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS JOAN PEARCE	...Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS	5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN.	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
HENRY JENNINGS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS BURTON	...Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD	5
†JOHN E. TAYLOR	2	‡PHILIP H. TOCOCK	6
RONALD C. FOWLER	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
GORDON W. LIMMER	4	GEORGE H. LIMMER	...Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. ‡ First peal. Rung for the 38th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

T. TABRETT	...Treble	P. PAGE	5
R. EDWARDS	2	C. FRANKLIN	6
*F. CONLEY	3	C. W. EVERETT	7
H. C. CASTLE	4	D. GODDEN	...Tenor

Conducted by C. W. EVERETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, 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 Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

REGINALD WRIGHT	...Treble	HARRY THELWELL	4
ERIC CLARKE	2	THOMAS S. ASTBURY	5
ALBERT THOMAS	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal in three methods by all except the conductor. The whole of the band belong to Wistaston.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three 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.

*S. VINCENT FIELD	...Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER	4
C. FREDERICK GOOD	2	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	5
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	3	JOSEPH T. PACK	...Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal and aged 15.

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BRIDGEND, GLAM.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD T. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY ...	... 4
*BENJAMIN J. TOBY ...	... 2	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT...	... 5
ERNEST STITCH	... 3	D. REES JAMES	... 6

*FRANK MORGAN ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with tenor covering, after meeting short for Triples. First peal of Minor on the bells since they were made eight in 1904. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George Cartwright and Miss Verley E. James, daughter of Mr. D. R. James, who were married in this church on September 8th. Also a birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th, father of the bride.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*SYDNEY LODGE	...*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX ...	... 4
HERBERT W. BISHOP ...	2	CHARLES J. GARDINER	... 5
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in four methods by all except Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston. First peal in four methods as conductor.

FRIESTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS LOIS NEALE ...	...*Treble*	JACK KEMP	... 4
FRANK DEWEY	2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*N. RANDALL (aged 15)	...*Treble*	*DOUGLAS BRAINE (15)	... 4
*ERIC NEALE (16) ...	... 2	HENRY LAWRENSON (16)	... 5
*FRANK E. PALMER (24) ...	3	JAMES W. BERRY (22)	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. BERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since a new treble was added in 1925. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. All are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Thomas' Church.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)
On Sunday, September 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Double Court, one of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*SAMUEL POTTER ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ...	4
GEORGE R. TOWNES	2	ALEC M. GENERY ...	... 5
GEORGE A. TRENDALL ...	3	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. S. Genery, a member of the local band.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, September 14th, at St. Mary's Church for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. J. Lock 1, C. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, Miss M. T. Barrett (first quarter away from treble) 4, J. H. Botham 5, H. Kilby 6, E. H. Kilby (conductor) 7, P. A. Jennings (first quarter-peal) 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT LAVERNHAM, 25, WOODFIELD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

EDWARD J. BEER	1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	... 5-6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	3-4	STUART SANDFORD ...	... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
Witnesses—Miss Kathleen Beer, Mrs. Ivy Beer, Mrs. G. H. Cross.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY... ...	... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	ALFRED BARNES	... 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Washbrook.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5255 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	HAROLD MARCON	... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3-4	JACK BRAY	... 7-8

HAROLD WALKER 9-10
Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 150). Conducted by J. BRAY.
The composition is rung for the first time.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a week in Gloucestershire for
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	... 5
ALFRED PYE	... 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

COLN ST. ALDWYN'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Sunday, September 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	... 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ...	... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	... 7
FRANK BENNETT	... 4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Monday, September 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	... 6
ALFRED PYE...	... 2	EDWARD JENKINS	... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ...	... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	... 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...	... 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	*LEONARD STILWELL	8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	10
GABRIEL LINDOFF	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
ALFRED PYE	6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

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

BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Three Hours & Thirty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HEMMING	*Treble*	GILBERT PEARCE	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	ALBERT J. HUGHES	8
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
GABRIEL LINDOFF	5	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	LEONARD STILWILL	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
ALBERT J. HUGHES	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, September 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	ALBERT J. HUGHES	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	7
ALFRED PYE	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, September 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	*Treble*	*LEONARD STILWELL	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	8
ALBERT J. HUGHES	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	9
GABRIEL LINDOFF	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Royal.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
GABRIEL LINDOFF	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
ALFRED PYE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

CHATHAM, KENT.—On September 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Norris 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. G. Southgate (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Walker 4, F. Bilsey (conductor) 5, V. A. Jarrett 6, L. Crouch 7, G. Lawrence 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

LEARNING TO 'USE YOUR EARS.'

Those of us who have been in ringing for long have constantly heard of the wonderful striking produced by West Country ringers at towers where 'stoney' ringing is in vogue. There is no doubt that, particularly in Devon and Cornwall, this kind of ringing has reached a high pitch of perfection, against which the efforts of change ringers sometimes compares rather badly. This unquestionably is a reflection upon those who prefer change ringing to the monotony of the other kind, yet we are often told, and it must be admitted, that, to the public, good call change ringing is better than bad method ringing.

It should be the object of all change ringers to make their ringing as perfect as possible, not only for their own enjoyment, but also on account of those who know nothing of the art of ringing and yet are compelled to hear the bells when they are rung.

The call change ringer has always got an advantage over the method ringer, because between each 'move' he has more opportunity to steady his bell. In method ringing there is movement to a new position and to a fresh bell at almost every pull; there is, therefore, no time to make 'adjustments.' It has got to be right the first time. In call changes, if the first blow is not exactly where it ought to be, the next can be corrected, because it will be over the same bell, and so may several following blows. But when ringing a method, if a blow over one bell is a bad one, the next over another may be equally bad, unless the ringer has complete control of his bell and uses his ears.

FIRST ESSENTIALS.

To obtain good striking these two things are the first essentials. Complete control of the bell can only be got by proper handling. Hands must be kept close together, whether on rope-end or sally, and the rope should be held so that all the fingers can clutch the sally just as firmly as they hold the rope end. And at every pull the arms should go well up above the head, either in holding the rope-end or catching the sally.

The beginner should learn from the first to use his ears; that is, to pick out the sound of his bell from the rest. The clapper usually strikes the bell just before the end of its revolution—that is just before the rope gets to its full height at back stroke and about the moment at which the ringer catches the sally. With this to guide him, the beginner will know when to expect the sound of his bell, and if, at the outset, when he first rings rounds, he counts the bells and listens for his own, he will pick it out and soon will hear it—if he has any 'ears' at all—without the concentrated effort of counting the sounds. Then if he finds his bell striking too 'wide' or too 'close' for the beat or rhythm of the rest, at either stroke, he must adjust his pull accordingly.

USEFUL PRACTICE.

That, he may say, is all very well in rounds, but what about in changes? Too many beginners, we are afraid, are put to method ringing before they can strike or hear their bell in rounds, and many a bad striker is the result of being induced to run before he can walk. Until the beginner can handle his bell properly and strike well in rounds by using his own ears, he should not be allowed to go further. And we would put him through one further stage before he goes into change ringing proper.

It is excellent practice to do continuous dodging with one of the adjoining bells. If, for instance, the beginner is ringing the third, to strike over the fourth at every hand stroke and come back over the second at every back stroke. He will learn to 'hold up' and 'cut down.' Using his ears and, at first, counting the sounds, he will then get some better idea of where to 'place' his bell when changing at every half-pull. The instructor can, after a bit, get the beginner further by letting him 'hunt out' over a second bell, dodge for a time and then return. From this to hunting through three or four other bells is an easy step, and the beginner will have learnt to pick out the sound of his own from the rest, so that he will also have made a start on the road to good striking.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The September meeting was held at East Ardsley on Saturday, September 28th. Visiting ringers, arriving at 3 p.m., were welcomed by the Vicar (Canon Young). Members were present from Armley, Burley, Birstall, Brighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Rothwell, Sherburn and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. S. Barron presiding.

Three new members were elected, viz., Mrs. C. B. S. Bradley and Miss S. Bradley, of Sherburn, and Mr. R. Tysoe, of Headingley St. Michael's.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was accorded, on the motion of Mr. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. W. Jackson.—Mr. Watson replied for the local company.

The secretary informed the members that he had a verbal agreement with the L.M.S. Railway passenger agent's staff, and was awaiting confirmation, re the fare to Sheffield for the Snowden Dinner on October 12th.

The date of the next meeting was announced as October 26th, and the tower would be Holbeck, reached by a tram-car, No. 29 from City Square.

A NORTHAMPTON RESTORATION.

REOPENING OF RAVENSTHORPE BELLS.

The little village of Ravensthorpe, Northamptonshire, has just seen the completion of a big undertaking, and on Wednesday, September 25th, the newly-restored church tower and bells were rededicated and the new clock dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Long), and the lesson read by the Rural Dean (Canon Gornall). Immediately after the prayers of dedication offered in the belfry by the Bishop, a few rounds were rung by the following members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild: F. Wilford 1, G. A. Hollick 2, Mrs. Powell 3, the Rev. E. S. Powell 4, R. Adams 5.

The hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' was sung, and an excellent address given by the Bishop. After service, which concluded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by: C. Green 1, G. A. Hollick 2, F. Wilford 3, the Rev. E. S. Powell 4, R. Adams 5. The bells were then at the disposal of visiting ringers, and good use was made of them in several methods.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., who carried out the work in their usual efficient manner, were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

On Saturday, September 28th, a special meeting of the Guilsborough Branch of the Guild was held, by invitation of the Vicar, for a ringers' opening of the bells.

Branch members attended from Watford, Welford, Long Buckby, South Kilworth, East Haddon and Stanford-on-Avon, together with visitors from Harlestone, Flore, Heyford, Northampton, Lamport and Coventry, and members of the local band.

The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, everyone being catered for from rounds to Stedman Doubles. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Long), who is also the branch president.

After the service the company adjourned to the Institute for tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome, for the use of the bells, for conducting service and providing such an excellent tea, also to the ladies who had attended to the catering and to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 15th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. T. Greenwood 1, C. H. Jennings 2, G. Popnell 3, K. Snelling 4, F. S. Bayley 5, C. E. Smith 6, J. M. Cripps (conductor) 7, W. S. B. Northover 8. Mr. Northover is Mayor of Bridport.

RINGERS' DAY AT LEA.

REOPENING OF RESTORED BELLS.

On Saturday, September 21st, ringers from Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire visited Lea to try the restored ring of six (tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp) at St. Helen's Church. The bells were raised in peal just before 3 p.m., and were rung in Minor and Double methods, with rounds for the learners. Before the service a touch of Stedman Doubles was rung by the following ladies: Miss E. A. Stokes 1, Mrs. McGuiness 2, Miss A. A. Stokes 3, Mrs. East 4, Miss G. Burchnall 5, Miss K. Burchnall 6.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon R. G. Fookes), and the address was given by the Rev. Colver, of Laughton. In his interesting discourse he suggested that, like these fine retuned bells, none of which sounded the same note, yet all blended into one harmonious rhythm, ringing should try to blend their lives into one united faith in God.

After service the ringers were photographed on the Rectory lawn.

Tea, which the Rector very kindly provided, was served in the Rectory, but owing to the large number present, several rooms had to be used. Votes of thanks were proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for providing the tea, and to the Rev. Colver for his inspiring address. Afterwards some looked round the well-kept garden, others rang handbells, whilst several took the opportunity of looking through the writer's albums of towers in which he has rung. Later all returned to the tower, and during the evening several latecomers were welcomed. Numerous methods were rung to suit all tastes, including several good touches of London. A noteworthy course of Cambridge was rung by a ladies' band, Miss Ethel Marshall, of Gainsborough, skilfully ringing the tenor. The bells were lowered in peal at the end of a happy and memorable day.

Fifty-six ringers were present, representing the following towers: Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Blankney, Branstow, Burton Stather, Gainsborough, Gamston, Gorhill, Lea, Lincoln Cathedral and the newly-formed band at St. Giles', Misterton, Nettleham, North Collingham, Scothern, Sutton-on-Trent, Treeton, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham. The bellhangers, Messrs. Taylor and Co., were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Everybody remarked on the excellent 'go' and improvement in tone of the bells, and all agreed that Lea has now a ring to be proud of.

On Sunday, September 22nd, for matins, 720 Bob Minor: J. A. Lunn (first 720) 1, G. G. Lindoff 2, C. V. Cade 3, J. Dixon 4, N. Thurlby 5, G. L. A. Lunn (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 on the restored bells and the first 720 by G. L. A. Lunn as conductor in England.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the death of the Rector of Sherfield English, the meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, which was to have been held at that village to-morrow, has been cancelled.

The restoration of the bells at St. Mary's, Nottingham, which is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, is almost complete, and the rededication will take place on November 2nd. All ringers are invited to attend, but, owing to limitations of space, admission to the actual ringing chamber for the ceremony will be by ticket, applications for which must be sent to the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham, by October 28th.

Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, formerly hon. secretary of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, is this month entering Bishop Wilson Theological College, Isle of Man, for a three years' course of training for the ministry.

Mr. Roberts' personality and perseverance, linked with tact, discretion and courage, have done much for the development of change ringing in Cornwall, and his large circle of friends will wish him Godspeed in the career upon which he is entering.

The ring of eight, tenor 15 cwt., at St. Mary the Virgin, Ewell, Surrey, has been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. S. F. Palmer wishes to inform the visitors who intend to stay over the week-end at the Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner on the 12th inst. that special permission has been obtained to view the interior of the famous Sheffield City Hall on Sunday morning. Will all kindly meet at the front of the hall not later than 11.30 a.m.

The bells of Freshford Church, Somerset, are to be augmented to a ring of five by the addition of a new treble. The other four bells are also to be rehung. The work is to be carried out by John Taylor and Co.

The meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held at Grafton Underwood, is postponed to October 26th.

The Editor has had a pleasant surprise. A letter from Mr. G. Billenness, Hawkhurst, Kent, a former Master of Romney Marsh and District Guild. Although Mr. Billenness has not handled a rope in recent years, he has never lost touch with ringing, and reads our columns regularly.

The Church of St. Laurence, Hawkhurst, possesses a ring of eight (tenor about 23 cwt.). Knowing that an overhaul of this peal is an absolute necessity, Mr. Billenness conducted correspondence with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the result being that the Vicar (the Rev. Cuthred Compton) had twelve letters on the subject for the September meeting of Hawkhurst Parochial Church Council.

The church councillors immediately took a step in the right direction, as will be seen by the following paragraph which appeared under Church Council news in the 'Parish Magazine' for October: 'A communication from Mr. G. Billenness, giving a detailed report on the condition of the bells, was read. It is 31 years since they were rehung, and Mr. F. Chapman and Mr. W. Gorringe agreed that repairs are undoubtedly necessary. It was decided to ask Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the firm employed, to send an expert to inspect.'

RINGING FROM CHURCH FLOOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On page 622 you mention that the ringers at Melbourne Church, Derbyshire, stand on the church floor, some having to stand in the choir stalls for the purpose, and that it is one of the rare examples.

Do you know of the following where similar conditions prevail?

Kingstone, near Ilminster, a ring of six, where the treble man stands on the chancel step.

Winsham, near Chard (8), where the ringers stand in the choir stalls.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon (8). Here there are two towers over the north and south transepts respectively. The bells are in the south tower and the front of the pew has to be moved while ringing is in progress. The ropes hang not in a circle, but a U.

D. G. TAYLOR.

GLOUCESTER PEAL RINGING 'WEEK.'

SEVENTEEN RINGERS IN NINE PEALS.

Nine peals were rung last week during the tour in Gloucestershire. They included two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major and one of Royal, two of Superlative Surprise, one of Yorkshire, two of Stedman Caters and one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Seventeen ringers took part in the successful attempts and there were six conductors. In addition, two peals of London Surprise, two of Stedman Cinques and one of Stedman Triples were lost, but a most enjoyable week was spent.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

Councillor Charles Pratt, of Calverley, Yorks, has just completed 60 years as a change ringer, and to celebrate the event 60 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, on Sunday evening: Councillor C. Pratt 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, S. Keighley 4, S. Wheatley 5, W. Scrimshaw 6, W. Lee 7, G. Thompson 8.

A THREE-GUILDS' RALLY.

STRIKING ADDRESS BY OXFORD GUILD'S DEPUTY MASTER.

Over 60 ringers, representing nearly 30 towers, were present on Saturday at a 'rally' held at Staines, in which members of the Middlesex Association were joined by members of the Oxford and Guildford Diocesan Guilds. There were the 'Bright Young Things' and the 'Dull Old Fogies,' and apparently every stage of ringer in between, to make up a party who spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Four rings of eight bells were available, in Middlesex, Bucks and Surrey, but all within a radius of three miles—St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Staines, Wraysbury and Egham. One recalls that three of these were included in the four towers in which, something over 20 years ago, a Middlesex Association band rang four Surprise peals in a day! An interesting fact about Wraysbury (the old spelling of which is Wyrardisbury) is that the tenor is dated 1591, while the 7th was cast in 1664 and the 5th and 6th in 1657.

The general rendezvous was at St. Peter's Church, Staines, an ornate red-brick building with a spire-capped tower, standing on the banks of the Thames. It was built by that famous lawyer, the late Sir Edward Clarke. In the church, decorated in readiness for the morrow's harvest festival, the ringers gathered for a short service, which, led by the Vicar and supported by the organ, but no choir, was fully sung—the Psalm, the Magnificat, the Responses as well as the hymns being rendered with inspiring effect.

BIG NOISES.

The address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild)—a practical address from a practical ringer. Here are some of the things he said, basing his remarks on Psalm 19, verse 4, 'Their sound has gone out through all the world': 'There is something primitive and deep-rooted in our natures that delights in big noises, but noise must occur in the right place, otherwise it gives us no pleasure.

'There are many noises in the world, but none is without signification. Most of the noises signify the activities of man. They express also human hopes, joys and fears; they are for ever changing. Of late years they have become more and more numerous, more loud, more distracting, but amid them all there is one voice that has not essentially changed for many hundreds of years—the voice to which we all listen with delight and sometimes with criticism; the voice of the bells.

'What is the signification of that voice? We who attend the services at district meetings know that we are often told that we ring for the glory of God. We have been told this so often that we come to accept it as one of those conventional phrases which come to mean very little. All the same, I believe that statement to be literally true, and I add to-day one more to the number of times you have heard that statement made: We ring the bells for the glory of God. That is the true signification of that voice. Why? Because amid all the many kinds of noise on the earth and among the manifold changes of the world, this noise of the bells is the one loud noise that speaks to man of another world; that speaks to man of spiritual truths and of the existence of God. I do not care when the bells are rung, whether it be for service, for a peal, for a meeting or for the weekly practice—it makes no difference—somewhere outside the tower men and women are hearing that voice, and it is reminding them—they can ignore it if they will—that there is a spiritual side to our life; that behind all there is God and unto His judgment must all flesh come.

'WHAT THE DICKENS IS THAT?'

'Do not be put off when you are told that your ringing is essentially selfish, that you ring really for your own amusement, or your own pleasure. Of course, we enjoy exercising our strength and skill with the ropes. It would be a poor, dull thing if we did not do so. The better we ring and the more of our interest and enjoyment we put into it, the more effective will be the message of the peal to the outside world. A few days ago a prominent public man made this remark about buildings alongside our modern roads: "A building may legitimately cause a passing motorist to say, 'What is that?' It should not cause him to say, 'What the dickens is that?'"

'Let us think of that when we are in the belfry on Sunday. We want to make passers-by say, when they hear the bells strike up, "What is that?" We want to make them pause and think, "There are the bells; there is the church; in spite of all the muddles and mysteries of life, there is still a God in the world." We do not want them to say, as a jangled clatter disturbs the air, "What the dickens is that? Those rotten bells again; what a nuisance they are." We ringers are responsible for the one loud noise that tells of God's glory. So let us not treat our responsibilities lightly.'

A happy party sat down to tea afterwards, and enjoyed the friendly intercourse and listened to some handbell ringing. Before they separated, the Rev. C. E. Wigg proposed a vote of thanks to the Middlesex Association, whose guests they were, and especially thanked Mr. Goodfellow for all he had done to make the meeting a success.

The evening was devoted to further ringing on the church bells. The attendance book was signed by ringers from the following places: High Wycombe, Cookham, Clewer, Faringdon, Streatley, Fulmer, Iver, Farnham Royal, Slough (in the Oxford Guild), West Clandon, Ottershaw, Egham, Epsom, Hersham and Guildford (in the Guildford Guild), Ruislip, Kingsbury, Isleworth, Yiewsley, Uxbridge, Hillingdon, Sunbury and Heston (in the Middlesex Association), Oxhey, Putney and Kingston.

THE LATE WILLIAM PYE.

PROPOSED NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

The following appeal has been issued by the joint committee of the Middlesex and Essex Associations in connection with the proposal to raise a national memorial to the late Mr. William Pye:—

The Ringing Exercise has always shown itself to be most desirous of perpetuating the memory of the foremost exponents of our art. There are many instances of this which are repeatedly brought to our notice. The memory of Henry Johnson is kept alive by the dinner at Birmingham every March; Jasper Snowdon is honoured with a similar function in Yorkshire, annually in October. Bells at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, and St. Laurence's, Surfleet, bear the names of James W. Washbrook and Henry Law James respectively. Many more cases could be quoted to show that ringers, always mindful of the debt they owe to those departed, are ever anxious to honour their memory.

William Pye, who died on March 8th last, was one of the greatest ringers the Exercise has ever known. To many he was the greatest of his generation. For over 40 years his name was to the forefront as a great ringer and conductor. He was known personally in almost every county in England and Wales, as well as in parts of Scotland and Ireland. Nearly every ringing organisation in the British Isles could claim him as a member, and the peals that he rang, numbering 1,969 in all, are written in the records of no less than 35 ringing societies. It is unquestionable that his career has had a very great and beneficial effect on ringing, the standard of which he always did his utmost to raise.

The committee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, of which he was Master for 24 years, feel that it would be ignoring the general feeling throughout the Exercise if it did not take the lead in promoting a memorial scheme. Of many suggestions as to the form this should take, the most suitable appears to be the augmentation of the six bells at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, in which parish William Pye lived for over 30 years. The assent of Canon Brown, Vicar, and the co-operation of the Essex Association have been sought and obtained, and it is confidently hoped that sufficient funds will be subscribed by the many friends and admirers of the late William Pye to provide two memorial bells, and a suitable tablet to be placed in the belfry. Of the £250 it is estimated will be required, the Middlesex and Essex Associations have already given £20 and £15 respectively, and an appeal is made to all associations and guilds, as well as to individual ringers, to subscribe generously to this memorial fund.

A sub-committee, representing the Middlesex and Essex Associations, has been formed to carry out these memorial plans, with Mr. J. A. Trollope as chairman, Mr. W. H. Hollier as treasurer, and Messrs. E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles as secretaries. Any of these, or any other members of the sub-committee, viz., Messrs. E. P. Duffield, W. H. Theobald, F. W. Goodfellow, T. Collins and W. H. Oram, will be glad to receive cash donations at any time, whilst cheques and postal orders should be made payable to W. H. Hollier and crossed 'Westminster Bank.' These should be sent to Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4. Donations may be sent, if so desired, to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. T. Brown, St. John's Vicarage, Leytonstone, E.11.

The sub-committee reserves the right to amend its proposals should unforeseen circumstances render it inadvisable to proceed with the scheme outlined herein.—On behalf of the committee,

E. J. BUTLER, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.
C. T. COLES, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.
Hon. Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT MEETING AT HESTON.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very enjoyable and successful meeting on September 21st at Heston, by kind invitation. At 4 p.m. the bells were raised and were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The District Master (Mr. H. Mance) was unable to attend owing to indisposition, and charge of affairs devolved on Mr. 'Joe' Herbert, the hon. secretary, sometimes referred to as 'an old diehard.' All comers were catered for, members and friends ringing what they were most anxious to perfect.

Twenty-five sat down to tea at a nearby cafe and enjoyed a substantial meal. This was engineered by one 'Bill,' a 'youth' of Heston, and was eminently successful.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. R. Mackrill being in the chair. Usual routine affairs were transacted, one new member being elected, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Craggs, who turned up in person to chat to the visitors) for the use of the bells, to the local band for their kindness in inviting the district to their tower, and especially to Mr. Ellingham, who made the arrangements. It is hoped to pay another visit to this delightful spot at some future date.

The ringing got no further than Double Norwich, but for all that was much enjoyed. Visitors came from far and near, there was a feeling of great good fellowship throughout, and particularly between two elderly gentlemen, one a 'Youth,' good at Stedman, C. F. W., and a 'Royal,' famous round Isleworth, 'Freddy,' and other initials, Goddard.

'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'

TO MEET THE DISAPPOINTED.

So many ringers seem to have been disappointed that they are unable to obtain a copy of 'A Great Adventure,' which, as announced last week, has been 'sold out,' that despite our original intention not to reprint, we will produce a second edition if a sufficient number of copies are ordered.

Will those who require a copy (post free 2s.) send a post card *immediately* to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey?

The book will make an excellent Christmas gift for a ringer.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.

SIX-BELL CONTEST WON BY NEW MILL.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Holmfirth on Saturday, September 21st. Holmfirth is famous for the flood which occurred there on February 5th, 1852, caused by the bursting of the Billberry Reservoir. History of this tragedy states that damage to the extent of £250,000 was done and 77 lives were lost.

The draw for the order of ringing resulted as follows: 1 New Mill, 2 Shelley No. 2, 3 Shelley No. 1, 4 Liversedge, 5 Friezeland, 6 Meltham. All the companies rang Oxford Treble Bob except Meltham, who rang Meltham.

Tea was held in the Conservative Club, to which about 50 sat down. The meeting took place in the church vestry after ringing was finished.

The Vicar of Holmfirth, in reply to the vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, humorously remarked that all he knew about ringing was ringing the dinner bell, but he hoped everyone had enjoyed their visit to Holmfirth.

The judge, Mr. W. Idle, of Dewsbury, gave his decision as follows:

No. 1 Company, 92 faults.
No. 2 Company, 187 faults and 10 penalties, total 197.
No. 3 Company, 247 faults.
No. 4 Company, 103 faults.
No. 5 Company, 94 faults.
No. 6 Company, 188 faults.

New Mill were, therefore, declared winners, and received the cup, and a set of fruit spoons and fruit forks each. No. 5 Company, Friezeland, were second, and each received a wallet, or purse.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. H. Booth, of Holmfirth, to alter Rule 15 from ten penalties to five penalties.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TO GREENSTEAD GREEN AFTER 14 YEARS.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association recorded another very successful meeting at Greenstead Green on Saturday, September 21st, when 37 ringers were present and 15 towers represented. Ringing began shortly after 2.30 and continued until 9 p.m. with the exception of a break for service, tea and business meeting.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Stroud) said he understood it was something like 14 or 15 years ago that the village and church had the honour of entertaining the Essex Association. They were glad that, after so long an interval, the ringers had been able to arrange to visit them again. He had the greatest pleasure in welcoming them, and assured them that they at Greenstead Green considered it an honour that their bells should make such a joyful noise under the control and exercise of so goodly a company of skilful and musical ringers.

After the service the ringers partook of tea at the Village Hall. The Rev. F. A. Stroud presided, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) and the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell). Mr. L. J. Clark (general secretary) was also present.

At the business meeting the Vicar was unanimously elected an hon. member.

The district secretary reminded the meeting that a resolution was recently passed that the annual district meeting should always be held at Braintree and Bocking alternately, and this year it would be at Bocking on Saturday, November 16th.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address and presiding at the tea and business meeting, also to the organist and the ladies who had prepared the tea. This was seconded by the District Master and carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, replying, said he had never previously worked in a parish where there were bells, but now that he was a member of the association he would take more interest in the bells and in the ringers.

Methods rung during the day on the tower bells included Double Court, Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise; on handbells, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters.

SHROPSHIRE RINGER HONOURED.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT SHERIFFHALES.

Celebrations of a unique kind are taking place in the little village of Sheriffhales, in Shropshire, in honour of a ringer, John Lovekin, who has been serving his church in this and other capacities for 70

John Lovekin is 78; his family have lived continuously in the parish since some time prior to 1774. He has been for 70 years a member of the choir, for 60 years a bellringer and last Wednesday completed 50 years as parish clerk. It might almost be said that Sheriffhales and John Lovekin are synonymous.

This is a marvellous record of service which can seldom have been equalled, and it is service which has been rendered with deep devotion and unswerving loyalty. John Lovekin has been one of those who, throughout his long life, has been content to do the duty which lies at hand and to do it with all his might. Such men are the salt of this land and of the Church. In his own parish John Lovekin is loved and esteemed, and there are many ringers in Shropshire and Staffordshire who hold him in similar affection.

MR. JOHN LOVEKIN.

John Lovekin is still in harness. The church is part of his life; but such a remarkable record as he has created could not, it was felt, be allowed to pass without suitable commemoration. A testimonial is being raised, but, typically, Mr. Lovekin and his devoted wife do not desire to benefit personally, and the proceeds are to go to some purpose for the improvement of the church. What that purpose will be depends upon the amount contributed. An appeal has been made, not only to the present parishioners—who are a very small community—but to past parishioners and others, and we feel sure that there must be many ringers, both known and unknown to Mr. Lovekin, who will like to pay their tribute to one who has so long served the church and the belfry. Those who would like to contribute to the fund should forward their subscriptions to the Rev. R. A. Giles, the Vicarage, Sheriffhales, Shifnal, Shropshire. The ideal testimonial would be a new organ, of which the church stands badly in need. It is a proposal which Mr. Lovekin would delight to see carried out. We hope, therefore, that subscriptions will be generous.

As an illustration of Mr. Lovekin's devotion to his duties, it is not uninteresting to note that during the winter months, despite his age, he is at the church at 5 a.m. to attend to the fires, and that he has for 50 years walked two miles daily to wind the church clock. In addition to work for the church, Mr. Lovekin has been clerk to the Parish Council for 35 years, and still holds office, and for 30 years he was secretary of the 'Lord Frederick' Lodge of the I.O.O.F.

The jubilee celebrations began on Wednesday with a 'Harvest Home and Reunion Social' (the harvest festival took place on Sunday). Tomorrow members of the Shropshire County Association are ringing the bells of Sheriffhales Church in honour of the jubilee, and on Sunday there will be corporate Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast in the Church Hall, and a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 2.45 p.m., when the preacher will be the Right Rev. the Bishop of Stafford.

The ecclesiastical history of Sheriffhales goes back at least to Norman times The benefice was constituted at a very early date, since Domesday mentions a priest 'who has two oxen.' The Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin has been so often altered that little can be gathered of its history, except from scanty written records. It is evident, however, that the present north aisle was originally the whole church. The date of the principal extension was in the 17th century. Cut in one of the roof beams of the nave is '16—L.S.—I.B.—C.War—61,' the initials being those of the churchwardens of the time when the nave was built; the pillars and four arches which divide it from the north aisle having been brought from Lilleshall Abbey.

The tower then stood at the west end of the old portion of the church, but it fell to the ground about the year 1717, and the present tower, at the west end of the nave, was completed four years later. The inventory of 1552 mentions three bells and a sanctus bell. After the new tower had been erected five bells were hung in 1722, the principal donor being John, Lord Gower. These bells were quarter-turned and rehung in 1894, at which date a treble was added, making them a ring of six.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEARLY 4,000 VOTES CAST FOR OFFICIALS.

Owing to harvest festival at Bury, the venue of the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was transferred to Preston. About 120 members attended during the afternoon, but possibly the wet weather held a few back. The chief attractions were the newly hung ten bells and Mr. Woodhouse's ringing machine. The Vicar of Preston (Canon Wallis) kindly placed the choir vestry at the disposal of the ringers, and there was a continuous stream passing the machine, which was on view and working from 2.30 to service time. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and Canon Elsee (president of the association) read the lesson. The Vicar gave the address, his theme being church manners. He said he would like to see them more observed at the present time, and mentioned such breaches as strangers' respect to funerals and smoking in the churchyards.

Following tea in the Parish Schools, the business meeting was held. The committee's report mentioned that the association was, with honorary members, 1,563 strong. Death claimed during the year 18 members. The balance sheet showed a gain of £12 18s. 6d. on the year, with a working balance of £106 14s. Both the report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. A. Tomlinson was re-elected as joint secretary for two years. The other offices were filled by ballot, the returning officer saying that 564 voting papers had been returned and 3,963 votes recorded between the 20 candidates. The figures showed that Mr. H. Davenport was elected vice-president for two years, Mr. C. I. Davis hon. treasurer for the same time, and Messrs. A. Barnes and J. Wilkinson auditors.

The representatives to the new Central Council are the Rev. Canon Elsee, Messrs. G. R. Newton, W. H. Shuker and T. B. Worsley.

Four places were suggested for the next annual meeting, and, after spirited voting, Kendal was chosen.

Earlier in the evening Canon Elsee proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Willis and the choirboys before they went, and at the end of the business thanks were given to all who had helped to make this meeting a success.

EBB AND FLOW.

THE CHANGES OF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCE.

On Saturday, Sept. 21st, the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Westhoughton, and although there were heavy rains, the meeting was very well attended. Grandsire, Stedman, Erin and St. Clement's Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were the methods rung. It was a very useful meeting, inasmuch as many got their first touch in one or another method, and one his first touch as conductor.

The Rev. A. Scott, M.A., of Bolton, a pupil to the art, was in the chair for the business meeting, and two new members were elected.

During the middle of the last century, this tower had a really good band of ringers. They confined their efforts to Grandsire and Plain Bob only, but they did stress good striking. Then ill-luck befell the tower. Death and work removed several of the band, and they were never replaced at the time. The bells fell into a very bad state, and many futile attempts were made to re-establish a change ringing band. The bells were rung regularly for service, but the ringers only rang rounds and call changes. In 1930, Mr. Fred F. Rigby, himself a ringer, interested himself in the bells, got a young band together, and persuaded the authorities to put the bells in order. They were recast and put into first-class condition.

Great credit is due to Mr. Rigby and that young band for the perseverance and hard work put in to make themselves efficient. To-day the band can ring peals of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, some can ring also Kent and Double Norwich, and now they are on with Cambridge.

Mr. Rigby has been compelled to leave the district through a member of his family seeking a better climate, but he left a band who can equal their predecessors in the quality of striking, and they are also seeking higher methods.

DEATH OF MR. JESSE B. TYLER

The death occurred on September 24th of Mr. Jesse B. Tyler, of Clapton, at the age of 51 years. He had been in indifferent health for some time past.

For the last 15 years he was employed as a bellhanger by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Abney Park Cemetery, the chief mourners being the widow, Mr. Jim Tyler (son) and Mr. John Thomas (brother-in-law). The Whitechapel Bell Foundry was represented by Mr. Alan R. Macdonald, and the staff by Messrs. G. Oliver and J. S. Hawkins.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Whithourne (Herefordshire), on Saturday, September 21st, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in three different methods: J. H. Griffiths 1, G. Soley (conductor) 2, F. Davis 3, G. Jones 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Partridge and Miss Olive Lewis, who were married on the above date. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. Sidney Lewis, who has been a member of the local band for nearly 30 years.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PLEASANT MEETING AT BULKINGTON.

Bulkington has always been a popular place for ringing meetings, and Saturday week was no exception. In spite of the very wet afternoon, a fairly large number of ringers put in an appearance there, on the occasion of the monthly practice meeting of the Warwickshire Guild. The towers represented by members included Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Arley, Bedworth, Wolvey and Bulkington, and there were visitors from Peckleton and Croft. The presence of Mr. A. Wilkerson, a former secretary of the Guild, was very welcome.

A feature of the ringing during the afternoon and evening was the numerous touches and courses in the simpler methods for the learners and the less proficient.

An excellent tea (one of the 'features' of the meetings at Bulkington) was prepared by Mrs. Hinde and other ladies, and nobody in consequence was foolish enough to go hungry; while that 'second' or even 'third' cup was in constant demand. The ringers were so busy with the good things on the table that the conversation was rather slack and lacking in enthusiasm; however, they made up for it after tea in the numerous 'welcomes' and 'votes of thanks' proposed, seconded and supported by various people.

It was announced that Warwick will not be available for the quarterly meeting in October, and, therefore, another tower will have to be found.

Mr. Beale, of Wolvey, spoke of the impending departure of the Rev. Stanley Morris, and suggested that a bi-meeting should be held at Wolvey to enable ringers to bid him farewell and success in his new parish of Bilton. The date was left open, but will probably be on the fourth Saturday in October.

Handbell ringing was attempted after tea in the tea room, and the worse it seemed to get, the louder was the applause. 'Tis a cosy place, Bulkington, and we'll certainly come again. M. M.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

Through the kind and cordial invitation of the Halesowen Society, the Dudley and District Guild held their quarterly meeting at Halesowen on September 7th, the weather being warm and sunny. The bells were kept merrily going from 3 o'clock. For the usual service in the church the beautiful Guild form was used at the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. A. Colvile (Rural Dean of Dudley), who also gave a very interesting address on the 150th Psalm.

During the service the Rector unveiled and dedicated a peal tablet recording a peal that was rung for the King's Jubilee.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Church House, where a substantial tea was in readiness. The business meeting was presided over by the Rector.

Several new members were elected to the roll. The Rector of Halesowen was pleased to become an honorary member. The quarterly peal was proposed to be attempted at Halesowen, with the consent of the Rector and the Halesowen Society.

Cradley was proposed for the next meeting.

The Guild's representative to the Central Council (Mr. Colclough) gave a short account of the meeting at Shrewsbury on Whit Tuesday.

A letter was read from the Vicar of Netherton (the Rev. E. L. Warren) asking it to be made known that the dedication of the new bells at Netherton Parish Church will take place on Saturday, October 19th. Mr. Albert Prestidge would be glad to know who would be likely to be present so that he may be able to arrange for their welfare. His address is 3, St. Andrew's Street, Netherton, Dudley. On behalf of the members, the Ringing Master (Mr. Clifford Skidmore) proposed and Mr. S. J. Hughes seconded thanks to the Rector of Halesowen; to the Halesowen Society for their kind invitation and their generous hospitality; to the organist and to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea and looking after the comfort of all present; also to Mr. J. H. Cox and his band for making the necessary arrangements by which the members spent a most successful and happy time.

Ringing again took place afterwards.

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NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The meeting advertised for Grafton Underwood is *postponed* to Oct. 26th.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—The meeting arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) has had to be cancelled, owing to the death of the Rector of Sherfield English.—George Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to it not being possible to make any arrangements, the meeting that it was proposed to hold at Edgmond on Oct. 5th has been cancelled.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th and 31st, St. Andrew's on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th (nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting for this year will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided) and business meeting. The district secretary appeals to all members to attend. Important item on agenda affecting everyone.—Alec. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Walthamstow St. Mary's bells (10) will also be available from 7 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, W. H. Lawrence and E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free through the kindness of Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton. Names, please, to Mr. H. Allison, Wyngarth, Algarth Estate, Pockington, York. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—A good attendance is hoped for.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will take place on Saturday, October 5th, at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells). Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the annual dinner will also be for sale. Roll up and make the meeting a success.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall St., Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, October 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, October 5th. Eight bells. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—The new bells, by Taylor and Co., for the Canon Murray Memorial Tower of the Annunciation Church, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 5th. Short service at 3 p.m. Sermon will be preached by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. A short touch will be rung after the dedication by members of the Kent County Association, after which the bells will be available to visitors. — T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, S.S., on Saturday, October 5th. The six bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Business 5.30. A good attendance desired. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, October 5th, a peal board, recording a peal rung for the Jubilee, will be dedicated at Barley. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service and dedication at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Waggon and Horses. Please notify Mr. W. A. Tack, 2, Mortimers, Barley Royston, Herts, if you wish tea arrangements to be made for you.—D. Mears, Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Algarkirk on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards, 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Louth on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m., at Mr. Hanson's Café, Upgate. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 5th, being Goose Fair Saturday. Bells (10) open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Charlton-on-Otmoor (5) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden bells (8) available in the evening.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—W. Evetts, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings (6) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus from Wellingborough Market Street at 3 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head return. Please back this up and let me have names early. —A. Bigley, Dis. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. It is very necessary to acquaint me if you require tea. Come along!—anything you wish from rounds to Surprise.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, Oct. 5th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

MORCHARD BISHOP, DEVON.—Ring of 6, tenor 15 cwt., restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Sat., Oct. 5th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Public tea, 4.30, in the Memorial Hall (9d. each).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) recently rehung. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Sargent, M.A.). Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

STOURBRIDGE.—The bells of St. Thomas' Church will be re-dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 3 p.m. Ring of 8 rehung and part recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

COTHERSTONE, YORKS.—The peal of six (tenor 7¾ cwt.) restored by Gillett and Johnston will be rededicated by the Rev. C. Snushall, Rector of Romaldkirk, on Thursday. Oct 10th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

COTTESMORE, NEAR OAKHAM.—The new treble, to complete the ring to six bells, will be dedicated at the harvest thanksgiving service on Friday evening, October 11th. The new bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me not later than Oct. 2nd if requiring tea. — John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A by-meeting will be held at Stowting (bells recently augmented to six) for the purpose of electing the local ringers members of the association, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford 2.25 p.m., or Hythe 1.15 and 3.35 p.m. It is essential for those requiring tea to notify me by Wednesday, October 9th.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), St. Marie's R.C. (8), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Ranmoor (10), Handsworth (8), 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, October 8th, from divisional secretaries, or Sidney F. Palmer, Local Hon. Sec., Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, will be provided only for those who notify me not later than Monday, October 7th. Please support the organisers by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by October 9th. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. —Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon (opposite 'The Greyhound'), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Reception 6 o'clock. Dinner 6.30. Bells of the Parish Church (8) and St. Peter's (10) are available from 3.30 to 5.45. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Applications (enclosing remittance) should be sent to me as soon as possible (in no case later than Oct. 5th), or to any of the district officers and committee. Please bring your wives and friends.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ladies' Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in St. Andrew's Hall and social evening from 7.30. Ringing: St. Andrew's (8) 4 to 5 and 6.30 to 7.30, St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3.15 to 4.30. *Please* notify your own secretary or the undersigned re tea by Oct. 7th. All ringers and friends welcome. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. (Middlesex Association), 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — Meeting at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting. It will greatly assist if those coming for tea will drop me a card.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Parish Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.— F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—At Clifton Reynes, October 12th. Belfry (6) open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards, and discussion of future meetings in the deanery. Visitors requested to attend from anywhere near, especially change ringers. Please send a postcard by October 8th to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The South Norfolk Branch meets at North Lopham on Saturday, October 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Everyone who has seen or would like to see a bell rope is heartily welcome.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3.30. Bells (6). Tea will be provided for those notifying me by Thursday, Oct. 10th. —A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than Oct. 10th to me.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) in the Institute. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Mid-week meeting, Oct. 16th.—A joint meeting with the Essex Association will be held at Baldock on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Allnut's Café, High Street, Baldock. Please do your best to make the meeting a success.—Geo. Dent and Don. Mears, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Good bus service from Swindon (fare 6d.).—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.30, provided by the association. Please send names for tea by Monday, Oct. 7th. Bells at East Farleigh (6) will be available after the meeting from 7 to 9 p.m., in addition to All Saints'.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. If you require tea please notify me before Oct. 9th.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James' Church (8), Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. The St. James' Society extend a very hearty invitation to ringers *and their friends* to the service at 4 p.m. and to tea after the service. Roll up and make this meeting a success. — Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Whaplode on Saturday, Oct. 12th. 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. 7th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cowfold (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know if you intend to be present by Wednesday, Oct. 9th. — O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

TOTNES, DEVON.—The peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), No. 2 bell recast and the eight bells rehung on ball bearings, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 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 Rd., East Grinstead.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Quarterly meeting at Leyton, Oct. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Numbers for tea by Oct. 15th, and oblige.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells will be available. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Gaywood's rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is imperative that those intending to be present notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (new ring of 12) will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Kindly notify me regarding tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 19th, and not on the 12th, as advertised on meeting cards. Will all those who intend to be present send word to me on or before the 16th inst.?—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed and the more the merrier. — J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Hunkley Mount Road, Bury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A presentation is to be made to Mr. F. Wilford, the first Master of the Guild, after tea. St. Giles' (10) and the Holy Sepulchre (8) from 3 to 4.30, St. Peter's (8) from 6 to 8. Tea will be provided at the County Café, Mercer's Row, at 4.45, 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 15th. A postcard will do. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 16th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE. — His Grace the Archbishop of York will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 5 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Worcester will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ENNISKILLEN, IRELAND. — The Lord Bishop of Clogher will dedicate the bells on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Opening and re-dedication of the new peal will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Further details next week. — A. Coppock, Ringing Master.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, for harvest festival morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Waylen 1, Dr. A. M. Cunningham (first quarter-peal) 2, W. C. Shute 3, H. R. Bennett 4, F. G. Blake 5, H. W. Saunders 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Longman, who is 70.

STAFFORD. — On Sunday, September 22nd, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) at St. Mary's Church: H. Chester 1, H. Bayley 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, F. T. Hayle 4, A. E. Garbett 5, G. Booth 6, W. C. Curtis 7, J. Warrilow 8, W. H. Jones (conductor) 9, E. Vaughan 10. This was the first quarter-peal for the ringers of treble and tenor, and the first on an 'inside' bell for the ringer of the 2nd. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

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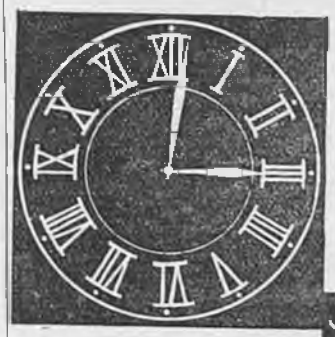

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A CHALLENGE FROM TASMANIA.

One of the direct results of the visit of the English ringers to Australia was that a proposal to have merely a light chime of bells at the Tasmanian Cathedral at Hobart was changed into a decision to instal a heavier set of bells, with eight of them hung for ringing. But for the fortuitous arrival of the tourists, all chance of a ringing peal in the new tower now being built would have gone by, perhaps for ever. At the psychological moment, as it seemed, they came on the scene, and the weight of their advice turned the scale in favour of an octave hung for ringing supplemented by half tones to be used when tunes are chimed. Tasmania is about two-thirds the size of Ireland, and in all that great area there is at present only one ring of bells—at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart. What a great gain, therefore, will be even one more peal! This will be the first addition of a peal of bells in the island for nearly ninety years, but it might well be the forerunner of other rings if the bells, when installed, are rung as they should be rung. This is now the problem.

In another column we print a letter from the Rev. A. A. Bennett, of Hobart, suggesting that an instructor be sent out from this country, and if there is to be a band capable of doing any change ringing when the bells are opened it seems to be the only means of securing it. This appears to be a tremendously difficult undertaking, which, on the face of it, seems beyond the realms of practical politics. But is it? Mr. Bennett describes the need as a challenge to the ringers of the homeland, and his suggestion is that there might be someone with sufficient leisure and means to take on the task, with, perhaps, assistance from Tasmania and the Exercise in England. If by such a combination of circumstances and effort something of the kind could be done, it would be to the lasting credit of all who took a hand in it.

The ringers who made the journey to Australia last year will see the advantages of such a scheme, in carrying a stage further the work which they endeavoured to begin, but it may be difficult for the majority of ringers here in England to view it in the same light. There are many things that must, of course, be known and weighed before steps could be taken on the lines of Mr. Bennett's proposals. Unfortunately, the Central Council, which ought to take a hand in any scheme if it were launched, will not meet again for eight months, and the loss of so much time would be fatal to the end which the Tasmanian ringers have in view—a competent band for the opening of the Cathedral bells. Tasmania, it is true, is a long way away, but we believe that, to those who have been there—and their opinion ought to be worth something—

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there will appear nothing impracticable in Mr. Bennett's proposal, if the ringers of England would unite in helping forward a missionary effort of the truest kind. But first we must have a volunteer for this new mission field and must know the terms on which he would be prepared to go out. Fare paid and, if he has insufficient means to make his stay a holiday, an assured job in Tasmania might, perhaps, be an inducement to someone? On his side, of course, he must be a ringer with some qualifications as a teacher. Could a man be found willing to enter upon an interesting experience, we feel something might be done to answer the challenge.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	7
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	*JOHN LLOYD	8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	HECTOR G. BIRD	9
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
*KEITH SALTER	5	*JOHN SMITH	11
JOHN BASS	6	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Maximus. First of Maximus on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. C. H. Connolly and Miss E. E. Read, who were married in the Isle of Wight on the above date.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	ALFRED W. HEATH	6
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ...	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	ALFRED PARNELL	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
GEORGE LARGE	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal of Erin Caters for all excepting the ringer of the third. First peal of Erin Caters for the association. First peal of Erin Caters rung in Wales. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	STANLEY C. DAVIS	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	HARRY W. SMITH	6
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN	*Treble*	*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	5
PETER CHARMAN	2	*EDWARD J. CHARMAN ...	6
*THOMAS ADAMS	3	JOHN COOK	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the Oxford Variation. 50th peal of Treble Bob by ringer of the treble. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 3rd.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Kathleen E. Fletcher	*Treble*	George Martin	5
Dorothy R. Fletcher	2	†William Henley	6
*Richard Smith	3	Wilfred Edwards	7
Jesse Harrison	4	Harry Wingrove	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. Wingrove.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 450th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Smith and Miss D. R. Fletcher.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 29, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Cassion,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Robert Matthews	*Treble*	Reginald C. H. Connolly	5
John Bass	2	Cyril Chambers	6
*John H. Pagett	3	Reginald Chance	7
Charles H. Woodberry	4	†Thomas Stride	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Matthews.
* First peal on eight bells. † First attempt for a peal. Arranged specially for Mr. R. O. H. Connolly, and also rung as a farewell to his fiancee, Miss E. E. Reed, who is leaving the district.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

Charles H. Sone	*Treble*	George Kenward	5
Tom Saunders	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Mrs. H. Baker	3	William Wenban	7
Harry Baker	4	Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by W. Wenban.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Brook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*Frederick A. J. Steward	*Treble*	Francis Kirk	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	Francis A. Smith	6
Gilbert E. Debenham	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Frederick W. Brinklow	4	William Cross	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. Woolley.
* First peal and first attempt.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

Mrs. H. Baker	*Treble*	Harry Baker	5
C. H. Sone	2	William Wenban	6
Tom Saunders	3	Frederick White	7
Tom E. Sone	4	Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom E. Sone.
Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the Right Hon. the Lord Cornwallis, of Linton, who was interred in the churchyard on the same date.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Edward T. Griffen	*Treble*	George Preston	5
F. Frankland Rigby	2	William C. Shute	6
Percy W. Witham	3	Anthony V. Dent	7
Charles R. Forfitt	4	Arthur V. Davis	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Frankland Rigby.
Rung as a farewell peal to Canon Marsh, Vicar of Bournemouth, Mrs. Marsh and Mr. A. V. Dent, who leave Bournemouth at the end of the month.

HARMSTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Wednesday, October 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Donovan R. White	5
John Waldron	2	Cecil J. Mayer	6
Kenneth W. Mayer	3	John A. Freeman	7
*Geoffrey M. Mayer	4	Harold Marcon	*Tenor*

Conducted by John A. Freeman.
* First peal in the method.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*George Procter	*Treble*	†Ernest Swain	5
Edwin Jennings	2	William S. Beasdale	6
Stanley Clifford	3	Richard Rainford	7
John Woods	4	Robert Holmes	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Jennings.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' This peal was rung on the 76th anniversary of the Cathedral, and is the first peal on these bells since October 4th, 1884.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Tom Saunders	*Treble*	Harry Baker	5
Mrs. H. Baker	2	Luther J. Honess	6
Charles H. Sone	3	*George Kenward	7
William Wenban	4	*Thomas E. Sone	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 25th peal together. The conductor's 150th peal (104 as conductor) of Major.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Alfred Meadowcroft	*Treble*	*William J. Barratt	5
Percy Green	2	Henry Shadrack	6
Sidney Taylor	3	George Green	7
Herbert Devonish	4	Harry Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Green.
* First peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	HAROLD G. JENNEY	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	ALEX HUTCHISON	7
FRED W. HILL	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST F. BENNETT	*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	5
EDWIN C. BIRKETT	2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First Surprise peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	6
SHELFORD SPARROW	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

ADDERBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

GEORGE MARTIN	*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

TIPTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FRANK G. BURLEIGH	*Treble*	*GEORGE HUGHES	5
ALFRED ROWLEY	2	*DENNIS HOLDEN	6
*FRED HANDLEY	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
*STANLEY MASON	4	*CYRIL WINWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.
* First peal in the method. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. G. Hughes for standing in at the last moment to make up the band after meeting short for Double Norwich.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST J. SOUTHWICK	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
BENJAMIN DALTON	2	ROBERT PICKERING	6
CHARLES R. COLLINS	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	4	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. PICKERING.
* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler, who celebrated their silver wedding on this date. Mr. Butler was unable to take part in the peal owing to illness. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Butler, his daughter, and Mr. Ben Dalton.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF HEREWARD TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES	*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	SAMUEL JONES	6
FRED HARTMAN	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JAMES MORGAN	4	EDWARD PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by R. SPERRING.
First peal in the method for all. First peal in the method for the Guild.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM TAYLOR	5
*THOMAS BARKER	2	ADAM BLOGG	6
FRED RIGBY	3	JOHN CHARNOCK	7
FREDERICK G. BRADLEY	4	ALFRED BLOGG	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 59). Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the bells.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JACK FISHER	*Treble*	*FRANK RHODES	5
*FRANK POPPLEWELL	2	WALTER AINLEY	6
†CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	3	JOE C. MELLOR	7
HENRY H. SMITH	4	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by HENRY H. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 1st, 4th and 7th hail from Lindley, 6th from Elland, tenor from Liversedge, the rest belong to the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz: (1) Norfolk; (2) London and Wells; (3) Carlisle; (4) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (5) Beverley; (6) York; (7) Ipswich.
Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY	*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
CHARLES W. WOOD	2	HARRY GIBBARD	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)
On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD HELMES	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS	4
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	2	WILLIAM BISHOP	5
GEORGE WILKS	3	WILLIAM BEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.
This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Ernest T. Allaway, a member of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. All those who took part are old ringers of Ruardean Parish Church.

LINCOLN, LINCS.—On Tuesday, September 23rd, at St. Botolph's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Percy Holmes 1, Robert Parker 2, John Freeman 3, Jack L. Millhouse 4, Kenneth W. Mayer 5, John Walden (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all except conductor.

BIGBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS	...Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN	4
GEORGE L. HALL	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
*MARTIN WALKER	3	GEORGE DOBBS	...Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY TURNER	...Treble	CHARLES HARRINGTON	4
LEWIS CAMP	2	EDWARD T. STITCH	5
*ROBERT HEAZEL	3	JOHN STITCH	...Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

MORETON.

On Saturday, September 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAM LAW	...Treble	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	4
*SIDNEY KING	2	FREDERICK SEYMOUR	5
LEONARD CAMP	3	HENRY CAMP	...Tenor

Conducted by W. WEDLOCK.

* First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT SMITH	...Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBENS	4
CHARLES W. COOK	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
FRANCIS W. GLEAVES	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	...Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Benedict's since 1907.

THORNER, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL	...Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY	4
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	2	JOSEPH THACKRAY	5
FRANK ELLIS	3	DANIEL SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

UPPER SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

LESLIE V. PAGE	...Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
*WILLIAM COPEMAN	2	WILLIAM R. WEST	5
CHARLES COPEMAN	3	JOHN KING	...Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on tower bells. First peal in three methods by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. First recorded peal on the bells.

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

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich, London and Cambridge, each called differently, with no 6-5's at back stroke. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES J. CHALWIN	...Treble	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	WILFRED EDWARDS	5
EDWARD C. AYRES	3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. REDRUP.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

FRANK C. TYSOE	...Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	4
DONALD COCKINGS	2	WILLIAM STOCK	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW	3	HENRY STAPLETON	...Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob (Treble Bob and Plain rung alternately). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*†JAMES A. GLASS	...Treble	†GORDON W. LIMMER	4
†JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 14)	2	WILLIAM WELLING	5
†GEORGE H. LIMMER	3	GEORGE GILBERT	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than three plain methods and members of St. Peter's Society, Burnham. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

SHERIFFHALES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS	...Treble	JOHN W. TRANTER	4
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	ALBERT WOODVINE	5
WALTER LAGO	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Specially arranged and rung at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Giles) to commemorate the wonderful record of Mr. John Lovekin, who has been 70 years a chorister, 60 years a ringer and 50 years parish clerk at this church. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

*WALTER G. PAUL	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	*ARNOLD BRINTON	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt. A compliment to the general secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) on attaining his 70th birthday.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

MUSICAL TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

For those who are just starting out on the interesting stage of calling touches of Grandsire Triples, the basis of a number of musical touches for service and other occasions will be useful to know.

Something about the way to call Grandsire Triples has already been explained in this column, but as a 'refresher' we would remind the beginner in this field that when a bell is to be called 'Before,' it hunts down immediately in front of, that is 'before,' the treble, and the bob has to be called just as that bell begins its lead.

A bell that is to be called 'In' or 'into the hunt' will be found coursing down from behind with one other bell (the bell that is coming 'Before') between it and the treble.

If a bell has been called 'Before,' a bob the next lead brings it to the position known as 'Wrong' (6-7 down). If a bell has been called 'In,' its position at the next call, whenever it is made, is 'Out' (4-5 down).

In calling short touches, one aim should be to make them as 'musical' as possible, and among the most musical positions for the bells to be in are those in which the 6th is coursing the 4th, and/or the 7th coursing the 6th. These, of course, are the coursing orders in which they start, and, if the touch is not too long, 4-6 or 6-7 can be kept in position by the use of pairs of bobs, calling one or other of the bells into the hunt and out the next lead.

This calling divides the touch up into what are known as 'four lead courses,' that is to say the observation bell comes into its own position every fourth lead. Thus, if the 7th is called In and Out, it goes into the hunt the first lead, comes out at the second (both these are at bobs), is 6-7 down at the 3rd, and Home, or 6-7 up, at the 4th lead.

Similarly, if the 6th is called In and Out, it is 6-7 up at the first lead (without a bob), In at the 2nd and Out at the 3rd (both with bobs), and 6-7 down (its natural position, known as Wrong) at the fourth.

By calling either bell In and Out three times, a touch of 168 is produced, and 6 and 7 are in coursing order. By calling the 6th In and Out and the 7th In and Out, alternately three times, the touch is doubled in length (namely, 336). A large number of touches of that useful length, 504, can also be got by combinations of this calling of the 6th and 7th In and Out, but if you try to compile them yourself, a certain amount of care is needed to see that you do not get repetition.

Here are a few, in which we indicate the 7th In and Out by the figure 7, which stands for both bobs. Likewise the 6th In and Out is indicated by the figure 6. As an example, the 336 referred to above would be shown by 6.7.6.7.6.7. Here, then, are some 504's:—

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7.7.6.6.7.7.6.7.6
6.7.6.7.6.6.7.7.6
6.7.7.6.6.7.7.6.7
6.6.7.7.6.7.6.7.7

You can prick out the course-ends in detail by using the following transpositions: The 7th In and Out produces a course-end 423567; the 6th In and Out produces 354267. Perhaps you would like to prick out others for yourself. If you do, remember this, you cannot, without repetition or the use of singles, have more than two consecutive courses with the same calling, or more than five in succession in which the 6 and 7 are used alternately.

One other thing, if you want to vary your music, you can get equally true touches, producing 4-6's instead of 6-7's, by substituting in the calling 4 for 6, and 6 for 7.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Central District was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Milton-next Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th, when about 40 members and friends attended. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Powell.

After the service an ample tea was provided by the kindness of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

At the meeting which followed, Mrs. Deal, the vice-president, took the chair.

Two new members were elected, namely, Mrs. H. J. Powell, Milton-next-Gravesend (hon. member), and Miss Jean Thompson (practising member).

It had been proposed that the next 'south of the river' meeting should be held at St. John's, Deptford, on December 14th, but as these bells are not available, the meeting will now be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich.

Members were reminded that the meeting north of the river will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, November 23rd.

The date fixed for the Corporate Communion is October 27th.

Mrs. Fletcher (the hon. general secretary) expressed the great pleasure of the members to have Mrs. Deal with them again after her serious illness.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and his service, to the organist, and to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell for her generosity in providing tea, not forgetting also Mr. Mitchell.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT LOUTH.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Louth on Saturday, October 5th, and was fairly well attended by members and friends from Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Gainsborough, Grantham, Grimsby, Holton-le-Moor, Lea, Lincoln, Ulceby and Upton, in addition to local members and Mr. W. Bramwell, an honorary member, Cleethorpes.

There were also present Mr. R. Richardson (Guild Master), Mrs. R. Richardson and Miss Enid Richardson and Mr. George Ladd from the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

The bells were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. P. W. Humphrey), who gave the members a hearty welcome to Louth.

Thirty-six afterwards sat down to an excellent tea, and at the business meeting which followed, the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry presided. It was, he said, the first occasion he had acted as chairman since he was elected president of the branch. He thanked the members for their confidence and the honour they had conferred upon him. He would endeavour to do his best for the interests of the branch.

Apologies of absence were announced from Mr. F. W. Stokes (Guild secretary) and Mr. Edmund Dawber (Guild and Northern Branch treasurer).

It was decided to hold the 1936 half-yearly meeting at Heckington, the date fixed being October 3rd.

Mr. G. L. A. Lunn made reference to his proposition at the last annual meeting regarding a grant towards the restoration of the bells at Lea Church, and said that as the whole of the amount had now practically been raised, he wished to withdraw his proposition.—The President thanked Mr. Lunn and congratulated the Lea ringers on their success.

Mr. Richardson drew the attention of the members to an announcement in 'The Ringing World' respecting a second edition of 'A Great Adventure,' and advised all who were able to obtain a copy.

Mr. C. H. Baker referred to the sad loss which the North Notts Association has just sustained by the tragic death of its hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale), who received fatal injuries in a motor collision while returning home after attending the dedication service of the bells at Blyth Church three days previously.

The secretary was requested to write a letter of condolence to the relatives of the deceased, and the members stood in silence as a token of esteem and respect.

Votes of thanks were passed to the president, the Rector for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, the organist, the caterers, and Mr. A. E. Hoodless for making the arrangements.

This concluded the business, after which further ringing took place until 8 o'clock, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Barton-on Humber and brought a fairly large gathering together. Towers represented were Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby and the local members, and ringing friends from Sutton and Hull were also present. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

Service, held in St. Peter's Church, was conducted by the curate, who gave an interesting address. Mr. G. Moody presided at the organ.

A splendid tea was afterwards served to a party of 26. The Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Varah) presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president (Ven. Archdeacon Parry). Two new members (Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pool, of Ulceby) were elected. The collection, for the district bell fund, amounted to 7s. 7d.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the curate for conducting the service and the organist for his services, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting, to the caterers and those who had made arrangements.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association held their fourth annual dinner at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Worcester, on Saturday, September 28th, when a good number of ringers, including several who had been on the tour in Gloucestershire, were present.

The chair was taken by the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt.), supported by the Master (Mr. William Short), the Rev. G. W. Webb, Mr. J. R. Newman, Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary), etc.

A good musical programme had been arranged, all the talent being drawn from members of the association. It included songs by Mr. W. C. Dowding, Mr. G. J. Hemming and Mrs. Ralph Harris, and a sketch by the well-known Johnson family, Mrs. J. D. and the Misses A. and F. Johnson, entitled 'Neighbours in Gooseberry Court.'

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, Mr. Newman proposed 'Church and State,' and said how pleased he was to see the Dean in the chair. The association wished him (the Dean) every success in his new work as the Dean of Worcester.—The Dean, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to be there, and to meet such an enthusiastic company of churchworkers. The Dean finished up a very breezy speech with the remark that it was through the Church that that gathering was able to be held, but it would be the State that would turn them out at 10 o'clock!

Mr. W. C. Dowding proposed 'The Worcestershire Association.' He said that in thinking of the association he was reminded of some words of Bishop Gore, late Bishop of Worcester, who said, 'Everyone who called himself a churchman must have some work to do.' There was no doubt, said the speaker, that the 'Worcesters' knew what their work was and did it well. Mr. Dowding paid tribute to a number of stalwarts both present and past, such as Mr. T. J. Salter, Albert Parsons, Bill Short, Bill Ranford and other members of what the speaker called 'the push bike family,' and to the work of Sid Holt and J. R. Newman.—Mr. J. D. Johnson replied, and pointed out a number of ways in which the work of the association could be carried on, especially in the training of young ringers.

Mr. R. G. Knowles proposed 'Kindred Associations,' and said how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Yorkshire Association who were present, Messrs. Albert Hughes, Edward Jenkins and Leslie Morris.—Mr. Hughes, in reply, thanked the association for the warm welcome which had been afforded to them, and said that when any of the members of the Worcestershire Association went to Yorkshire they would do their best to make their visit as pleasant.

After the toasts were over some community singing was indulged in under the able conductorship of Mr. John P. Fidler.

BIG SCHEME IN NOTTS VILLAGE.

TOWER AND BELLS RESTORED AT BLYTH.

As part of a big restoration scheme at Blyth, Notts, the tower of the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Martin has been extensively renovated and the bells restored. The completed work was dedicated on Wednesday week by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, who at the same service also dedicated a memorial window to the Rev. John Rudd, a former Vicar, his wife and their son.

The bells had been lying dormant for about four years, the greater part of the time in the works of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried out the work of recasting and rehanging them on a new frame. The church tower has been restored and the clock overhauled. The work has cost over £4,000.

Bellringers from a wide area, including Misterton, Mansfield, Treeton, Sheffield, Thorne, East Markham, Anston, Ordsall and East Retford, visited the belfry, and, after the service, took turns in ringing various methods. Many were the compliments that were passed on the excellence of the bells.

The service of rededication was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Kempe) in the presence of a large congregation, and among the many clergy present were the Ven. E. Hacking (Newark), who read the lesson, the Ven. W. J. Conybeare (Southwell) and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall).

HISTORIC PARISH.

The Bishop took as his text, 'Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness' (Psalms xxix., 2). In the course of his address he said: 'The Parish Church of Blyth is historically and architecturally one of the finest in the county. It originally formed part of a Benedictine Priory, but while the monastic part, eastward, was destroyed, the present building was preserved as the nave, the aisle and the west tower served as the parish church.

'This afternoon I come with simple, frank and sincere words to congratulate the Vicar and the parish most heartily on the completion of what has been a costly work. From the time the Vicar came to this parish he had to face a very difficult task, a task which had to be faced, and which has cost a good deal more than was at first expected. But you set your faces to this task. You have set the diocese an example of determination and faith, and to-day, when you rededicate this tower and this window, it is with a real spirit of thanksgiving that we show our praise to Almighty God.'

The offertory for the Restoration Fund amounted to £47 16s. 4d. Following the service there was a parochial tea, and the celebrations were continued in the evening with a concert.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The close connection that has existed for many years between the Birmingham City Council and the St. Martin's Guild, by reason of the fact that Alderman J. S. Pritchett has long been Master of the Guild, has been strengthened by the recent election of Mr. A. Paddon Smith to the City Council.

Mr. Smith, who was secretary of St. Martin's Guild for 20 years and is now a trustee and vice-president, accepted the unanimous invitation of the Conservative Association to be nominated to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a member for Sandwell Ward, and has been returned unopposed. His many friends will congratulate him on the distinction which he has gained in the municipal life of his city.

The first peal for more than 50 years was rung on Saturday on the bells of the R.C. Cathedral, Lancaster.

Owing to church restoration, ringing is suspended until further notice at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, Middlesex.

We publish a report elsewhere of a peal rung at Moreton. Unfortunately, the sender omitted his address, and he does not tell us at which of the four Moretons—Dorset, Essex, Shropshire or Cheshire—it was rung. It is a pity such essential details, to make the information complete, should be omitted.

The ring of six bells of St. Veep, near Lostwithiel, Cornwall, is to be rehung with new fittings in a new framework by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The peal of eight at Campsall, near Doncaster, Yorkshire, is being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Several reports are unavoidably held over.

Winter's coming. It is as well to be cosy in bed. This you can be with blankets bought from Mr. R. E. Maude, whose advertisement you will find in another column. And you will be buying from a ringer, too!

NORTH NOTTS SECRETARY'S DEATH.

MR. R. W. STOCKDALE'S FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

When returning from the opening of the bells at Blyth, Notts, on Wednesday of last week, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, of East Markham, hon. secretary of the North Notts Association, met with a fatal accident. He was riding a motor-cycle, with Miss Mary Billyard as pillion passenger, and on the Great North Road, near Barnby Moor, came into collision with a motor-lorry. He was removed to Retford Hospital, where he succumbed to his serious injuries on Friday.

Miss Billyard was also taken to hospital, but, happily, is recovering.

The funeral of Mr. Stockdale took place on Tuesday.

The meeting of the North Notts Association which was to have been held to morrow at Sutton-on-Trent has been cancelled.

Mr. Stockdale discharged his duties as hon. secretary most enthusiastically, and his death has caused a great loss to the association, among whose members he was held in high esteem.

REDHILL RINGER'S DEATH.

The St. John's Church Bellringers, Redhill, and the Surrey Association have sustained the loss through the death of one of their esteemed members in the person of Mr. Harry Goodwin, which occurred on Thursday, September 26th, after a long and painful illness.

The funeral took place on Monday, September 30th, when Mr. W. Claydon, hon. secretary of the Southern District, and Mr. Alfred Gear, foreman of St. John's Ringers, attended.

Mr. Goodwin was a very regular and conscientious Sunday service ringer, and as a mark of respect his brother ringers met in St. John's tower in the evening, when, with the bells half muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: A. W. Gear 1, A. J. Bull 2, R. Tuffin 3, A. Bashford 4, F. Jeal 5, A. Willett 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, C. Aldworth 8. A short touch of Grandsire Triples was also rung, with A. Gear and H. Noon, members of St. John's, standing in.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT BARNES.

A very pleasant district meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, September 28th, about 25 members and friends attending from Banstead, Barnes, Benhilton, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon, Leatherhead, Leeds, Hampstead, Merton and Mitcham.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon in a variety of methods to suit all tastes. Tea was followed by a short business meeting, at which one new member was elected, and the members were reminded of the first annual dinner, to be held on October 12th at Croydon, and urged to support it.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hunt for having everything in readiness and making the association so welcome.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8.30 p.m. in a variety of methods up to Bristol Surprise Major.

The next meeting will be at Benhilton on Saturday, November 23rd.

CHISLEHURST'S NEW BELLS.

FINE OCTAVE IN A MODEL TOWER.

A large number of ringers gathered at Chislehurst, Kent, on Saturday, for the dedication of the new peal of eight bells at the Church of the Annunciation. The first bell of the ring, which now forms the fifth of the octave, was installed three years ago. The other seven, given by different donors this year, have been cast and hung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and with a tenor of 20 cwt. the bells form a very fine ring.

The Church of the Annunciation was built in 1870 by Canon F. H. Murray, Rector of Chislehurst from 1846 to 1902, and the tower was added in 1930 in memory of the founder. It is built on lines which are a model of bell tower construction, and which originated in this case from advice given by Canon G. F. Coleridge. There are no open windows on the bell level, and the sound finds its way out through louvres built into the roof. Constructed, like the church, of Kentish Rag, the battlemented tower is 90ft. high to the tops of the pinnacles and of ample proportions. Indeed, there would be room for twelve bells all on one level. The interior is brick lined, and the staircase follows Canon Coleridge's advice of being wide enough for the biggest ringer to mount without difficulty. Now that the bells are installed, all that remains to be done is to put a ceiling to the ringing room to moderate further the sound of the bells in the interests of the ringers. Outside the results achieved are excellent. In close proximity to the tower the sound has been admirably reduced so that there can be no discomfort to neighbours, but further away they can be heard with the charm that nearly everyone likes to associate with church bells.

When the tower was first completed a bell, the gift in 1932 of the late Mrs. Dobbing, and named 'Catharine' after her, was installed. The bells now added are as follow, and it is of more than passing interest to note that No. 2 was the gift of a single woman, who has earned her living all her life by her own work—a striking instance of sacrifice for the church made anonymously.

The treble, 'Fanny,' weighing 5¼ cwt. and striking the note E, was given by the Slade family.

No. 2, 'Peter,' weighing 5¾ cwt. and striking D sharp, was given anonymously.

No. 3, 'Frederick Bowater,' weighing 6½ cwt. and striking C sharp, was given by Lady Bowater.

No. 4, 'Rosemary,' weighing 8 cwt. and striking B, was given by the Misses Whyte.

No. 6, 'William,' weighing 11 cwt. and striking G sharp, was given by Mrs. Tylor.

No. 7, 'Samuel,' weighing 14½ cwt. and striking F sharp, was given anonymously.

The tenor, 'Frances,' weighing 20 cwt. and striking E, was given anonymously.

The service of dedication was attended by a large congregation, but it was a matter for regret, especially to the many ringers present, that Canon Coleridge, who was to have been the preacher, was unable to attend through illness. His place was taken by the Rev. H. T. Southgate, Rector of Greenwich. The service began with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' and prayers were offered for the Holy Catholic Church, the diocese and its Bishop, the parish, the donors of the bells, and 'for the souls of those departed this life in whose memory these gifts have been made.' The lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis (vice-president of the Kent County Association), and the hymn, 'Unchanging God,' was sung.

The Rev. H. T. Southgate said, as Rector of a church which had a fine peal of bells, he knew full well what the bells might mean to the parish, and it was, therefore, a very happy day for them when the bells were set apart and dedicated.

Having spoken of the origin, uses and history of bells, the preacher said that always in their religious use there was one dominant note and purpose—that of summoning people to worship. There was a lesson to be learned from the bells. A good bell had only one note called the 'constant,' and those who were gathered there that day prayed that that one note might be the summons to prayer and praise of faithful Christians. Let them all take heed and respond to that note. He appealed for greater fellowship in public worship, for he felt there was a great lack of it to-day. The sound of the bells, he said, was a call to fellowship, not only of the faithful, but of all those in whom the Spirit of God was working, although they might still be outside the Church fellowship.

The Vicar (the Rev. Canon S. E. B. Serle), who conducted the service, then ascended the tower, accompanied by a selected band of ringers representing the Kent Association, and asked the Lord's blessing on each of the bells separately. As the blessing was invoked, each was struck three times. The bells were then dedicated, and afterwards, having been pulled up, were rung to a bobbed course of Stedman Triples by E. Barnett 1, W. Smith 2, F. M. Mitchell 3, A. J. Hill 4, E. H. Lewis 5, W. J. Jefferies 6, T. Groombridge, sen. 7, T. Groombridge, jun. 8.

During the singing of the concluding hymn, 'In remembrance of past worshippers,' a collection was taken towards the cost of the bell frame.

After the service, ringers, who numbered nearly a hundred, tried out the bells in a variety of short touches, and found that both in

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JOHN LOVEKIN JUBILEE SERVICES.

GREAT GATHERING IN SHROPSHIRE VILLAGE.

Message from the King.

The celebration of John Lovekin's wonderful record of service to his parish of Sheriffhales, Shropshire, took place last week, and, after a peal in his honour on Saturday (recorded elsewhere), culminated in a great service of thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lovekin's services to the Parish Church have included 70 years as a chorister, 60 years as a bellringer and 50 years as parish clerk. In all these offices he has shown wonderful loyalty and devotion, and it is proposed to do something in the church, as we indicated last week, suitably to commemorate his work. Ringers who would like to contribute can send their donations to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Giles).

Sunday's celebrations began at 7 a.m., when the parish bellringers rang out a merry peal, calling the congregation together for the corporate Holy Communion and breakfast at 8 a.m. Nearly 70 communicants attended, and all joined after the Choral Eucharist at breakfast in the Church Hall. At the breakfast congratulatory messages were read, including a telegram from His Majesty the King and a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire (the Earl of Powis).

The message from His Majesty, sent to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Giles), was as follows: 'The King sincerely thanks you for your loyal message on behalf of Shropshire Bellringers' Association, who are to-day celebrating the remarkable record of services of John Lovekin. (Signed) Private Secretary.'

Earl Powis wrote to the Vicar: 'I have read with interest of the long and devoted services rendered by Mr. John Lovekin to the church and his fellow-parishioners at St. Mary's, Sheriffhales. Please convey my congratulations to him and give my best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lovekin for a peaceful and happy evening to their long life.'

The Bishop of Stafford preached the occasional sermon in the afternoon, and the special order of service was conducted by the Vicar. Before the National Anthem at the beginning of the service, the Vicar read the King's telegram from the altar steps.

The church, which had been beautifully decorated, was packed to overflowing, and the various public bodies, by their presence, testified to the worth and affection in which John Lovekin is held. The Shifnal Rural District Council, Oakengates Rural District Council, Shropshire Bellringers' Association, several branches of the Friendly Societies of Oddfellows, the British Legion and so forth soon filled the church, and the large choir, headed by the crossbearer in scarlet cassock and cotta, all tended towards a magnificent service. About 40 members of the Male Voice Choir from Donnington Wood were also present and rendered a beautiful programme of sacred music after the close of the service.

The Bishop of Stafford's address was suitable and appropriate, and was based on St. Paul's words, 'And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus' (Col. iii., 17).

The keynote of the service was thanksgiving to God for the life's services of John Lovekin, and before the Blessing by the Bishop, the vast congregation concluded a memorable occasion and a milestone in the history of the parish with the Te Deum. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by J. Stanier 1-2, W. Lago 3-4, W. Saunders 5-6, A. Pritchard 7-8.

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'go' and tone the new peal fully upheld the reputation of the Loughborough Foundry, which was represented at the ceremony by Mr. R. H. Dove, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. E. Denison Taylor.

The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, who welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their attendance. It was a great satisfaction, he said, that the tower was provided with what he thought was a very good peal of bells—although he did not make them himself (laughter)—and he hoped they would go on ringing in that parish for centuries to come. He mentioned that he learned to ring a bell when he was at St. Luke's, Chelsea, and he found, three years ago, when the single bell was installed, that what little he learned then he had not forgotten. He set to work to raise the bell with some little trepidation, and he felt very glad when he got the bell up without damage to the stay (laughter and applause).

Mr. E. H. Lewis said the thanks, they would all agree, should be on the side of the ringers (applause). They thanked Canon Serle for the opportunity he had given them of taking part in that festival and for his kind hospitality. They all agreed that he had got a very fine peal of bells, and the way in which the sound had been modified was very satisfactory indeed (applause). There was no overpowering noise in the immediate neighbourhood of the tower, and the bells sounded better and better in volume the further they got away from them. That was just the method of hanging bells which some of them had been recommending for years.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., said when Canon Serle came to the parish there was only the stump of the tower built. The war interrupted efforts to get it completed, but afterwards the Vicar got the tower finished and now he had got a peal of bells. They would all congratulate him upon the energy he had shown and the success of his efforts (applause).

It now remains to raise a band of ringers, and this, it is hoped, will be done at once, with Mr. Groombridge as instructor.

PONTEFRACT BELLS CENTENARY.

CELEBRATION IN YORKSHIRE TOWN.

Pontefract has just celebrated the centenary of its bells, which were opened on September 29th, 1835. They were originally cast by W. and J. Taylor, of Oxford, who in 1920 at Loughborough recast the peal and added two trebles, the work being carried out by the people of Pontefract as a corporate gift of thanksgiving for peace, in memory of past benefactors and as part of the memorial to the men of the parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the war. The old fourth bell recorded in its inscription that 'James Rhodes raised this peal by subscription. In exchange for the old with the additional weight 8 cwt. of metal.' As sixth of the present peal it is inscribed, 'James Rhodes raised this peal by subscription, 1835. Mrs. John George Lyon gave £500 towards the cost of recasting this peal in memory of her husband, John George Lyon, 1920.'

Formerly the third bore the lines:—

In alleluias loud we sing
In Pomfret's Tower, to God our King.
Immortalise, in merry peal,
Our patron Rhodes, his name is zeal.

The last line was changed on the recasting to 'Return of peace and patron's zeal.'

A quaint couplet, reproduced on the present 8th, is:—

Long may our benefactors live to know
What pranks we play our gratitude to show.

THE COMMEMORATION.

The centenary of the bells was commemorated by a peal (already recorded) on September 28th, in the services on the following day, and on Monday, September 30th, by a dinner, presided over by the Vicar, and attended by, among others, the Mayor and Mayoress of Pontefract and Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association).

Following the loyal toast, a silent toast was offered to 'Mr. James Rhodes and Past Benefactors.'

Canon Marshall proposed 'The Pontefract Bell Ringers.' He spoke of a long knowledge of Pontefract ringers, and paid tribute to the late Mr. William Pearson—'one of my earliest friends in bellringing, a great supporter of the Yorkshire Association; a man who gave of his best; one of sterling character, and very lovable nature' (applause). Canon Marshall described the present Pontefract ringers as one of the best companies in the great Yorkshire Association (applause), known throughout the county not only for their keen interest in the art, and their loyalty to the association, but also for that great virtue, the gift of hospitality, which was a type of unselfishness. Those 'good men and true' of Pontefract were playing no small part in fostering what was a very distinctive English art, for change ringing was almost unknown in any foreign country. It began here in the 17th century, and had now become a part of our national life (applause).

Mr. J. H. Lenton, who responded to the toast, said it was an extremely loyal team in Pontefract. He recalled the history of the Pontefract Parish Church bells, and said they had always played their part in the life of the town and the country. Many names of those who took part in the ringing for the 1887 Jubilee of Queen Victoria were still familiar, and they were known for their devotion and their punctuality. Discipline was stern in those days, and fines were imposed on delinquents.

OLD RINGERS' LONG SERVICE.

Mr. Lenton spoke in warm terms of the late Mr. John Carter and Mr. W. Pearson, and said their enthusiasm was maintained to-day, and the ten bells were rung regularly. He mentioned with pride that Mr. Arthur Walker had 42 years' service and had taken part in 95 peals (applause); and also spoke of the service and sustained enthusiasm of Mr. T. Holder, Mr. H. C. Walters and Mr. A. T. Strangward, and of the happy associations with the All Saints' bellringers. The chairman took a keen interest in the ringers, and they thanked him for his support. Mr. Lenton recalled some of the special events for which bells were rung in Pontefract before the founding of the peal in 1835, and said they were proud to be able to look back on 100 years of bellringing, which was no small achievement. Throughout the century the bells had played an important part in national and civic life, and the ringers of 1935 would continue, by their devotion to duty and their interest in the art, to uphold the traditions of the past (applause).

The Chairman, in proposing 'The Mayor and Visitors,' said Mr. Lenton had indicated how closely the bells had been bound up with the civic life of the town, and the presence of the civic head made one more link between the Church and the civic life. The year had been one of celebrations and happy memories, and not the least happy for churchpeople, and he hoped for others, would be the present centenary gathering (applause).

The Mayor, in his reply, said the bells of the Parish Church made a distinct contribution to the life of the town. It was essentially English to hear the bells calling to worship and remembrance—remembrance of spiritual things without which we could not really live. Often he had been brought into contact with things unseen by the sound of church bells. The silent toast made a deep impression on him; it was right that they should remember the many acts of

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RINGING IN TASMANIA.

A PLEA FOR AN INSTRUCTOR.

The letter which follows has been received from the Rev. A. A. Bennett, vicar of St. George's Church, Hobart, Tasmania, formerly hon. secretary of the Gloucester District of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. His suggestion that a capable ringing instructor should be found and sent out to Hobart, where a new peal of bells is shortly to be installed in St. David's Cathedral, is one which invites serious consideration.

Sir,—It is with much gratification that we are able to report that the Dean and Chapter of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, have been persuaded to change their minds and instal a peal of bells instead of a carillon in the new tower which is now being erected.

So far, so good, but the question now is, how are they going to be rung? For some time change ringing has been a lost art in Tasmania, and although there is a good peal of eight bells in Holy Trinity tower, all that can be done is a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, committed to memory, and there is no prospect of being able to get further without some very practical help.

I think this constitutes a challenge to the ringing fraternity in the old country. I wonder if it would be possible to find some capable instructor, who has the time and means at his disposal, to enable him to come and give Tasmania again the art of campanology? It would be a great achievement for which Tasmania would be permanently grateful. Here are two splendid peals of bells, and young men desirous of being trained and no one to train them. If finance was an obstacle, perhaps a fund could be opened, both in England and Tasmania, to cover the fare. I am sure Tasmania would respond.

A. ALLAN BENNETT.

St. George's Rectory, Hobart.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOOKING FEE SUSPENDED.

The 58th annual festival of this association was held at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. For the third time the dinner and annual meeting were held in the evening, instead of in the afternoon, and resulted in a greatly increased attendance.

The festival service, by kind permission of the Dean, was held in the choir of the Cathedral, about 70 members being present. Canon F. H. Jackson, Rector of Chester-le-Street, who, we regret to say, is resigning the living owing to failing health, gave a very thoughtful and eloquent address on the text, 'Teach us to pray,' and he was heartily thanked at the subsequent meeting.

Dinner followed at the Royal County Hotel. The president (Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead), wearing his new badge of office, presided, supported by, among others, Canon Stephenson, of Gateshead, and Mr. Edward Hudson, of the Yorkshire Association.

The business meeting followed. Canon Stephenson and Mr. Hudson were heartily welcomed, and both responded in humorous vein.

It was decided to hold the pre-Lent meeting at Gosforth, the pre-Whitsun meeting at Darlington, and the summer meeting at Staindrop, the next annual meeting being held at Newcastle as usual.

The secretary (Mr. G .S. Taylor) presented his annual report, which was considered very satisfactory. Only 23 peals had been rung during the year, as against 32 last year, but this was counterbalanced by a great increase in the number of 'first pealers,' viz., 21, as against seven last year.

The treasurer's statement, submitted by Mr. J. W. Parker, showed a balance of £63 6s. 1d., including £11 for peal booking fees. Some discussion took place as to this latter item, and it was decided to suspend the fee (3d. per member per peal) for the present year.

The certificates for Sunday service ringing were presented by Mr. William Story, J.P., of Newcastle, to Christ Church, North Shields, and St. Ignatius', Sunderland (8-12 bell towers), and to Holy Trinity, Darlington, and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, for five and six-bell towers.

Mr. John Anderson, Newcastle, proposed, and Mr. William Sheraton Houghton, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their services during the past year, and this was passed with acclamation.

The president, secretary and treasurer were re-elected, Mr. R. S. Anderson was elected vice-president and Mr. J. H. Clifton secretary of the Northern District, Mr. F. Sheraton and Mr. J. A. Brown for the Western District, Mr. R. L. Patterson and Mr. F. Robson for the Eastern District, and Messrs. S. Bryant and R. Jeff for the Southern District. Mr. W. Sheraton was elected Wednesday Guild secretary.

A proposed alteration of rules to appoint vice-presidents for the Wednesday Guild and the West Tyne District was considered, and it was eventually decided to appoint a sub-committee to revise the whole of the rules and report at the next annual meeting.

During the evening the Newcastle Cathedral Quartette Party rendered a programme of quartettes, duets and solos, which did much to contribute to the success of the festival.

RINGING TOUR IN WILTS AND DORSET.

ELEVEN PEALS IN FOURTEEN ATTEMPTS.

Ringing tours are very popular nowadays, and it is difficult to avoid some overlapping (or might we say laminating?). This particular tour followed immediately upon a similar ringing holiday in Dorset and Somerset, and it was not surprising that one or two towers were visited by both bands. September 14th had been chosen for the first peal of the tour; it was also the day of the Australian tourists' anniversary dinner, so that two of the party, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, were unable to make the journey to Devizes until the next day. Bill Brown also was not free until the 15th, so that there was no question of who would, or would not, stand in the first peal—all were required.

The arrival at Bishop's Cannings by the London contingent was heralded by the pulling up of the bells by James H. Shepherd, who had already measured the tenor and decided that the given weight of this bell was correct. The bells at this fine old church are a very good octave by Rudhall, and the peal of Superlative rung upon them was much enjoyed.

Sunday morning was very wet, and the cars were got out to take the party to Southbroom, only ten minutes' walk. Here, with Mr. A. Weeks, some Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and a 360 Double Court were rung. Afterwards, at St. John's, Devizes, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, and some Grandsire Triples with the local ringers, was the order.

By lunch time the rest of the party had arrived, and in the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Major was rung at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, upon a light musical eight by Gillett and Johnston. Trowbridge was reached in time to ring for evensong, Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques being the methods.

On Monday, September 16th, the really serious part of the tour was commenced, two peal attempts each day being on the programme for the rest of the week. Wootton Bassett was reached before 10 o'clock, and the party introduced themselves to Mr. L. A. Wilson, the captain of the local ringers. The bells are a mixed peal, Nos. 4, 7 and 8 having been cast in 1633, and the rest by Warners in 1890. They are a really musical peal, and go excellently. They were rehung in 1930 by the Croydon firm, in plain bearings. A mishap in an attempt for a peal of London Surprise occurred after 1½ hours' good ringing. The party left, disappointed, but with an invitation from Mr. Wilson to come again.

In the evening a good peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Melksham, on a very fine eight by Taylors, hung in 1924. Here Mr. W. C. West, hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild, courteously received the party, and Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, made one of the band.

A MORNING WITH SAM.

Next day, Tuesday, Trowbridge was visited. Mr. Sam Hector had all ready, and joined the tourists in a very good peal of Cambridge Royal. After this peal, and lunch, the White Swan was visited and Sam's health was drunk. Perhaps it was as well that there was another peal to ring during the afternoon, or Sam might have got rid of his stock at no profit to himself. At any rate, all the party hope to pay Trowbridge another visit in the near future.

At St. Michael's, Mere, a peal of Superlative was rung on a nice-toned, but rather heavy going, octave. The Rector welcomed the tourists, and stayed in the tower during the first half-hour of the peal.

It had been arranged to visit Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity, on Wednesday, the 18th, but illness caused the cancellation of this fixture and another visit was paid to Wootton Bassett. Bristol Surprise was the method chosen, and this time the band had the satisfaction of completing the peal. At St. Mary's, Calne, where there is a mixed eight with a 26 cwt. tenor, a good peal of Cambridge Major was rung. These bells go exceedingly well. They were rehung in 1928 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Swindon was visited on Thursday. At Christ Church, on a very fine ring of ten by Taylor, 1924, a good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. In the afternoon, Stratton St. Margaret's was visited. This was the lightest job of the tour, the tenor being just over 8 cwt. The seventh is by E. Neale, of Burford, dated 1669; the tenor by C. and G. Mears, 1816; the third and fourth by Mears and Stainbank, 1909; and the other four by the latter firm in 1931, when the whole peal was rehung. The second failure of the week was recorded here, London being lost after nearly two hours' ringing.

An early return to the hotel gave an opportunity for some handbell ringing, Mr. Sidney Hillier and Mr. Alec Weeks being guests.

AN UNLUCKY TOWER.

Friday, September 20th, was a busy day. A 60 mile run to Beaminster, then on to Bridport, and a return journey of 65 miles, did not leave a great deal of time for anything beyond two peal attempts. The Beaminster bells were cast by Bilby in 1765, outside the church, and are a maiden peal. They are known as 'Bilby's masterpiece.' The Dorset and Somerset tourists had visited this church only the previous week, and apparently did not enjoy the best of luck. However that may be, their ringing had greatly impressed the local people who heard it, and who described it as magnificent. A veil might be drawn over the attempt of Friday, the 20th. Cambridge Major was lost in the third course, and, time being short, Stedman Triples was substituted. Just over half-way, however, too many

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WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, September 28th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Richard J. Warrilow to Miss Ruth Jones, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Stafford: H. Bayley 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, H. F. Evans 3, G. Booth 4, A. E. Garbett 5, F. T. Hayle 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, E. Vaughan 8.

Mr. R. Warrilow is the son of Mr. J. Warrilow, head ringer of St. Mary's Church, and has himself been a ringer at this church for some years.

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successive quick bells ended what might have been a well-struck peal. Mr. F. Bugler, of Beaminster, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, both met the party, and were as much disappointed as anybody at the lack of success of either band of visiting ringers.

However, there is no time for vain regrets on a ringing tour, and a move was quickly made to Bridport. Here the party was met by the Mayor of Bridport (Mr. W. B. Northover), who is a ringer. The bells at Bridport, originally placed in the tower by Warners in 1887, were recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1924. They are hung in two tiers in an iron frame. They are a fine toned ring with a tenor of 21¾ cwt. The tourists of the previous week had, it was said, rung a very good peal of Bristol Surprise on these bells. The present ringers were satisfied with Superlative, in which method a good peal was rung. Bill Brown called this peal, making the sixth conductor of the week.

Saturday, September 21st, was the concluding day of the tour. At the eleventh hour it was found possible to attempt a peal at St. John's, Devizes, at which several of the party had been most desirous of ringing. A very good peal of London Surprise was rung, with the Master of the College Youths conducting. In the afternoon Bristol was successfully accomplished at St. Mark's, Swindon, on a light ring of eight. Six of these bells were cast by Llewellyn and James in 1903, and the two trebles by Mears and Stainbank in 1927. The ringing of this peal brought the tour to an end. Eleven peals out of 14 attempts had been rung, which was considered a pretty fair result.

The arranging of the tour was done by Mr. Sidney Hillier, of Devizes, to whom the best thanks of the tourists, and a few cigarettes to remember them by, were given. Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, very kindly assisted by fixing up the peals at Beaminster and Bridport; whilst Mr. W. B. Kynaston did similar good service by arranging peals in the Swindon district. To these gentlemen, and to the various towerkeepers, the whole of the party tender their most sincere thanks. The headquarters for the week were at the Black Swan Hotel, Devizes, which can safely be recommended to any ringers for comfort and good service.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE DISCUSS 'SPLICING.'

The second quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, September 28th, and, as Newark bells were not available, West Hallam was visited. The bells (eight) were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods from Grandsire to London Surprise.

The committee met during the afternoon, and, arising out of their discussions, the matter of the prolonged silence of Chesterfield bells was brought forward. Eventually it was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the general hon. secretary to get into touch with the Vicar of Chesterfield and endeavour to arrange a meeting of a small sub-committee with the authorities to see if it is not possible to restore the bells to their former ringing condition. Chesterfield was at one time a most active centre of the M.C.A., and, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur Knights and other stalwarts, a very high efficiency was maintained for many years.

The controversial subject of 'spliced' compositions was discussed at length, and it was thought this matter could be settled quite agreeably to all concerned if the title of the performance clearly stated Spliced Treble Bob, Spliced Surprise or Spliced Major, followed (as is most usual) by the sub title, 'consisting of —— (name of methods or variations).' A footnote added might state how many changes from method to method took place. There need be no question of superiority of the performance, if this is done, and the complexity or otherwise of the composition would be quite clear to everyone.

It was welcome and most gratifying news to note that the bells of Melbourne, Derbyshire, would be restored at the expense of benefactors of its namesake city of Australia, and it is a matter of deepest satisfaction to all members of the M.C.A.

A short service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Shercliff), and thoroughly appreciated. Tea was served in the schools, and between 30 and 40 sat down. At the general meeting which followed, the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) was in the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) and the general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris). The president gave a review of the past quarter's work, remarking that the peal performances were not quite up to the average on tower bells, and that Leicester seemed to be the only branch scoring handbell peals. The general hon. secretary has had another work accepted, and this will be published at the end of October, under the title 'Legends o' the Bells,' and comprises traditions, legends, folk-tales and other lore, centred around the bells of all nations. The author had an 'advance' copy, which is splendidly bound and produced in a most artistic style. He trusted that all members of the Exercise would give it the support it deserved.

The names of new members proposed since the last meeting, viz., six ringing, two rejoining, three life, six honorary, were read and unanimously accepted.

The next general quarterly meeting will be in January, 1936, at the two Wigstons, Magna and South, both within easy distance of Leicester.

This concluding the business, the company adjourned to the tower for further ringing and elsewhere for a convivial.

GLAMORGANSHIRE OCTAVE RESTORED.

COWBRIDGE BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The rededication of the bells at Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, took place on Tuesday, October 1st, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Frederick Hood, M.A., Principal of Pusey House, Oxford (acting as the Bishop's deputy). The service was attended by a crowded congregation, including a number of ringers from various parts of the diocese. Following the dedicatory prayers, the local ringers rang rounds for a few moments—the bells being heard for the first time after four years' silence.

At the conclusion of the lengthy service, the bells were at the disposal of the diocesan ringers, the opening touch being Stedman Triples, which was excellently struck. All visiting ringers were given an opportunity to ring, and amongst those present was the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild.

The bells are all by Evans, of Chepstow, and are wonderfully improved by the retuning. Everything is new, excepting the bells. The frame is a metal one. Everyone was delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, the work having been done by John Taylor and Co. in a splendid manner.

PONTEFRACT BELLS CENTENARY.

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goodwill and generosity of those who had gone before. A record had been made of them, and the centenary gathering should also be placed on record, so the future generations might be inspired and encouraged by the devotion to duty of the Pontefract bellringers of 1935 (applause).

An enjoyable musical programme was given. The items included 'four-in-hand' ringing by Messrs. A. E. West and D. M. Sharp (Sutton-on-Hull), selections on the handbells by Messrs. H. Brown, W. Applegate, J. H. Lenton, V. Applegate, H. C. Walters, W. Tate and C. Brown. The Parish Church Choir Octet contributed excellent part songs; and Mr. T. Chambers, of Castleford, was the humorist. Mrs. F. A. Chapple acted as accompanist.

NOTICES.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Owing to the death of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale) the meeting at Sutton-on-Trent to-morrow (Saturday), has been cancelled.—C. R. Smith, Hon. Assistant Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 17th and 31st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th (nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A by-meeting will be held at Stowting (bells recently augmented to six) for the purpose of electing the local ringers members of the association, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford 2.25 p.m., or Hythe 1.15 and 3.35 p.m.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), St. Marie's R.C. (8), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Ranmoor (10), Handsworth (8), 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Hon. Sec., Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar and churchwardens. Please support the organisers by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — Meeting at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting. It will greatly assist if those coming for tea will drop me a card.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon (opposite 'The Greyhound'), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Reception 6 o'clock. Dinner 6.30. Bells of the Parish Church (8) and St. Peter's (10) are available from 3.30 to 5.45. Please bring your wives and friends. — Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ladies' Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in St. Andrew's Hall and social evening from 7.30. Ringing: St. Andrew's (8) 4 to 5 and 6.30 to 7.30, St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3.15 to 4.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. (Middlesex Association), 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. —Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) in the Institute. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.30, provided by the association. Bells at East Farleigh (6) will be available after the meeting from 7 to 9 p.m., in addition to All Saints'.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeign will be held at St. James' Church (8), Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. The St. James' Society extend a very hearty invitation to ringers *and their friends* to the service at 4 p.m. and to tea after the service. Roll up and make this meeting a success. — Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Whaplode on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cowfold (bells 6) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Rd., East Grinstead.

TOTNES, DEVON.—The peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), No. 2 bell recast and the eight bells rehung on ball bearings, by Gillett & Johnston, Ltd., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Cartmel on Oct. 12th. Bells (6) will be ready at 3 p.m. Visitors desired.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tarvin on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Those expecting to be present for tea are requested to give at least three days' notice.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Paulton on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—First meeting of Term, Oct. 15th, 8.30 p.m. Any men coming up, who are ringers, will be welcomed. Special attention is given to teaching beginners. For any further information apply to the secretary, the Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Mid-week meeting, Oct. 16th.—A joint meeting with the Essex Association will be held at Baldock on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Allnut's Café, High Street, Baldock. Please do your best to make the meeting a success.—Geo. Dent and Don. Mears, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Quarterly meeting at Leyton, Oct. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Numbers for tea by Oct. 15th, and oblige.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's bells will be available. Service at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Gaywood's rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is imperative that those intending to be present notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed and the more the merrier. — J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Hunkley Mount Road, Bury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bleadon on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Poplar on Sat., Oct. 19th.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A presentation is to be made to Mr. F. Wilford, the first Master of the Guild, after tea. St. Giles' (10) and the Holy Sepulchre (8) from 3 to 4.30, St. Peter's (8) from 6 to 8. Tea will be provided at the County Café, Mercer's Row, at 4.45, 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 15th. A postcard will do. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 16th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE. — His Grace the Archbishop of York will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 5 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Worcester will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Vicar's Room, at 1s. 3d. Business meeting to follow. It is most important that those who require tea should notify by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, Mr. H. E. Dannett, The Rockeries, Barrow-on-Humber. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. — H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Peal of six available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, Lincs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—As Warwick bells are not available, the last quarterly meeting of the year will be held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells, rings of 8 and 5, ready at 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the White Heather Café at 5 p.m. A special meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, Oct. 26th, as a farewell to Rev. Stanley Morris. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, to be followed by short service in church. All ringers and friends are cordially invited to attend.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, Oct. 19th. The bells of St. Mary (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea, please notify not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Worsley on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Dedication of new ring of ten bells. Service at 5 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify Mr. P. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, by Thursday, 16th inst. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Perrott, near Crewkerne, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Norton Parish Church bells, having been recently augmented from six to eight bells, a meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held there on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells open from 3 p.m. (service at 5 p.m. if convenient). Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. per head. Bus from Worcester Street 2.40 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than 16th inst. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Gloucester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Those wanting tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Catherington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) (recently restored by Taylor and Co.) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Farmer Inn. All requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, Oct. 17th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Wardington (6) also available after tea. Good bus service from Banbury. Please notify if requiring tea.—E. Pearson, Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available from 1.45 p.m.; also Buckfastleigh (8) from 6.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me not later than first post Tuesday morning, Oct. 15th. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

ENNISKILLEN, IRELAND. — The Lord Bishop of Clogher will dedicate the bells on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

EDINBURGH, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL. — Reopening of the bells on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Phythian-Adams, D.D., Canon Residentiary of Carlisle Cathedral and Hon. Chaplain to the King. Ring of ten restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Opening and rededication of the new peal, restored by Gillett & Johnston, Ltd., will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Further details next week. — A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

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It is good that from time to time we should be reminded of the men whose services to the cause of ringing in the past have made possible much of the progress which is enjoyed in the ringing of to-day. The commemoration held every year in Yorkshire admirably serves the purpose not only of reminding Yorkshiremen of those who built up the fortunes of that great and successful association, but of recalling to ringers everywhere that among these men have been those to whom the Exercise as a whole owes a debt of gratitude. A generation or more ago Yorkshire had not a few within its borders whose work in different fields helped largely to consolidate the position which had been won in the two previous centuries. Indeed, all through last century Yorkshire was seldom, if ever, without some individual whose work sooner or later proved of outstanding merit. One such, for example, was William Hudson, whose painstaking labour discovered what is known as his sixty-course ends of Stedman Triples—the basis of all subsequent twin-bob peals in the method. Yorkshire in those far-off days provided the composers and ringers of the first peals of Surprise Royal, and through the years first one and then another of her sons put the ancient art of ringing under indebtedness, until in the 'seventies' came Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, whose work was, in a sense, to revolutionise text-book ideas of teaching ringing. He began by writing articles in 'Church Bells' in the hope of helping young ringers, who had found themselves in similar plight to himself, to acquire knowledge of the art of ringing; he ended by writing a series of books which for fifty years have remained pre-eminent for the purpose for which they were written, in accuracy of instruction and lucidity of explanation. Jasper Snowdon did more than that, but that in itself is sufficient to place him for ever in the forefront of those masters to whom the ringers of his day and for all the days to come owe so much. Jasper Snowdon in his lifetime could hardly have had a conception of the advances which ringing would make in the next 50 years, but without his work and that of some of his contemporaries it is doubtful if we should have reached the present high level, for in ringing, as in all other branches of knowledge, the superstructure of to-day is built upon the foundations of the past—foundations taken for granted to-day, but constructed then only with the greatest labour and closest application.

To-day we benefit from the work they did, but we are too apt to forget what we owe them for it. The Yorkshire Association is doing a good service in giving its members a special opportunity of remembering their famous sons, and that they are not alone in this desire

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TEN BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
*FRANK E. PERVIN	2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	7
†GEORGE E. FEARN	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	*C. HOWARD STANLEY ...	9
THOMAS HEMMING	5	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

HERTFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb.

STANLEY A. CARTER ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH CHATLEY	6
*GEORGE MANIM	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
†MICHAEL PULLMAN	3	HAROLD V. FROST	8
GEORGE GRAY	4	JOSEPH LADLEY	9
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	5	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (171). Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal on ten. First as conductor on ten bells. This composition is rung for the first time.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ANDREW THOMPSON ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HURD	6
JOHN WORTH	2	WILLIAM P. DEANE	7
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	WILLIAM J. CHESTER... ...	8
WILLIAM CARNWELL... ...	4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	9
WALTER LONGMAN	5	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Royal. Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the granting of the Gild Merchant Charter to the Borough of Newcastle.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

KENNETH WORTH	...*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER	5
WILLIAM FERNLEY	2	REV. E. V. COX	6
WILFRED STEVENSON... ...	3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
LIONEL CLOUGH	4	JOHN WORTH...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Arranged for the Rev. E. V. Cox.

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GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	HARRY W. SIMMONS	5
JOHN SPARROW	2	*ROYDON DAVIES...	6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
CANON G. H. RIDOUT... ...	4	DANIEL COOPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* 50th peal. Arranged as a farewell peal to Canon Ridout, who sailed for Johannesburg on the 11th inst.

GATESHEAD-UPON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ELLIOTT R. CURRY ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD H. HEWITT ...	5
DAVID ARKLESS	2	PERCY E. JOHNSON	6
RICHARD PATTISON	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	7
*JOHN E. FULLER	4	*JOHN M. T. M. ROBIE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the borough of Gateshead and the 40 years' ministry of Canon H. S. Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. The ringers, with the exception of the conductor, belong to the local band.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E

WILFRED L. RAYNER	...*Treble*	CHARLES BELSEY	5
WILLIAM A. COOK	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... ...	6
*GEORGE NAYLOR	3	‡EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	7
†FRANK CHEAL	4	FRANK BELSBY	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK BELSBY.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

SAMUEL WARNE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	2	ALBERT WIFFEN	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD...	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	ARTHUR A. SAUNDERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

Mr. F. Claydon's 500th peal. One hundredth peal by Mr. F. Ridgwell, the esteemed hon. secretary of the Northern Division of this association. The band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Ridgwell at the conclusion of the peal.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JACK FISHER	...*Treble*	JOE C. MELLOR	5
FRANK POPPLEWELL	2	FRANK RHODES	6
*FRANK LINFOOT	3	CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	7
*RALPH POPPLEWELL... ...	4	HENRY H. SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JOE C. MELLOR.

* First peal. The ringers of 1, 5 and 8 hail from Lindley, 2, 3, 6 and 7 from Brighouse and 4th from Mytholmroyd.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND 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 13¾ cwt.

CECIL NICE	...*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
NELSON ELLIOTT...	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Treble*	*GEORGE B. COLLINS	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JAMES H. RIDING	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN J. TOBY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT	6
EDWARD T. BAILEY	3	D. REES JAMES	7
THOMAS J. SETTER	4	FRANK MORGAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Albert D. Elliott and Miss Olga G. M. James, daughter of D. R. James, ringer of the seventh, who were married in the above church the previous day.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,624 London, 1,184 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, and 736 Superlative, with 111 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK BARRETT	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	GEORGE R. PYE	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4	*JAMES H. RIDING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This composition is now rung for the first time. For figures, see 'The Ringing World,' June 14th. This peal was the conductor's 100th on tower bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*WILLIAM MOUNSBY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HUGHES	5
†ALBERT J. HUBBLE	2	DAVID HINGLEY...	6
HAROLD SMITH	3	BERT HORTON	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	*NORMAN BERRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. George Hughes, also to Mrs. A. J. Hubble.

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ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

LIONEL J. CULLUM	...Treble	ALFRED G. HILL	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	*JOHN S. MORTON	6
HARRY HOVEND	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal of London 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., and E. A. Barnett.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
On the 'Dixon Eight.' Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING	...Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	5
HERBERT P. CLIFF	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON	6
RICHARD A. GOFTON	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	7
JOHN ANDERSON	4	RICHARD THOMPSON	...Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

TRING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	...Treble	FRANCIS KIRK	5
CHARLES N. LEMAN	2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	WALTER AYRE	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE	...Treble	*GEORGE B. COLLINS	5
JOHN G. NASH	2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	6
JOHN T. KENTISH	3	†WILLIAM NASH	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES BENNETT	...Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM DUDLEY	...Treble	JOHN STITCH	5
*LESLIE H. THRIFT	2	HENRY T. WILSON	6
STANLEY W. BAYBUT	3	ALBERT PRYKE	7
HARRY TURNER	4	ERNEST W. FORBANK	...Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. TURNER.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival and as a welcome to the Rev. Ballance, who has just commenced his duties as Vicar of the parish.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	...Treble	LESLIE G. LONN	5
JOHN FLINT	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER	7
HAROLD DENMAN	4	HARRY MORGAN	...Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
Rung with half-muffled clappers in affectionate and grateful memory of R. W. Stockdale, late secretary of the North Notts Association.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE	...Treble	FRANK CLAYDON	5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	2	JOSEPH JENNINGS	6
*RONALD SUCKLING	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
GRAHAM LINDRIDGE	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	...Tenor

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE	...Treble	GEORGE WIGGENS	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
ALFRED W. GROVES	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
ALFRED C. LEVETT	4	GEORGE P. ELPHICK	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Turner, captain of the local company.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*HILDA TRAVILL	...Treble	†ROBERT EADY	5
*EDNA TRAVILL	2	HARRY ENGLAND	6
ARTHUR ROBINSON	3	TOM TEBBUTT	7
*GEORGE TANNER	4	*LESLIE CURTIS	...Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented into eight.

SHILDON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*GEO. W. HUTCHINSON	...Treble	JOSEPH WEST	5
ALF. COATES	2	†SAM BRYANT	6
GEO. W. PEVERELL	3	JOHN PENTLAND	7
†JOHN TAYLOR	4	ROBERT B. ROBINSON	...Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

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THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

F. HARRIS ... ...*Treble*	E. SANDERS 4
A. W. BRIGHTON... 2	S. SEYMOUR 5
H. SEYMOUR 3	P. R. C. WILLIAMS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

Rung to mark the restoration of the bells. The ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 6 are of the local band. It was their first peal, also the first peal rung on the bells.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*REGINALD W. DALE... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK E. J. REYNOLDS 4
THOMAS BEVAN 2	JOHN J. WEBB 5
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... 3	HARVEY H. WINNEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

* First attempt for a peal.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight 120's St. Simon's (four different callings), twenty 120's Grandsire (10 callings), fourteen 120's Plain Bob (four callings).

*OLIVER KILBY ... . *Treble*	†EDWARD SIMPSON 3
GORDON LEACH 2	†PERCY PARKER 4

CECIL H. ALDOUS ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by C. H. ALDOUS.

* First peal. † First peal on five bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

REGINALD WRIGHT ... ...*Treble*	HARRY THELWELL 4
ERIC CLARKE 2	THOMAS S. ASTBURY 5
ALBERT THOMAS 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung for harvest festival; also as a wedding compliment to the treble man, who was married on the day previous.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. JONES... ...*Treble*	G. JAMES R. PRICE 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	DAVID H BENNETT 5
†JAMES P. HYETT 3	THOMAS VAUGHAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal away from the tenor. † 200th peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY CARNELL... ... ...*Treble*	KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 4
WALTER RICH 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	HAROLD DENMAN... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of deep affection for Robert W. Stockdale, hon. secretary of the association, whose funeral took place at Ordsall in the afternoon.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN CASTLE ... ...*Treble*	PERCY STONE 4
*LEONARD LAWRENCE ... 2	†ALFRED J. HINDE 5
*JOSEPH TAYLOR 3	*RAYMOND LYDSTER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED J. HINDE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal as conductor, first peal of Grandsire and of Doubles. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and tenor come from Bedworth, 4th from Chilvers Coton, the conductor being a member of the local band.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven spliced extents of Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE... ...*Treble*	ALBERT RELFE 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	JAMES BASSETT 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

All six methods were rung in each 720, and there were 183 changes of method Rung as a farewell peal to T. Fuller.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

DONALD COCKINGS ... ...*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW... ... 2	C. W. CLARKE 5
FRANK C. TYSOE 3	HENRY STAPLETON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Newcastle and Alnwick; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) Primrose and Norfolk; (5) York and Durham; (6) Ipswich and Cambridge; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

C. T. H. BRADLEY ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
WILLIAM H WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Sneath, the genial and popular towerkeeper at this church; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. A. Cooper, wife of the ringer of the fourth.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

CECIL J. MAYER ... ...*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4
HAROLD MARCON... 2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER... ... 5
KENNETH W. MAYER 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells. Mr. H. Marcon has now completed the Cambridge 'quartette' from Minor to Maximus. Rung to celebrate the birth of a Prince to the Duchess of Kent.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. R. Dennis 1, C. J. Chocet 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, R. W. Green 4, W. J. Norton 5, U. Wildney 6, T. G. Bannister 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD)

On Tuesday, October 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

JOHN ANDERSON	1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... ...	5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3-4	ADAM DEAS	7-8

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT HOLLY BANK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
*DEREK M. SHARP	3-4	*ARTHUR E. WEST	7-8

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Minor in 14 methods rung at Butterwick, Lincolnshire, for the Lincoln Guild on September 14th, 1935, and published in 'The Ringing World' on September 20th, has been found to be false in some of the compositions, and I, therefore, ask for same to be withdrawn from the peal records.

To the members of the band who stood in this peal I tender my sincere apology for causing them this trouble.

W. E. CLARKE.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

NEW COMPOSITION NEAREST APPROACH TO IDEAL.

The peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, the composition of Mr. A. J. Pitman, which was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 14th, was rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Tuesday, October 8th. This peal is the nearest approach to the ideal desired by some ringers, in that all the bells do all the work of three out of the four methods. Up to the present it has been found impossible to obtain a peal of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, with all the work of each method for each bell.

As for the full courses of each method so ardently wished for by a few well-meaning members of the Central Council, these seem as far off as ever, as this particular composition contains just two full courses throughout, and these in the same method!

The peal was called by Mr. E. C. S. Turner from a non-observation bell, a very big task, and this clever young conductor received hearty congratulations from his fellow-ringers on the completion of the peal. Incidentally, it was Mr. Turner's 100th tower-bell peal, and he rang the same bell to his first peal.

RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

The death occurred on October 7th of Mrs. W. Collison, wife of Mr. W. Collison, a well-known ringer of Tunbridge Wells, and mother of Miss G. Collison, secretary of St. Peter's Society, and of Bernard Collison. Mrs. Collison passed away in the Tunbridge Wells Hospital after a short illness.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION'S HAPPY EXPERIMENT

SUCCESSFUL FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. Reading's Interesting Reminiscences.

Although the Surrey Association has reached an age of maturity, having been in existence for 55½ years, an annual dinner has never been previously attempted. A company of 109 attended on Saturday at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant, Croydon, to participate in the inauguration of what is hoped to be a long series of annual dinners. Alderman Temple Newell, J.P., was a genial chairman, and he was supported by Canon A. H. Phelips, the Rev. J. C. Kinnear, Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Aldworth, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gear, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, Messrs. H. Jordan, C. H. Reading, M. A. Northover, R. Bough, G. W. Steere, S. E. Armstrong, F. G. Woodiss, A. E. Cheesman, Harold N. Pitstow, W. R. Melville, H. E. Anderson (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Darby, Mr. F. G. Woodiss, Mr. W., Mrs. and Miss Claydon, Mr. A. J. and Mrs. and Miss Bull and Mr. E. G. Talbot.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the Chairman expressed regret at the absence of the Master, who was away through illness. He remembered that it was the custom of the Church to ring when there were horse races, so he was entitled to propose the Church after the singing of 'John Peel' (laughter). He felt even in these troublesome times, when the Church loomed so large in the life of the nation, that it would be impossible to realise what the life of the nation would be if the Church ceased to exist. In bygone centuries it occupied a great sphere in the life of the people, for it did not draw a distinction between things called secular and sacred. It had the happy way of looking upon one as helping the other. 'I have no use,' added Alderman Temple Newell, 'for the person who does not like the sound of church bells. I feel there must be something wrong with him.'

It was the duty of bellringers to do everything they could to help the daily work of the Church. 'Don't give a muffled peal for the cause of the Church. Let the bells ring out to the skies that the crowds may hear.' There was nothing the world needed more in these days than to be conscious of the existence of the Church (applause).

AMAZING SEQUENCE OF BELLROPES BREAKING.

Canon A. H. Phelips (Vicar of Wimbledon), who responded, recalled his first introduction to church bells at his first curacy in a large Birmingham parish. 'We had a wonderful peal of one,' said the Canon, amid the laughter of the company. At the time of the passing of Queen Victoria he happened to go into the church and saw the verger starting to ring a muffled peal to Her Majesty. 'I said, "I will do it," and seized the rope and it promptly broke.'

A few years after I was in my first living, again a church with a peal of one, when His Majesty King Edward passed away. On that occasion there was no verger and I went to the tower to pay campanological respect to His Majesty. I seized the bell rope and it promptly broke (laughter).

From his first curacy he went to the Parish Church of King's Norton, and while there he had the great joy of hearing one of those 10¼ hour peals. He did not know whether they knew a man named Withers. He checked off each lead of that peal in his notebook without a mistake. From there he went to Worcester, and he had not been there long before he was put in charge of the Bellringers' Guild of the Cathedral. It was one of his jobs to organise the Whit Monday ringing.

Canon Phelips recalled the occasion that when he was Vicar of Dudley it was necessary to have the peal of ten rehung. The bells had to be taken to the foundry and two lorries were sent to convey them. When the bells arrived at the foundry they were surprised to find that there were only nine. A little while later they were rung up by the police, who asked if they could assist in tracing the owner of a bell which was found in the middle of the street! The lorry made such a clatter that when the bell fell off no one heard it. Concluding, Canon Phelips hoped that bellringers and the Church would always co-operate together for the glory of God and for the good of their dear old country.

AN INTERESTING REVIEW.

The toast of 'The Surrey Association' was ably submitted by Mr. C. H. Reading, who said looking backwards it was not generally known that since the association drew its infant breath in the parlour of the King's Arms at Carshalton in 1880 it had been cribbed, cabined and confined by geographical conditions. At that time all the counties of Surrey and Hampshire formed the Diocese of Winchester. Soon after the northern part of the association's area was transferred to the Kentish Diocese of Rochester, and a further change took place when the new Diocese of Southwark was formed. The recent formation of the Diocese of Guildford had also altered their position. All these changes, besides restricting their area, had not tended towards making the work of the association any easier. There might be some reasons why the association had not done more than it had, but he ventured to assert that it had accomplished much (hear, hear).

The founders of the association had three objects, viz.: (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as churchworkers; (2) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) the cultivation of the art of change ringing. It could be truly said that the work of the association during the 55½ years of its life had tended towards the achievement of these objects.

Referring to some of the officers who had left their mark on the association, Mr. Reading said the office of Ringing Master was not instituted until 1911, and there could be no other occupant for that position than Dr. Arthur Bristow Carpenter. He believed he was one of the foundation members, and he also held the office of secretary for nine years. He was most capable and learned in all matters appertaining to their art. His name and memory was still an incentive to those whose privilege it was to know him. Unfortunately for the association, his Mastership lasted for one short year, when he was called to assist in higher circles. For the succeeding 14 years their old friend, James Douglas Drewitt, followed in his steps until he was called aside. He was a good ringer imbued with a great desire of service, and many of them cherished the memory of his kind and urbane nature. Their present Master, who had a record of ten years' service, was prevented from being with them through sickness. Those who had served on the committee knew of his keen interest and work for the association.

SPADE WORKERS.

There were two or three names who had done hard spade work in shaping the destinies of the association in the position of secretary. He had referred to Dr. Carpenter, who held the office for nine years, and he was succeeded by Mr. Charles Dean, who held the post for two periods aggregating 21 years. He was also sorry that Mr. Cyril Johnston was absent through sickness. Mr. Johnston was hon. secretary from 1911 to 1919, and incidentally he (the speaker) had the honour to act as his substitute from 1914 to 1918. It was owing to Mr. Johnston's labours that their district came to be divided, and from that division nothing but good had resulted. Of their present 'conductor of destinies,' his work as hon. secretary was only exceeded by his prowess in the ringing world (applause).

Mr. M. A. Northover, who responded, apologised for the absence of the Bishop of Croydon, Mr. Albert Hughes, Mr. D. K. C. Birt (to whom it was decided to send greetings wishing him a speedy recovery) and from Mr. C. Dean. He mentioned that the previous Saturday a farewell peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Godstone for Canon Ridout, who sailed for Johannesburg the previous day. This was the third farewell peal the association had rung for Canon Ridout. There was one six years ago and another twelve years ago. On behalf of the association, he thanked Ald. Newell for taking the chair in the absence of the Master.

Mr. H. E. Anderson deputised for Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, and submitted the health of the visitors, and the Rev. J. C. Kinnear (St. endeavours he had made to become proficient in the art of change ringing.

John's, Croydon) responded and entertained the audience with the

(Continued in next column.)

ANOTHER RINGER IN MOTOR FATALITY.

THANET DEPUTY CONDUCTOR'S DEATH.

The ringers at St. Lawrence's Church, Thanet, have suffered a severe loss by the tragic death of Mr. A. W. Friend, their deputy conductor. His death occurred on Thursday, October 3rd, at Folkestone Hospital, following an accident in which the motor-cycle on which he was riding came into collision with a builder's hand truck on the previous day. Apparently he was temporarily blinded by the sun. Mr. Friend sustained severe concussion and a fracture of the base of the skull and never regained consciousness.

Although only 27 years of age, deceased was one of the most enthusiastic ringers of the company, and was always willing to stand in for a peal attempt or to try a fresh method. He had rung about half a dozen peals, and regularly attended district meetings, as well as Sunday and practice night ringing.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, October 9th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and was attended by ringers from St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Canterbury Cathedral, Sturry, St. Peter's, Thanet, and the local company. A short touch of Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled was rung before the service, and as the cortege was leaving for the cemetery some well-struck rounds were rung. Later in the afternoon a quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandsire Caters was rung: H. Foster 1, S. Gee 2, L. A. Porritt 3, H. R. French (Sturry) 4, T. W. Scott 5, J. E. Lyddiard (Bromley) 6, H. Parks (Canterbury) 7, F. Philpott 8, A. E. Jarman (conductor) 9, J. Roberts 10. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band and first as conductor. A touch of deceased's favourite method, Erin Triples, conducted by H. Parks, was also rung. Many floral tributes were received by the various towers represented, also from the local tower. This keen and genial member will be greatly missed by all in the district, and especially at St. Lawrence's.

Much sympathy is felt for his young widow, as deceased had only been married 4½ months, and also for his recently widowed mother.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. F. W. Housden, in submitting the toast of 'The Ringing World,' said ringers were very fortunate in possessing a paper all of their own, and its editor succeeded in providing for his public exactly what was required.—Mr. T. W. White, who replied, conveyed to the meeting the good wishes of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith for a happy evening.

The speeches were interspersed with musical numbers, including community singing. 'On Ilkley Moor' was sung with special enthusiasm as a compliment to the Yorkshire Association, who were assembled at their annual dinner. Mr. Harry Bourne was a versatile entertainer, and a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters met with the approval of the experts. Mr. Harold N. Pitstow was an able accompanist for the musical numbers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Can anyone tell us why, after having been removed for more than six years and hundreds of notices inserted in our columns, giving our correct address, as well as frequent paragraphs directing attention to it, some correspondents continue to put 'Commercial Road' into the address of communications they send to 'The Ringing World'? We imagine that these ringers either have got very bad memories or they do not read the paper.

But it is making us cross and, what is more, it is making the Post Office cross also. If correspondents cannot remember the simple address, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, we don't know what they will do if the authorities insist upon a much longer one.

Please recollect, therefore, there is *no* 'Commercial Road' in our address, and has not been since the year 1929. 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, is all that is required, at present, but the fat is nearly in the fire!

Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have in hand the restoration of the ring of five bells of Brushford Church, near Dulverton, Somerset.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has a number of bell restorations in hand, including the ring of five at Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, which is being rehung in new iron frames and a new treble bell added. The ring of five at Scottow, Norfolk, are also being rehung in new iron frames and a new treble bell added.

In addition he is rehanging the ring of six at Saham Toney, Norfolk, in new oak frames, leaving room for two trebles; at Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk, the ring of six are being rehung and the frame strengthened, and at Wivenhoe, Essex, he is rehanging the six with new bearings and gudgeons, and making a thorough overhaul of all the fittings.

The Beginners' article will be found on page 670.

CHISLEHURST TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You refer in your issue of the 4th inst. to the 'model tower' at Chislehurst, where the architect very wisely consulted an experienced ringer (Canon Coleridge). There was also a reference to this tower in a recent issue of the journal of the R.I.B.A., and a section was shown to illustrate the 'Romsey Lantern.' The particulars there given caused me to come to the conclusion that the tower was suitable for a light 'ring' only (say tenor 15 cwt.). I was not surprised, therefore, to find on my visit to the Chislehurst opening that there was undue movement in the weakest direction of the tower. The founders have provided a tenor of 1 ton, but I was pleased to find that they had hung the heavier part of the 'ring' in the direction of greatest resistance.

For the benefit of the young ringers to be recruited at Chislehurst, I should mention that all towers move, more or less, and in varying periods, and that the ringers will probably not notice any movement at all.

In neither of the above articles, describing the 'Romsey Lantern' and its advantages, was any reference made to my previous advocacy of it in 1914. This appeared in the chapter contributed by me to Sir A. P. Heywood's 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging' (p. 79). For those who have this book, I should like to take this opportunity of pointing out a printers' error on page 91—where 'one-eighth' should read as one-fifth, viz., 'one finds . . . . walls whose thickness is one-fifth . . . . of the tower breadth . . . . a ratio of solid to void of almost 3 to 1.' Fortunately, the context gave the necessary correction.

The principle of the lantern has been adopted in several cases with success. I saw it at St. David's Cathedral. It was used, too, at the restoration of Howdon Church by Messrs. Brierley and Rutherford, of York, who were good enough to call me in as a consultant.

E. ALEX. YOUNG, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I.

CANON G. H. RIDOUT'S DEPARTURE.

Canon G. H. Ridout left England last Friday on his return to Johannesburg. At All Saints' Church, Benhilton, for evensong on October 6th, a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: S. Rayner 1, G. Rayner 2, F. Randall 3, Canon G. H. Ridout 4, G. Chiverton 5, E. Enticknap 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8. After ringing the 'quarter,' which is another six-part of Canon Ridout's, the band shook hands with him, and wished him 'Godspeed' on his journey.

He will be greatly missed at Benhilton, because not only did he come with the ringers on their outing, but also assisted them on practice nights and at the Sunday service ringing.

Canon Ridout, who is a member of Cambridge University Guild, rang one or two peals while staying in England, and was present at the Australian tourists' reunion last month.

RINGING FROM CHURCH FLOOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter in 'The Ringing World' concerning the ringing of bells from the church floor. The church at Meppershall, Bedfordshire, has a Norman tower with a ring of five bells. The ringer of the treble stands at the foot of the chancel steps. Two seats turn up where the ringers of the 2nd and 5th stand, and the ropes when not in use are drawn aside and hang on a pillar.

H. LAWRENCE.

THE YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

Master of A.S.C.Y. on Importance of Regular Ringing

The Yorkshire Association's fourteenth annual commemoration dinner, by which honour is done to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers, was held at Sheffield on Saturday, when a company of about 160 met for the occasion, and many old friendships were renewed.

The arrangements had been made by a local committee, consisting of Mr. George Lewis (president), Messrs. M. E. Wilson, C. Haynes, F. Watkinson, R. Harrison, sen., and R. Harrison, jun., with Mr. S. F. Palmer, whose assiduous discharge of the secretarial duties had much to do with the great success that attended the gathering. Ringing took place in the afternoon at the Cathedral (12), Ranmoor (10), St. Marie's (8) and Handsworth (8), and the company sat down to dinner in the evening at the King's Head Hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the association, who was supported by the Very Rev. the Provost of Sheffield (Dr. Jarvis) and Mrs. Jarvis, Dean Bentley (St. Marie's), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. W. H. Viney (churchwarden of Sheffield Cathedral), Mrs. Viney and Miss Viney, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), Mr. J. E. Cawser (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis, Mr. C. Harrison (Loughborough), Mr. E. Hudson (Sharow), the Rev. G. K. Dixon, etc. Visitors from other associations included Mr. R. Richardson (Master of Lincoln Guild), Mrs. Richardson (hon. secretary, Lincolnshire branch, Ladies' Guild), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. F. Perrens (Warwickshire Guild), Mr. G. F. Swann and Mr. F. W. Rishworth (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. J. W. Rowbotham (College Youths), Mr. W. H. Thomas (Bristol United Guilds), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. Arthur Knights and Mr. A. H. Ward (Midland Counties Association), Mr. C. Dean (Surrey Association) and Mr. J. W. Ward (Ely Association), while among the Yorkshire towers represented were York Minster, Leeds, Rotherham, Bradford, Wath, as well as the four towers in Sheffield, and ringers from many surrounding places.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the toast of 'Church and State,' and, referring to the anxieties and perplexities which in these days confronted both, said that, however much they might disagree in detail with the policy of their leaders in minor matters, both Church and State deserved the closest support of all men and women of goodwill.

The President responded and reminded his hearers of the great heritage which they enjoyed both under the Church and State. They had to remember, he said, that, whether as members of the Church or citizens of the State, they were co-partners in the great undertaking of life. One of their heritages of the Church was the beautiful churches of the land, which they, as ringers, more than many other people, had opportunities to visit. In some countries to-day there was a great cleavage between Church and State, but in this land the Church stood more than anything else for the fullest freedom of its citizens within the State. That was something they must treasure. The State needed the Church in many ways. It needed the Church to uphold the highest ideals of life in this country. There was need at all times for the closest co-partnership between Church and State. The thought he would leave with them on that occasion was that in these critical times it was only by realising their common duty as citizens of the State and their common duty to the Church to uphold the highest ideals of life within the State that the fullest life could be maintained (applause).

MESSAGE FROM MRS. W. SNOWDON.

In calling upon Mr. E. P. Duffield to propose the toast of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association,' the President gave a hearty welcome to the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and said Miss Snowdon had sent them a letter of greeting which they were glad to receive. Miss Snowdon wrote: 'My mother and I would like to be associated with you all in your annual remembrance. Please give our kindest greetings to those present at the Snowdon dinner. Tell them we are always with them in thought and enjoy the close link which the event makes possible.' Canon Marshall said he was sure he would be following the wishes of the company if he returned that greeting to Mrs. and Miss Snowdon at the first opportunity (applause).

Mr. Duffield first referred to Yorkshire's goodly heritage in broad acres, in variety of types of scenery, its great industrial areas and its wonderful slag heaps. It also had, he said, a cricket team which, if put into the field to represent England, would do so without England suffering any great ignominy (applause). The speaker, however, got in a sly dig when he reminded the Yorkshiremen that in a battle with his own county of Essex at Huddersfield this year the mighty Yorkshire lay beaten and humbled before lunch on the second day.

YORKSHIRE WORTHIES.

Having assured Yorkshire ringers that a cordial welcome awaited any who visited London on November 9th, on the occasion of the College Youths' dinner, Mr. Duffield commended to the gathering the names of men of Yorkshire outstanding in the Exercise who had passed on. With one exception, he said, they were to him merely history. He did not pretend that the list was complete, but first and foremost on it was Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder and first president. Then there was William Snowdon, his brother, who followed him as president; William Howard, of York; Charles Jackson, of Hull; Tom Lockwood, of Leeds; Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield; John W. T. Holgate, for many years general secretary; John Lawson, of Lightcliffe; and, lastly, James Cotterell, of Bradford, whom they had so recently lost, and who was for no less than 26 years their honorary treasurer. It was his (the speaker's) privilege to know Mr. Jimmy Cotterell, and he was never more pleased to be complimented on a ringing performance than he was at the conclusion of a peal at Bradford Cathedral when they received the commendation and approval of Mr. Cotterell, who, of all Yorkshiremen, was considered a judge of what was good in ringing. He (Mr. Duffield) asked himself and those on the youthful side of life whether they adequately appreciated the heritage which their forefathers had handed down to them in the sense of ringing progress. He supposed they were all agreed that the writings of Jasper Snowdon ranked with those of other earlier great writers on the subject of ringing. He wondered whether they would be enjoying the advanced method ringing, which they so much delighted in in these days, had it not been for the spade work done by those earlier people. It was true that these men did not concern themselves with such things as Spliced Surprise, or any other form of spliced ringing, but they did their job and laid the foundations which had been the groundwork which for all time served the Exercise, even in building up compositions of the more advanced type.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

LEGACIES FROM THE PAST.

But for the legacies which had been left to them by these great worthies of the past, continued Mr. Duffield, they would be ringing, perhaps, but the ringing would have been of a much less interesting character. He did not wish merely to say, 'Thank you,' to them and accept the gifts they had left them. In toasting their memory he also asked ringers to pledge themselves to carry on and maintain the great work they initiated and to which they gave the best years of their lives. They had heard that night about the goodly heritage of their churches. In these days when churchmanship appeared to be taken more lightly than it used to be, he thought that ringers and bells more than ever had their part to play. They could best honour the memory of these worthies of the past by carrying on the ringing of the bells both regularly and efficiently. There was a lot to be said for doing it regularly. He would never be intolerant of complaints rightly made, but if ringing was regularly carried out on Sundays and practice nights, with peals at reasonable intervals, there would be no complaints. At Ipswich, with its famous band of twelve-bell ringers, the bells were rung twice on Sunday throughout the year, they were rung for practice once a week and once a month there was a peal attempt, and there was never a complaint in Ipswich about the ringing of these bells, yet he knew of another peal of bells not far from Colchester which have hung practically unrung for years, and as soon as there was a ringers' meeting held there, protests came in—and it was only a small country village. Consistent and regular ringing, concluded Mr. Duffield, was both appreciated and accepted without demur (applause).

The toast was drunk in silence.

JESTS ABOUT GUESTS.

Mr. Percy Johnson submitted the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors,' and specially welcomed the Provost of the Cathedral and Dean Bentley, of St. Marie's. He referred to the late Dean, Canon Dolan, by whose death Sheffield ringers had, he said, lost a kind friend. From the ringers' point of view, added Mr. Johnson, Canon Dolan's crowning work was in having the splendid ring of bells at St. Marie's put in order once again. These bells placed Sheffield in the proud position of being able to boast of some of the finest rings of eight in the kingdom (applause). Mr. Johnson had a word of welcome for all the other visitors and a timely jest about many. They were honoured by having with them the Master of the College Youths, and they had a personal affection for another old member of that society present (Mr. J. W. Rowbotham). As an

alien in a foreign country, for he was born in London, Mr. Johnson said he welcomed Mr. Rowbotham back to his native county. Mr. Coles, of the Middlesex Association, was entitled to undying fame for his dissertations on the splicing of methods and his aptitude for putting other people in their place (laughter). They had with them Mr. Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, an excellent specimen of a Yorkshireman. Of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. Johnson said he was there as Editor of 'The Ringing World,' as a member of the Australian Guild, celebrated for ringing a peal on the Red Sea, and as secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He also appeared to be casting longing eyes on the presidential chair of that association (laughter). He (Mr. Johnson) hoped he would long be disappointed in that desire (laughter). (This was a reference to a remark made by Mr. Goldsmith, on his 'promotion' in the toast list, when proposing 'Church and State.') Mr. Johnson went on to congratulate Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, who, he said, was not only a distinguished composer, but had done more than his duty to the Exercise by providing it with two sons who were carrying on the great tradition. There was, he continued, a mystery about Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, once a member of the famous band at Burton-on-Trent. He had known Mr. Austin for 40 years, and he did not look a day older now than when he first met him. Mr. Johnson spoke of the 'becoming modesty' of Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol, and referred to the work he had done for ringing in Bristol through the United Guilds. The Yorkshire Association was honoured to receive so many guests who came there primarily to do honour to the great name of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, to whom ringing owed more than to any other single man (applause).

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

Mr. C. T. Coles, who responded to the toast, said that they in the small county of Middlesex looked upon Yorkshire with envious eyes. Yorkshire had a great expanse of territory, many famous cities and peals of bells. They had had many famous men who had made their association great, and ringers throughout the country looked up to them as men to be followed (hear, hear). The Yorkshire Association that night was honouring their past officers. In the Middlesex Association and in the neighbouring county of Essex they were still very much regretting the loss of a great ringer—William Pye. They wished to honour his memory. He was known all over the country, and some of his greatest performances were accomplished in the North. He hoped that ringers in that part of England would give their assistance to the scheme which was being promoted to provide a national memorial to Mr. Pye. He felt sure that when the matter came before the Yorkshire Association they would give it their support (applause).

The Provost of Sheffield also briefly responded to the toast.

Mr. Colin Harrison proposed 'Continued Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' and entertained the company with some amusing remarks concerning well-known Sheffield ringers. Mr. Sydney Palmer, who was so largely responsible for the success of that gathering, having served a lifelong apprenticeship with the railway company, certainly knew 'how to deliver the goods' (laughter). Mr. Palmer did not believe in wasting time. He was always there 'on the dot,' but it was always the last dot (laughter). Mr. Harrison spoke of the services rendered by Mr. George Lewis, and Mr. James Dixon, who at the age of 76, was now 'Old Jimmy,' and had nearly solved the problem of perpetual motion. The speaker also paid a tribute to Mr. John Thorpe and Mr. Wooller, and, in wishing continued success to the Yorkshire Association, reminded the members that while this year their Majesties were celebrating their Silver Jubilee, that association was celebrating its diamond jubilee, and, in extending congratulations upon what had been done up to now, he wished the association every success in the future (applause).

The concluding toasts were 'The Ringing World,' proposed by Mr. E. Hudson and responded to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and 'The Chairman,' submitted by Mr. R. Harrison, sen., and acknowledged by Canon Marshall, who thanked Mr. Palmer for the labour he had put into organising the proceedings, and the artistes for the programme of music they had provided.

The musical programme was indeed a very enjoyable one. It was maintained principally by the Hallam Octet, whose singing was greatly appreciated. They contributed 'Soldiers' Chorus' from 'Faust,' 'On Ilkla' Moor Bah't Hat' and 'Comrades' Song of Hope.' One of their number, Mr. J. Jennings, sang the song, 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes.' The St. Marie's Handbell Party, consisting of Messrs. George Holmes, William Burgar and James Dixon, all of them over 70 years of age, contributed some splendid selections, in which they used very skilfully a considerable number of bells. Their variations on the 'Blue Bells of Scotland' were excellently played, and they also rang 'Cheerful' and 'My love is but a lassie.' A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, and a happy evening was brought to a conclusion at 11 p.m.

VISIT TO CITY HALL.

On Sunday morning, by special arrangement and through the courtesy of the manager, a large party of ringers and their friends were able to make an inspection of Sheffield's City Hall, completed in 1932. It is a magnificent building in the centre of the city, and in its turn has become the centre of the city's social life. It is an architectural achievement without rival in the North of England, from

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FOR BEGINNERS.

THE EXPANSION OF THE TOUCH.

While we are dealing with touches of Grandsire Triples for beginners, it may be useful to our readers if we say something further on this subject. When one is calling a touch it sometimes becomes necessary to shorten it, or it may be desirable to lengthen it. Both processes can be carried out by the conductor if he understands the method by which it is done, although unless he is very adept, there is always a risk of repetition. In a touch which is being rung to fill up the minutes to service time, or merely for practice, this is a matter of no great importance, although, of course, we all prefer to ring a true touch rather than a false one. When one starts out for a touch, naturally a true composition is selected, but what we refer to is the expansion or contraction of the length originally intended.

One of the safest ways of securing the truth of a touch thus dealt with is by the use of singles, although this is not a certain safeguard. It does not entirely eliminate the risk.

The easiest thing to do, of course, is to call a single instead of the last bob and repeat the whole of it, which doubles the length of your touch. But perhaps you do not want twice as much as you set out to ring. You want something less. Well, whatever you want can usually best be done by what is called 'singling in' some extra courses, that is to say, calling a single instead of a bob at some place, then ringing another touch which, when finished with a single, will produce the course-end which would have occurred had the original bob, instead of the first single, been called.

Is that a little involved? Well, let us try to show you by figures. The principle is the same as doubling a touch by calling a single at the end and repeating it.

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— 752634
— 467352
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That is a touch of three leads (42 changes) of Grandsire by calling a bob each lead. You can make it into six leads (84 changes) by calling a single when 2,3 come on the front, and you get this:—

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— 467352
S 324567
— 753624
— 467253
S 234567
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In the same way that the last three leads are 'singled in'—for that is what it amounts to—so three leads or three courses can be singled into a touch which it is desired to lengthen. And it is possible, in certain circumstances, to single them in in more than one place.

In this way touches keeping 6 and 7 in coursing order by calling one or other bell into and out of the hunt, as we illustrated last week, can be extended. In a touch where there is a course called by 6 In and Out, call the 6th out with a single, insert three more courses with the 6th In and Out each time, the last call when the 6th comes out being a single. That will insert three more courses. Here is an example, the strokes under the 1 and 2 representing bobs calling the 7th In and Out (because they refer to bobs at the first and second leads), and strokes under 2 and 3 representing bobs calling the 6th In and Out (because they refer to calls at the second and third leads):—

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435267  —  —             435267  —  —
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                         243567     —  —
                         453267     —  —
325467     —  —          325467     —  S
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532467  —  —             532467  —  —
342567     —  —          342567     —  —
234567  —  —             234567  —  —
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Between the lines which come after 435267, you see, first, the course got by calling 6th In and Out, and then the same touch expanded by three courses, between singles. The first is 336, the second 504.

The young conductor who wants to make himself familiar with this kind of thing should get pencil and paper and figure out other extensions for himself. The explanation as to how to get the bells round to curtail a touch must be left for another article.

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its beautifully decorated entrance hall to the gold pillars of the central hall. It is the last word in convenience and elegance, and nothing that modern science and ingenuity could provide seems to have been omitted in its erection. There is a semi-circular memorial hall, so called in recognition of the men and women who served in the Great War, and in a place of honour is the volume containing the names of those who died. Sheffield has good reason to be proud of its City Hall, and the hour which the ringers spent in looking over it was full of interest.

ANOTHER PEAL OF SIX FOR LINCOLNSHIRE.

At Holy Trinity Church, Tattershall, on Friday, October 4th, in the presence of a large congregation, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln dedicated the new treble bell which has been added to the old peal of five.

After the dedicatory prayers had been said, rounds were rung, and after the service the first change ringing on the six bells was 360 of Plain Bob by Mrs. R. Richardson 1, F. W. Stokes 2, G. Ladd 3, W. E. Clarke 4, C. R. Burrill 5, R. Richardson 6.

About 20 ringers were present, and all tried the new peal.

After ringing had finished the ringers were entertained to light refreshments by the Vicar of Tattershall. All present were loud in their praise of the 'go' and tone of the bells, which form another piece of good work by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

On Sunday evening, October 6th, at the special invitation of the Vicar and on the occasion of the harvest festival, the following ringers took part in the ringing: Mrs. R. Richardson, G. Ladd, A. Barsley, W. E. Clarke, C. R. Burrill and R. Richardson; 720 Cambridge Surprise and 360 Oxford Treble Bob were rung.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Tattershall for his very kind hospitality on this occasion.

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THE FINE CHURCH OF TATTERSHALL, LINCS,
Where the Bells have been Augmented from Five to Six.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday, October 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool. The tower was struck by lightning on Easter Saturday, and much damage done to the bell frame. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, carried out the restoration, and the six bells are now in first-class going order.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Sharples) gave a brief outline of what transpired at the annual meeting of the association at Preston the previous week, and said he was thankful that at last he had been officially recognised as a member of the party who had toured Australia and Tasmania.

It was decided to ask all members of the branch who would arrange peal bands for the royal wedding on November 6th to send in their names to the hon. secretary.

A resolution was also passed that a Fylde Branch picnic be tried in the early summer.

BENCH AND BELLRINGERS.

HOTEL HOURS EXTENDED FOR FESTIVAL.

A bellringing festival is to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, South Moulton, Devon, on October 26th, and at a recent sitting of the Borough Petty Sessions, application was made on behalf of the licensee of the King's Arms Hotel for an extension of 'permitted hours.'

Police Superintendent Parr expressed some surprise that only one application had been made.

Mr. Furse Sanders, who made the application, said perhaps if all the places of refreshment were open they would get no ringing.

The Bench, taking the view that ringing was strenuous exercise, granted the application.

The festival, according to a poster which has been distributed and a copy of which has reached us, begins with a service in church in the morning, followed by luncheon, an eight-bell competition for three certificates, a six-bell competition for three certificates, and afterwards a tea.

In addition there is to be a skittling competition for a pig, to be held at the Skittle Alley of the King's Arms Hotel. No wonder an extension of 'permitted hours' is required! All the proceeds are to go towards the restoration of the bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT SUPPORT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association held its annual meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 5th. The Rev. Canon Clark conducted the service and gave a very appropriate address, taking as his text the association's hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest.'

Tea was partaken of at the Carlton Cafe, at the expense of the association. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Vicar.

The secretary (Mr. A. E. Richardson), in his report for the year, stated that the Tonbridge District maintained its usual flourishing condition, both in regard to finance and membership. The district had 19 towers in union with the association, representing 65 per cent. of the total number of ringing towers in the district. This was the largest percentage in the county. The membership was 178 practising members and 13 honorary members.

Mr. Richardson was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. G. Edwards and E. Everest elected district representatives.

The following towers were selected for next year's meetings: February, Penshurst; May, Shipbourne; July, Benenden; August, Horsmonden (by-meeting); October, Tonbridge.

The members also decided that the annual meeting always be held at Tonbridge, on account of its convenient position.

A resolution from another district was read in regard to the amount allowed by the association to defray tea expenses.

Mr. A. Battin, speaking at some length, proposed that the Tonbridge District agree to stand by the Central Committee.—Mr. J. Medhurst seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

After the usual votes of thanks, the members adjourned to the belfry.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Minster for evening service on September 15th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major (including the bells in the 'Queen's' position): E. Foster 1, G. E. Padgett 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, H. F. Chulow 5, F. G. Hooper 6, A. J. Chamberlain (composer) 7, F. J. Milner (conductor) 8. Longest by all except the conductor. Rung to welcome home the Very Rev. the Provost of Southwell, Archdeacon Conybeare, after an illness.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

EFFECT OF AUSTRALIAN TOUR IN SYDNEY.

The Scottish Association's first meeting at St. James', Paisley, was a decided success, a large number of the congregation being present at the ringing, to see how it was done, and at the service and tea, which was kindly provided by the St. James' Society.

The weather was not on its best behaviour, but as the West of Scotland is a notoriously rainy area, no one worried overmuch, as the hall and church are joined by a covered passage.

About 60 attended the service, at which the Rev. L. A. Sutherland gave a very interesting address on bells and ringers, telling of an excellent custom they have in the Lutheran Church in Germany. When the Lord's Prayer is said, the bell or bells of the church are rung, thus letting the people in their homes take a part in the service should they be so inclined. Mr. Sutherland also spoke of 'A Great Adventure,' which he had read, and said that owing to the fulness of his duties he was unable to go and see the English ringers when they visited Sydney, where he was at the time, but from what he had heard from the people there the tour in its missionary aspect was a great success. He hoped that the meeting that day might have the same effect in Paisley.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by Mr. Sutherland. Apologies for absence were read from Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. Sampson, the president, who was confined to the house. The B.U.R.G. Directory and the William Pye memorial matters were dealt with, and, after the usual votes of thanks, a move was made to the tower for ringing in the standard methods until a late hour.

B.Y.P. AT CHESHAM.

The 'Bright Young People of Berks and Bucks had their first meeting at Chesham recently, and although 23 meetings were advertised to be held on this day, it is worth recording that ringers from Amersham, Berkhampstead, Braywood, Chalfont St. Giles, Clewer, Cookham, Ellesborough, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Harrow, High Wycombe, Iver, Rickmansworth, Stoke Poges, Wendover, West Wycombe and Woburn were present.

Rounds for beginners and Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise for those more proficient made sure of everyone having a pull. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Messrs. Darvell's, then back to the tower, where more ringers brought the numbers nearly up to forty.

The evening concluded with a nearly perfect fall in peal.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

RECORD EASTERN DISTRICT GATHERING.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pocklington, a small market town pleasantly situated at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds, on Saturday, October 5th. There was a record attendance for an Eastern District meeting, 61 sitting down at Kemp's Cafe to an excellent tea, which was most generously provided by Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, who is a very kind friend of the ringers in this part of Yorkshire.

Just as the party sat down to tea a telegram was received from Mr. Wood conveying his greetings to all, and a reply was sent reciprocating this, together with the thanks of all present.

Owing to there not being room in the cafe for the meeting, the Vicar kindly suggested that the business meeting should be held in the nave of the church, where he presided over the largest Eastern District meeting ever held. The Vicar gave all present a hearty welcome. He said it was eight years since the association last visited Pocklington, but he hoped they would not be so long in paying another visit.

A resolution, 'That our best thanks be given to Mr. A. N. Wood for his kindness in providing tea at this meeting, and for his continued interest in the ringers of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association,' was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer, seconded by Mr. A. E. West and carried with acclamation.

Cottingham was selected for the December meeting. Four new resident members were elected—Mr. Wilfred Fox and Mr. George R. Willey, of All Saints', Pontefract, Mrs. C. S. V. Bradley and Miss S. Bradley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet—and one non-resident member, Mr. J. W. Euston, London.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the choir, organist and organ blower, was proposed by Mr. Cryer and seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Allison, the local secretary, and the local ringers and ladies who served the tea.

The towers represented were Beverley (Minster and St. Mary's), Cottingham, Easingwold, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-the Wolds, Nunburnholme, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, York Minster and the local company. The ringing included Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and several lots of rounds for learners, some of whom, also, rang in their first touches of Bob Minor.

A quantity of ringing books and copies of 'The Ringing World' were sent by Mr. Wood for distribution to the various towers. He also kindly provided tobacco and cigarettes for the smokers. Altogether a very enjoyable meeting was held.

TWO GUILDS COMBINE IN SUSSEX.

ALDERSHOT RINGERS' DELAYED RETURN.

A meeting of the Hastings and District Guild was recently held at Hastings, and the attendance was considerably enlarged by a party of Guildford Guild members from Aldershot and Worplesdon, with one unattached member, Capt. H. J. Cann (Brookwood). The journey, which was made by charabanc, commenced from Aldershot at 12.30 p.m., and, owing to the extreme care of the driver not to exceed 30 m.p.h., Christ Church, Blacklands, was reached at 4.25, five minutes before ringing was due to stop. However, all had a pull on the fine peal of eight. During the interesting tea hour, the two associations exchanged greetings, which, in spite of the smallness of the room and the largeness of certain individuals, were cordial enough. Here also the Guildford Guild members met two of their late colleagues, the Misses M. P. and J. E. Kingdon, one time of the Worplesdon company, who are now resident in Brede.

Following tea, All Saints' Church was visited, and for two hours some good ringing was enjoyed under the supervision of Mr. C. E. Levett, hon. secretary of the Hastings Guild. Here a few more Aldershot members arrived, having motored down later in the afternoon. At 7.30 a move was made for half an hour's ringing on the bells of St. Clement's Church. The unmusical tone(?) of the steel bells made the half-hour long enough for all, and the visiting Guild members prepared to return home, half-past eight being the arranged time. Then the music started, 'Where's George?'—'and Bill and Jonah?' 'Gone to quench a thirst.' Then the lights on the charabanc fused, and another half-hour's delay. Another fuse fitted—everything ready. Lights on—phut!—another fuse gone! Then five telephone calls to five garages, but no electrician would venture to the rescue. The captain was warming up. Aldershot called up—nothing doing. In exasperation, the Maidstone Bus Company were appealed to. Yes, a coach would be round in five minutes—and what a coach! The latest stream-lined Leyland Tiger 32-seater, with every comfort.

'O.K., driver—no, where's George again?' Five minutes elapsed and George returned with refreshment for the journey.

Off at last, but Capt. Cann remained to enjoy a sea trip on the 'Brighton Belle.' A pleasant return journey ended at Aldershot at 2 a.m., and everyone merry and bright. Not even the prospects of a night out could damp the enthusiasm and spirits of the party. And 90 per cent. were present for ringing on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. Grateful thanks are extended to Capt. Cann, Mr. Levett and the Misses Kingdon for all the trouble which they took, and for their kindness and generosity towards the visitors.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th (nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed and the more the merrier. — J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Hunkley Mount Road, Bury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bleadon on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (new ring of 12) will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A presentation is to be made to Mr. F. Wilford, the first Master of the Guild, after tea. St. Giles' (10) and the Holy Sepulchre (8) from 3 to 4.30, St. Peter's (8) from 6 to 8. Tea will be provided at the County Cafe, Mercer's Row, at 4.45.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE. — His Grace the Archbishop of York will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 5 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Worcester will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow at All Saints', Poplar. Trams 65 and 67, buses 5, 15, 23, 40 and 108 pass the church. Poplar (L.M.S.) station adjoins church. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Please note my new address.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Vicar's Room, at 1s. 3d. Business meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Peal of six available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, Lincs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—As Warwick bells are not available, the last quarterly meeting of the year will be held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells, rings of 8 and 5, ready at 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the White Heather Café at 5 p.m. A special meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, Oct. 26th, as a farewell to Rev. Stanley Morris. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, to be followed by short service in church. All ringers and friends are cordially invited to attend.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Worsley on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Dedication of new ring of ten bells. Service at 5 p.m. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Perrott, near Crewkerne, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Catherington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) (recently restored by Taylor and Co.) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Farmer Inn. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Wardington (6) also available after tea. Good bus service from Banbury. Please notify if requiring tea.—E. Pearson, Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

A RINGING MEETING will be held at Matlock Parish Church to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All interested are cordially invited.—J. C. Bradshaw, Dale Cresent, Matlock Dale, Matlock.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available from 1.45 p.m.; also Buckfastleigh (8) from 6.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

ENNISKILLEN, IRELAND. — The Lord Bishop of Clogher will dedicate the bells on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at East Grinstead (8 bells) on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me by Monday, October 21st.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

EDINBURGH, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL. — Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Phythian-Adams, D.D., Canon Residentiary of Carlisle Cathedral and Hon. Chaplain to the King. Ring of ten restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. A. H. White, Barford, St. Mary Bourne. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Smarden on Saturday, October 26th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Business meeting at which the election of officers will take place. Those requiring tea are kindly asked to send a card not later than Tuesday, October 22nd.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, not later than Wednesday, the 23rd?—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, October 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should advise me by October 23rd.—J. Nickerson, 47, Halford Street, Thrapston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Old Wolverton (6 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than October 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alveston on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions now due. Kindly let me know for tea by Wednesday, 23rd inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Bishopstoke on October 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by October 24th, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourne on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. A postcard, please, stating number for tea by Wednesday previous. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

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HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.—The new ring of 10, restored by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated in the ringing chamber by the Vicar, the Rt. Rev. Bishop N. S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 3 p.m. The Vicar desires a real ringers' opening, and invites all ringers attending to tea in the Institute, Barker Gate, at 4 p.m. Admission to service and tea is strictly by ticket and for ringers only, which must be obtained from Mr. A. Coppock by Monday, October 28th. No ticket, no tea. Owing to limited space, tickets for the tower service will be allotted in proportion to members of towers applying. Other members will be accommodated in the church. The tower will be open for ringing after tea until 9 p.m.—A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. Please advise me by October 30th. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Bruce Grove (L. and N.E.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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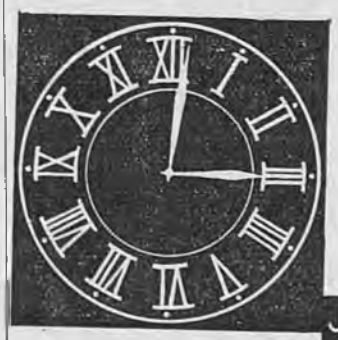
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On Saturday, October 5, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM CROSS	...*Treble*	WALTER GORTON...	5
ROBERT E. EASTHAM	2	WILLIAM BAXENDALE	6
HAROLD GORTON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EDWARD BENTLEY WEBSTER	4	RICHARD WILLIAM MOSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD GORTON.

Rung to celebrate the golden jubilee of the church. The ringer of the 5th rang the same bell on the opening day.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS,
On Thursday, October 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E

Police-Sergt. GEORGE SCHLEUTER	"G"	...Treble
Ch.-Insp. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	"T"	2
Ex-Insp. FRED RIDGWELL Essex County		3
Police-Sergt. GEORGE SHIPP	"D"	4
P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	"A"	5
P.C. JAMES G. A. PRIOR	"B"	6
P.C. CHARLES WILLMINGTON	"K"	7
Ex-P.C. ERNEST BRETT	"E"	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHIEF-INSP. W. BOTTRILL.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and Prince to T.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS	...Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	5
CHARLES L. SADLER	2	*IVOR J. RAWLINGS	6
JOHN J. WEBB	3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	7
WILLIAM T. POSTON	4	WILLIAM POSTON	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. T. O. Charteris, who has resigned after serving 25 years as Vicar of the parish. W. E. Williams has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

CREDITON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(EXETER BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE LAXTON	...Treble	THOMAS J. BARTLETT	5
WILLIAM H. HOWE	2	ARTHUR TRUMAN	6
REGINALD TRUMAN	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
HENRY CORRY	4	THOMAS H. POOK	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 16, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*JAMES LAKER	...Treble	*LEONARD LAKER	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
CECIL NICE	4	NELSON ELLIOTT	...Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal on eight bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harry T. Long, of Winston Hall, to Miss Sybil Harvey, of Framsden Hall, which took place earlier in the day.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HACKINGTON.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT	...Treble	REGINALD A. BALDOCK	5
EDWARD E. TRENDELL	2	FREDERICK R. WELLER	6
WILLIAM E. PITTMAN	3	HARRY PARKES	7
H. RICHARD FRENCH	4	GEORGE KENWARD	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deep respect to Mr. E. H. Spice, who was laid to rest in the churchyard on the same day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...Treble	†CHARLES J. FRAY	5
GEORGE PULLING	2	*EDWARD WHEELER	6
*HAROLD P. REED	3	†GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	4	*RONALD CLARK	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal together. Rung as a welcome home from their honeymoon of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. H. Connelly, of the local band.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr 5 lb.

CHARLES H. JENNINGS	...Treble	*WILLIAM G. YOUNG	5
WILLIAM M. STONE	2	LOUIS J. LOCKYER	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	7
REV. R. P. FARROW	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to welcome to Dorset the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who has recently been inducted to the living of East Lulworth.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN	...Treble	*WILLIAM WENBAN	5
*CHARLES H. SONE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	THOMAS E. SONE	...Tenor

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

* 50th peal together. Birthday peal for Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone. The composition, No. 222, is now rung for the first time.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Treble	*HENRY T. WILSON	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
*ROLAND PARK	3	EDWARD J. BEER	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Edward H. Spice, of Canterbury, a former member of the local band.

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CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Treble*	STANLEY A. CARTER	5
LILIAN M. WHEELER	2	JOSEPH LADLEY	6
GEORGE GRAY	3	GEORGE B. COLLINS	7
FREDERICK C. PERRIN	4	ERNEST PICKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE B. COLLINS.

First peal as conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BAILEY	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD	2	LEONARD W. JOHNSON	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	4	*EDWARD TALBOT	*Tenor*

Transposed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the 6th ringer. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, the 2nd ringer filling the breach at the last moment.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

SAMUEL WARNE	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	7
*CLADDE SNOWDEN	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.

* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EGERTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Original, 1,440 of Plain Bob, 480 Stedman and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*A. JAMES SMITH	*Treble*	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	4
MRS. D. PACK	2	JOSEPH T. PACK	5
GEORGE C. HILL	3	S. VINCENT PACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal. All members of the local company with the exception of the ringer of the 3rd, who comes from Charing. Rung to celebrate the harvest festival.

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

On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

GEORGE W. BURRELL	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	4
WILLIAM WILKINSON	2	CYRIL R. BURRELL	5
HARVEY E. BURRELL	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Court. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	4
MISS ADELINE A. STOKES	2	HARRY CARTER	5
MOSES BILLINGS	3	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surflect and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	*Treble*	ALFRED PRIOR	4
*EDWIN H. LEWIS	2	GEORGE DAWSON	5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods and rung at the first attempt.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Durham, Beverley, Surflect and York; (2) London and Cunecastre; (3) Ipswich; (4) Wearmouth; (5) Lightfoot; (6) Wells; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID MACKAY	*Treble*	FREDERICK TARGETT	4
JOHN A. TARGETT	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
LEONARD DUNFORD	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in 11 Surprise methods as conductor.

BENTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5160 CHANGES;

Being 13 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*JAMES E. STEPHENSON	*Treble*	*HARRY GOODALE	3
ERNEST COOPER	2	*FOORD NEWTON	4
*WILLIAM FAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung to mark the retirement of G. W. Tuplin, for nearly 30 years captain of this tower.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Allendale and Westminster; (2) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, Hexham, York and Surfleet; (5) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (6) London, Cunecastre and Wells; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	...Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
CHARLES W. WOODS	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	...Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

There were 122 changes of method. First peal in 28 methods by all and for the Guild. Thanks are due to Mr. Scott for standing in at short notice. The attempt was arranged only two days before by Mr. Bradley

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BERNARD C. CASTLE	...Treble	†REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	4
†WILLIAM J. BROOKS	2	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
MARIE R. CROSS	3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	...Tenor

Conducted by C. E. WIGG.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Walter E. Lewington and Miss Patricia Holloway, which took place at the Church of St. Lawrence, Reading, earlier in the day. Also a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935 in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*HENRY V. TURNER	...Treble	*ALBERT TURNER	4
*WILLIAM SMITH	2	ARTHUR J. HART	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	*ERNEST R. HAZELDEN	...Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HART.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Bellingham, of Fletching, Sussex.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of College Exercise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM G. WHITING	...Treble	GEORGE BENNETT	4
GEORGE PRYKE	2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	5
WILLIAM WOODS	3	ALDERMAN LING	...Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*ARTHUR WILLSON	...Treble	†CYRIL PICKERING	4
STEPHEN LAXTON	2	ROBERT C. CHALLAND	5
HARRY GIBBARD	3	GEORGE BOOTH	...Tenor

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 5 belong to the local band. This peal was rung to enable them to take part in the first peal on the bells since they were rehung and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING THE BELLS ROUND.

It is a very useful thing to know how to call bells round, particularly if they have gone wrong in a touch or it is found necessary for any reason to shorten it.

If you are ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples, in which 6.7 are kept together, that is, in their proper coursing order, as in the many touches which we have dealt with recently, there are various ways in which the bells can be got home without much trouble.

One way is to get the 4th into the hunt at the earliest moment, and call it out the lead after the 6th comes Before. If it doesn't bring up rounds, the 6th In and Out either once, or twice, will put the bells in the plain course.

Or, get the 5th into coursing order after the 7th. If there is one bell between the 7th and 5th, call the 5th Before, then, if the 2nd is not in the hunt, call the three bells, 5.6.7, at Home, until rounds is reached. If the 2nd is in the hunt, of course, the bells, with 5.6.7 at Home, must come round, unless there has been a shift course. If the 3rd is in the hunt, the 7th called In and Out will put the bells into the plain course; if the 4th is in the hunt, a bob with the 7th at 'Home' will bring them round.

We speak of 'putting the bells into the plain course,' because there may be a lead to run after the last bob before the bells come round.

If you want to bring the bells round when 6 and 7 are not in coursing order, the usual thing to do is to get them there as soon as possible. If their coursing order is 6.7 with one bell between them, and there is time to do it, call the 7th Before, otherwise call the first one available into the hunt. Then, if the 7th is in the hunt, call the 6th Before, or if the 6th is in the hunt, call a bob the lead after the 7th has been Before. You then proceed to 'collect' the other bells as described above.

Or you can begin the other way, and if you have 6 coursing 4, get the 7th into position by treating it as the 5th is treated above; or if the 5th is coursing 7, bring the 6th into position as the 4th is, in the earlier paragraph. A little study with pencil and paper will help the beginner a lot, and he will pick up many hints from this, as well as from practice in the tower.

But before we leave the subject, we must say something about the alternative way of bringing bells round, namely, at handstroke, which sometimes can be quicker done than getting them round at backstroke. The bells come round at backstroke if the 2nd is in the hunt and the other bells are coursing in the cycle 4.6.7.5.3. The bells come round at hand if the 3rd is in the hunt and the other bells are in the reverse coursing cycle of 5.7.6.4.2. Now this cycle cannot be obtained unless the bells are 'out-of-course,' and in order to put them out-of-course, either you must have had an odd number of singles or two bells must have 'changed course.'

In order to get the bells round you do it on the plan explained above by treating 6 for 7 and 7 for 6, 5 for 4 and 4 for 5. If you want deliberately to bring them round at hand when they are 'in-course,' call a single with 6.7 on the front, sending the 7th into the hunt, and out next lead with a bob. If 4.6 are coursing, you can, if you like, turn this pair over instead. Then you must put the 7th in front of the 6th, by calling it 'In,' and 'Out' after the 6th has come Before.

Just one thing to be on your guard against. Do not aim at getting the bells round at hand with a bob. If you do, you will find you have rung at least the first lead of your touch over again, but backwards. You want to produce the lead-end 357264, either plain or hobbed, and come into rounds the next time the treble gets down to lead.

Here are one or two short touches, reversing 6.7 and coming round at hand—the change immediately before 325476 :—

	167				279						335			
234567	1	2	3		234567	1	2	3	4		234567	1	2	3
354267		—	—		423576	—		S			423576	—		S
435267	—	—			253476		—	—			253476		—	—
325476		S	—		543276		—	—			543276		—	—
					435276				—		354276	—	—	
					325476		—	—			435276	—	—	
											325476		—	—

The figures above the bobs indicate, as explained last week, the leads in the courses at which the bobs and singles are called. There are four leads in every course.

HASLEMERE BELLS BROADCAST TO AMERICA.

On the 43rd anniversary of the death of Lord Tennyson, the Victorian Poet Laureate, a special broadcast to America was arranged by the Columbia Broadcasting Company of America, in conjunction with the B.B.C., from Tennyson's old home at Haslemere. A feature of the broadcast was the introduction of the 'distant' Haslemere bells, which inspired many beautiful lines. It is not often that English bells are heard in America, but in this respect Haslemere joins with Boston, Lincs, in its distinction.

The touch broadcast was 336 Grandsire Triples, rung by: R. Hayes 1, F. Bowden 2, B. Elliott 3, E. J. Ayliffe 4, A. J. Bartlett 5, H. Smithers 6, J. H. B. Hesse (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT DEAN PRIOR.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, on Saturday last, when ringers and friends were present from Brampford Speke, Sidmouth, Exeter, Kenn, Christow, Newton Abbot, Cockington, Paignton and Buckfastleigh, as well as from the local tower. The fine peal of six bells were well utilised during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Doubles being rung as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers.

A service was later held in church, and attended by a number of parishioners, in addition to the visitors. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller, Vicar of Dean Prior, officiated, and based an excellent address on the inscriptions on the first two bells of a neighbouring peal of bells, viz., 'I lead' and 'I follow.'

The visitors afterwards adjourned to the Schoolroom for tea, and the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) occupied the chair at the subsequent business meeting, in the absence of the branch chairman through indisposition.

It was reported that the best thanks of the branch had been sent to the late secretary for his past services.

A copy of 'A Great Adventure' was also produced for inspection.

It was reported that two honorary members and five performing members had resigned, and another honorary member had asked to become an ordinary ringing member.

The election prior to peal attempts of Mr. F. E. Collins, of Thornton Heath, Miss K. M. Bradford and Mr. T. J. Lock, of London, as life members, was confirmed.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Paignton on Saturday, February 8th.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Dean Prior for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for the use of the Schoolroom. He congratulated the parish on its young ringing members. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the lady organist, the organ blower, the Ladies' Committee for the tea arrangements, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.—This was seconded and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar expressed thanks on behalf of the parish.

This concluded the business and the visitors returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Some of the visitors afterwards availed themselves of the opportunity to ring at Buckfastleigh Parish Church.

STOWTING'S YOUNG BAND

ADMITTED TO KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Ringers from Ashford, Brabourne, Cheriton, Little Chart, Hythe, Newington, Sturry and Willesborough met at Stowting on Saturday, October 12th, to try the newly-augmented peal and to elect the local ringers as members of the Kent County Association. The bells, which were recently increased from four to six, are a very light ring (tenor 6 cwt. approx.), but everyone seemed well pleased with both 'tone' and 'go.'

About an hour and a half of useful practice was enjoyed before the short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Hamilton Dicker). Tea was generously provided by the Rector and Mrs. Dicker in a large room at the Rectory.

Following this seven practising members of the local band were elected to the association, and the Rector was made an honorary member.

Mr. Ruck thanked the Rev. Hamilton Dicker for his invitation to Stowting and for so kindly providing tea. He said he was pleased to see a Stowting company join the association, because this village had contributed some exceptionally good ringers to the Exercise, namely, the Cheesman family.

Before returning to the tower handbells were brought out and a few good touches rung on them.

Stowting has a young and keen band of beginners, and it is, therefore, hoped that anyone who can help them will do so. The practice night is Monday, 7-9 p.m. (winter only), and Sunday ringing at 10 a.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21st, a very successful meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Maxey. Ringers were present from Staverton, Wymondham, Eggleton, Peterborough (St. Mary's and St. John's), Langham Market Deeping, James Deeping, Littleworth, Bourne, Morton, Lakingham, Wittering, Stamford and the local band. Methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave the ringers a hearty welcome. Tea was served at the Blue Bell Inn, 27 sitting down.

A short business meeting was held, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. E. T. Powell) presiding.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Crowland. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The tower was again visited and further ringing enjoyed until the bells were lowered at 9 p.m., bringing a very enjoyable gathering to a close.

STOURBRIDGE BELL RESTORATION.

ANONYMOUS DONOR'S GENEROUS GIFT.

By the generosity of an anonymous donor, as a thankoffering for the first 25 years of the King's beneficent reign, the bells of Stourbridge Parish Church have been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who recast four of them and have rehung the whole eight. The bells were originally cast in 1759 by Lester and Pack, and the seventh recast in 1901. The restoration now carried out has effected a great improvement. Alterations have been also made to the louvre windows of the tower to moderate the sound in the vicinity of the church and to give the bells greater carrying power. The tenor is about 19 cwt.

The bells were rededicated at a largely attended service, the Archdeacon of Dudley (the Ven. A. P. Shepherd) performing the ceremony. He gave a striking address, in the course of which he said that a ringer had to be perfect in his work, and not let down other ringers or the whole team. He needed obedience, and must be a man who was patient and would take time to learn, and that was why in these times of attractions and amusements it was difficult to find men who were prepared to spend the time or undertake the discipline required. There had to be discipline, and a man had to be unselfish and good tempered; in other words, he had to be well tuned. The speaker referred to the appropriateness of the rededication of the bells on the day before they began the dedication festival of that church, and added that the 'metal' of our characters in life must be flawless as in the case of the metal of bells, and that we must let God run us in His mould, to shape us. Our impulse must come from within, and it was through the influence of God that we were transformed, shaped and moulded, and made to sound to His glory and His service.

After the members of the local band had rung the bells, visiting ringers tried them and were very gratified with the improvement effected. Afterwards the clergy, ringers, members of the choir and others had tea in the Church Hall. Among those present were the Vicar, the Revs. R. C. Garrett and E. G. Klee, Messrs. A. W. Farr and W. A. Horne (warden), C. W. Cooper (secretary of the ringers), A. E. Whatmore (leader), J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co.), Mr. H. Mason and others.

The Vicar said they were delighted to see the visitors, ringers and the representative of Messrs. Taylor and Co., and he would like to express gratitude to the firm for the way in which they had done their work so expeditiously and satisfactorily (applause). They were more than grateful to the generous anonymous friend who had borne the whole cost (applause). They owed a great debt to some of the ringers, who had put in hours of work in the belfry in the improvements which had been made, and he knew it had been a labour of love. It had saved a lot of money. He thought that the ringing chamber would compare with any in the diocese, indeed in England, and that was largely owing to the care and devoted labours of some of the ringers.

MODIFICATION OF SOUND.

Mr. Fidler, who was invited to speak, thanked the Vicar for the words of appreciation, and said the sound of the bells in the churchyard had been modified, and to hear the full beauty of the bells one had to get a mile away. The modification of sound near to the church would cut away the ground for complaint by some people. The Stourbridge ringers seemed to act together as a team in the way spoken of by the Archdeacon, and such team spirit was fairly typical of ringers.

Mr. H. Mason (Hagley) spoke of his interest in the scheme for the restoration of the bells, and of the gratitude that must be felt by the generous gift of the cost. He said he was sure that the ringers were pleased with the sound of the bells, and he had heard them that afternoon from a good many angles. Stourbridge was fortunate in the good work which had been done, and he was sure all would be perfectly satisfied. In conclusion, he referred to his ringing experience of over 50 years.

Mr. Cooper thanked the Vicar and Miss Newland for the provision of the tea, and the Vicar thanked the ladies who had prepared it.

Mr. Farley said the beauty of the bells could not be heard in the ringing chamber so well as previously, and Mr. Fidler, in reply, said he thought the lessening of sound would be an advantage when the ringers got used to it, as they would be less distracted and would be able to follow the sound of their own bell better. If thought necessary, later on, a tube could be fixed to bring more sound from the bell chamber to the ringing chamber.

Mr. A. J. Skelding pointed out that the silence of the bells, during the time that they had been away for restoration, must have been noticed, when people realised that the clock quarters and hours had not been sounded, in the absence of the bells on which they were struck. He was sure their old friend Mr. Pagett would have been delighted to see the renovation of the bells. In conclusion, he expressed satisfaction with the work of Messrs. Taylor and wished the ringers success in their service.

Mr. W. Green (Old Hill) referred to the fact that it was 52 years ago since he rang his first peal, which was at St. Thomas' Church.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for harvest festival: Miss M. Cosgrove 1, J. Iggleden 2, W. Cosgrove, jun. 3, F. Nicholas 4, L. Bunn 5, G. Steer 6, J. Weller (conductor) 7, W. Cosgrove, sen. 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AND LACK OF INTEREST.

Warminster was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch, to which 14 towers sent representatives. Some good practice was put in, in methods up to Double Norwich. The Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Bellars) welcomed the members and conducted the Guild service, delivering a short address from the text II. Chronicles v., 3. He quoted an extract from the novel, 'The Nine Tailors.' The choir was in attendance, the organist being Mr. Siminson. After tea, held in the Magnet Cafe, the usual business meeting was presided over by Mr. E. F. White (branch chairman). The Vicar said the Guild would be always sure of a welcome to his tower, and asked the members to work in unity and continue the good work of the Guild.

Mr. S. Hillier, Mr. F. Green, together with the chairman and secretary, spoke on the lack of interest which seemed to have arisen in respect of meetings, and suggestions were made to remedy this state of affairs.

Bishop's Cannings was decided upon for the November meeting, with Holt or Hilperton for December, and Devizes for the annual meeting in January.

With the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, the members returning to the tower, where they were joined by friends from Stourton and Bath. Mr. E. Linter, from the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, was a welcome visitor to the meeting.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT BAGLAN.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held at Baglan, when about 20 members attended. The bells (6) were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Morton), the choirboys and organist being in attendance. A splendid tea was provided by the Parochial Church Council, which was very much appreciated.

At the business meeting Swansea was chosen as the place of next meeting.

A donation of two guineas was voted towards the late William Pye memorial.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who helped to make the visit so pleasant.

The ringing included rounds for the learners, Doubles, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor. This is the first occasion that Cambridge Surprise Minor has been rung at a meeting of the Southern District. It was rung by the Cadoxton men of 'Ringing Shield' fame.

FOUR ASSOCIATIONS HOLD JOINT MEETING.

WHERE THE LADIES SCORE.

The joint meeting of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations and the Ladies' Guild, which was held at St. Mary's Church, Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, October 5th, was a success in every way. Ringers came from places as far apart as Chelmsford, Little Munder and Hillingdon, and from dozens of places in between. Each association was officially represented, amongst the 70 or more ringers present being Mr. L. J. Clark (general secretary), Mr. A. Prior (District Master) Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary), of the Essex Association; Mr. W. H. Lawrence (district secretary), Herts Association; Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (joint secretary) and Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant secretary), of the Middlesex Association; and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary), representing the Ladies' Guild, besides several well-known members of each society. The service at 4.30 was taken by the Rector (the Rev. W. T. Ison), who preached an extraordinarily interesting sermon, of a kind seldom heard at ringers' meetings. Mr. Ison had been inducted to the living at Woodford only a few days previously, and this was his first sermon at that church. He also joined the party at tea, but, unfortunately, had to leave immediately afterwards.

The speeches which came later were short and to the point. Mr. Butler (Essex Association) thanked the Rector for his very fine sermon and for the use of the bells, Mr. C. Morss for arranging the meeting, and the ladies who had prepared tea. He also welcomed the members of the other three associations who were present.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher replied on behalf of Middlesex Association members, and identified himself with the vote of thanks. Mr. W. H. Lawrence expressed the pleasure of Hertfordshire ringers who were present; whilst Mrs. Fletcher added a few words for the ladies, saying that whilst there were probably several male ringers present who were members of three associations, it was left to some of the ladies to be members of all four.

Mr. C. T. Coles called attention to the William Pye memorial scheme, details of which had been published in 'The Ringing World.' He urged all present to support it and to press the scheme upon others.

After a little handbell ringing, some of the party returned to the belfry, whilst others went to St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow. Ringing was kept up at both towers for some time, at Woodford the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, and at Walthamstow from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Yes, the fat is in the fire. Will correspondents do their best to help the Post Office find 'The Ringing World' office by addressing their communications to Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey. It will save delay when some new official, who is not a ringer, gets hold of the letters, in that very mixed business which, we believe, is called 'sorting.'

The new edition of 'A Great Adventure' will shortly be ready. Those who wish to reserve a copy should send a postcard to 'The Ringing World'—don't forget—Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

A new ring of eight bells with a 15 cwt. tenor is to be installed by Gillett and Johnston in the tower which is being added to Fairwarp Church, Sussex.

Sir Alfred Parker, Lord Mayor of Sydney, who gave the English bellringers a civic reception on their arrival in Sydney last November, died last Friday.

The order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for a comprehensive scheme of restoration and augmenting of the peal at Codsall Parish Church, near Wolverhampton. The existing six bells are to be recast and rehung in a new frame and two new trebles added to complete the ring of eight.

A peal rung at North Stoneham, Hants, on Saturday, was the one hundredth peal together by Messrs. G. Williams and C. J. Fray. It is 15 years since the latter last rang a peal of Stedman Triples. That peal was on March 4th, 1920. It was conducted by the late Mr. W. H. George on his birthday, and was the last peal he rang.

With a peal on the tenor at Headcorn, Kent, Mr. T. E. Sone has now 'completed the circle' in seven towers. He has also conducted 75 different one-part peals and 50 different compositions by Mr. Arthur Knights.

On Saturday next, Mr. Philip Hodgkin celebrates his 53rd wedding anniversary, his 58th year as a ringer and 44th year as a member of the band at Headcorn. Last Saturday he rang the treble at this tower to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow, formerly of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, has recently been inducted to the living of East Lulworth, and on Saturday he was welcomed to Dorset with a peal of Stedman Triples, at Kingston, in which he took part. This particular Kingston, which has a fine peal of bells, is somewhat 'off the map,' and the band desire to thank Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart for the transport arrangements.

Wigan is to have a peal of ten bells. Two trebles have been given to augment the old eight, which are to be recast. The new tenor will be about 30 cwt. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

The names of the ringers of the 5th and tenor in the peal rung at South Weald on September 28th are Edward T. Sitch and John Sitch respectively, and not Stitch. In the peal of Bob Major at Brentwood on October 12th, John Sitch rang the 5th.

A service will be broadcast from Newcastle Cathedral on Sunday at 7.55 p.m. Ringing will start about 7.45.

HOOTER PREFERRED TO BELLS.

MIDDLESEX CLERGYMAN WANTS SOMETHING MODERN.

The modern tendencies for speed and noise have crept into the church. On Saturday week, the Bishop of Kensington dedicated a church at Cranford, Middlesex, which has been built in three weeks, and which the Rev. Maurice Child, who will be in charge of it, talks of equipping with a hooter, because, he says, 'I want something more modern than bells.'

Well, as this is a £1,000 job rushed up in three weeks, there would be no place to put the bells anyhow, so we will not deny him his hooter. The hooter may be not the only thing that will blast when it is operated.

If the hooter does appear we can well believe that when anyone first hears it they will exclaim in no very enchanted tones, 'What the dickens is that?'

But, seriously, what about the demands of the Church's rubric, which requires a bell to be rung before service?

If this is a publicity stunt on the part of Mr. Child, he may have succeeded in gaining what he sought. To us it seems rather childish.

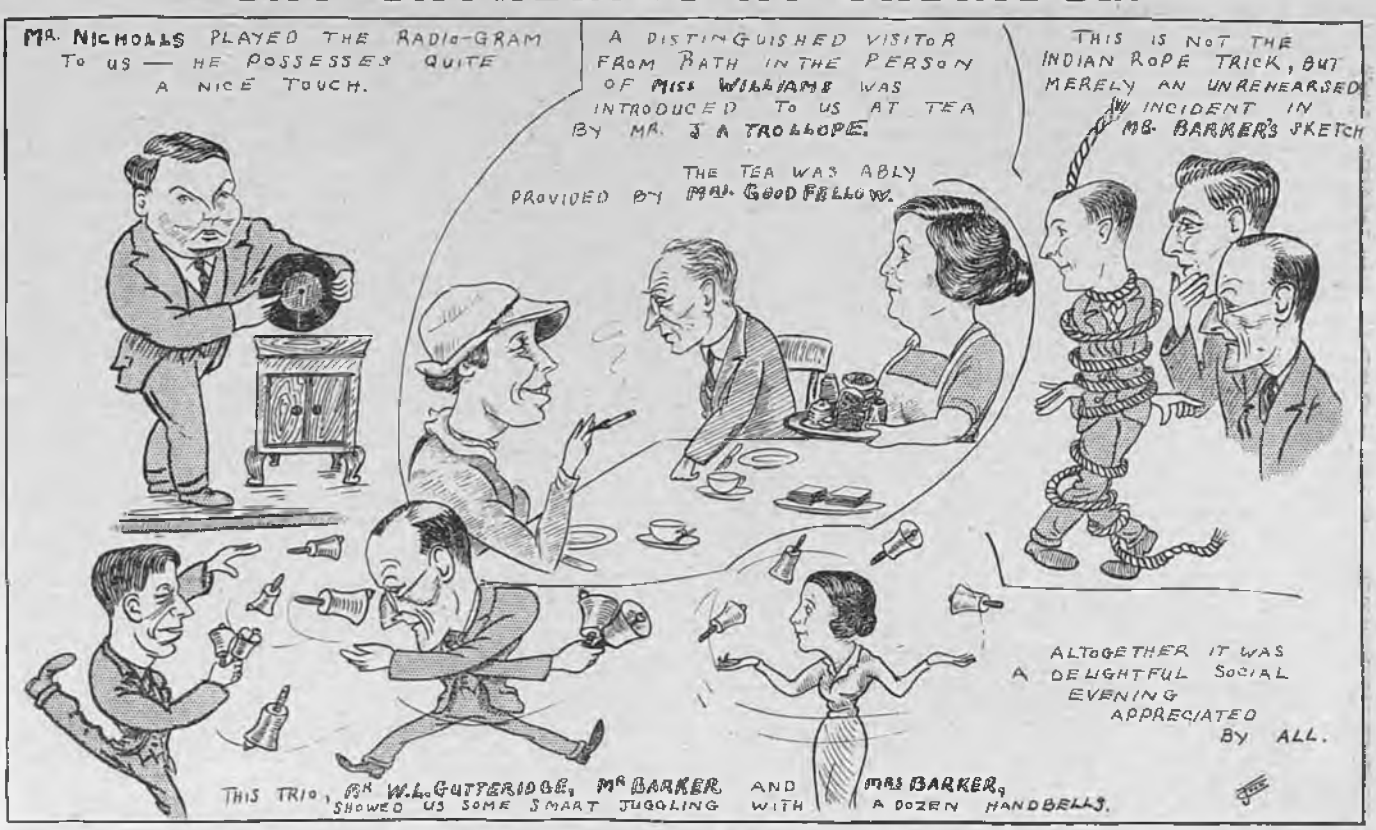
RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM LATTER'S JUBILEE.

Congratulations will be offered to Mr. and Mrs. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, who celebrated their golden wedding on Friday, October 11th. They were married at St. Leonards-on-Sea in 1885. They are both 69 years of age, have four sons and three daughters, all married, and 13 grandchildren.

For a great many years, until recently, Mr. Latter was secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association. He has been closely connected with St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells, since its consecration, and has just had the pleasure of helping the church celebrate its diamond jubilee. He has recently made a remarkable recovery from a serious illness, and is now able to ring and take up his occupation again.

GAY GATHERING AT UXBRIDGE.



THREE GUILDS MEET.

Another large gathering of ringers attended a joint meeting, sponsored by the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, on this occasion at Uxbridge. The Ladies' Guild and the neighbouring branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were invited to take part, and it is gratifying to report that members and friends of the three Guilds totalled nearly eighty.

The ten bells of St. John's, Hillingdon, were handled by many ringers during the afternoon, as were those of St. Andrew's both before and after tea. The methods rung were not revealed to the writer, but, judging from the ringers present, it could have very well ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

The Vicar of St. Andrew's, the Rev. R. Home, conducted shortened evensong, in the course of which he addressed a few earnest remarks to a large congregation concerning the true meaning of church work in its connection with the spiritual life.

The vice-president of the Middlesex Association (Mr. J. A. Trollope) read the lesson. The church was tastefully decorated in readiness for harvest thanksgiving on the morrow. The occasion may have been responsible for the inspired singing of the hymns.

A large tea party was successfully catered for in St. Andrew's Hall by ringers' wives and friends, under the direction of Mrs. Goodfellow. At the conclusion of the meal, which was presided over by the Vicar, Mr. Trollope thanked all who were responsible for the excellent arrangements made and extended a welcome to the visiting Guilds.

Mrs. Humphrey, for the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. A. D. Barker, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, briefly replied, expressing their pleasure at the success of the gathering and thanking the Middlesex County Association for the opportunity to fraternise.

Mr. Trollope also referred to the proposed memorial to William Pye, details of which had appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and appealed for a generous response towards a very worthy object.

After an hour's ringing on St. Andrew's bells, the party reassembled and spent the next three hours in frivolous abandonment.

The tune ringing by the three B.Y.P. fairly brought down the house. Indeed, it could be said that their two 'turns' proved to be the most popular items of the evening. The present holders of the handbell cup of the London County Association kindly came down from Rochester Row and demonstrated their 'winning ways in hand.' Stanley Holloway's understudy from Clewer told us of the adventures of Sam at t' Palace. Arthur Bray's violin solo rendering of Handel's 'Largo' was much appreciated, as were songs by Mrs. Humphrey and Mr. Fowler.

There was much speculation as to the purpose of a bell rope hanging in the centre of the stage. There was something macabre about it. Was it true that the Methods Committee were at last to be punished for their sins? Or was Charlie going to perform on a one-string instrument? (with apologies to the 'Daily Sketch'). No, all wrong! It was just an accessory in a sketch 'composed and conducted' by A.D.B., humorously illustrating 'what happens' in the belfry. Alas, this has created jealousy! It is asked why cannot the Middlesex Nares and Cowards go one better and depict the thrilling scenes of a secret meeting of the Me-Thods gang in the depths of Lammas Park? Imagine the cold shudder that would run through the audience as the crafty Armiger mutters his plans to his hirelings, those innocent babes snatched from their cradles and spliced to a life of crime! Yes, rehearsals must commence immediately.

Another innovation was a series of table tennis matches. First the Bray brothers and then Ealing v. Uxbridge. Pity the poor secretary who, after skilful and patient negotiations between the principals, announced an all-star doubles match, to find that there were only two bats available! Games, under the direction of 'our Ernest,' from Heston, were carried out in that noisy jolly fashion that shows an Englishman is enjoying himself, while dancing gave the romantic an opportunity to dream. Especially when 'Corkie' was galloping around!

Altogether a very jolly evening, thanks to some hard work on the part of the organisers. Best not to mention individuals, perhaps, but no one can begrudge special thanks to Mrs. Goodfellow and her helpers and to Stage-Manager Charlie.

EIGHTY-FIVE BUT STILL ACTIVE.

On Sunday, October 13th, at the Parish Church, Watford, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by: Alfred R. Dawes 1, A. W. Dix 2, F. Bullock 3, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 4, W. Norris 5, A. Brunton 6, H. G. Cashmore 7, W. G. Paul 8. First quarter-peal by treble ringer and rung to mark the 85th birthday of Watford's veteran but still active ringer, Mr. E. Jones.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Fressingfield, Suffolk, on Monday, September 16th, 1,924 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in one hour and ten minutes. Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of James Riches, a member of the local company, who was interred the same afternoon: E. Whiting (conductor) 1, A. Head 2, G. Howlett 3, D. Cracknell 4, G. Gower 5, W. Platt 6, R. Riches 7, C. Loome 8.

'LEGENDS O' THE BELLS.'

A NEW BOOK ON BELL SUPERSTITIONS AND CUSTOMS.

Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., of Leicester, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, has made another valuable contribution to the bibliography of bells. There has been published this week by Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co., 'Legends o' the Bells,' which Mr. Morris has written, and it covers a gap in the story of bells and ringing which was left after the publication of those two other volumes, 'Bells Through the Ages,' by Mr. J. R. Nicholls, of Stamford, and Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing.'

The legends connected with bells are innumerable and of great variety, and Mr. Morris has brought together in his book a singularly interesting collection, which admirably illustrates the strange superstitions attached to bells and the even stranger supernatural powers credited to them in almost every part of the world. Few of the legends find credence in these days, but there are apparently still to be found in the world people with beliefs in the witchery of bells.

As most ringers know, bells have had many uses, quaint and peculiar, in addition to the main purpose for which they are rung in Christian churches, namely, the calling of people to worship, or as a reminder that a service is in progress. Many of these uses are purely local customs, which have had their origin deep in the past, and Mr. Morris, in his book, quotes legends, traditions and, often, more authenticated stories, which shed much light on the quaint ringing customs, not only in this country, but in foreign lands as well. He has obviously been at great pains to collect his material, and he has given it to the public in an interesting style.

From very earliest times, as Mr. Morris points out, much superstitious feeling hung around bells, and many pretty and curious legends are known respecting them. A number of them point to their power of punishing wrongdoers; many of the legends are connected with water; others speak of their power of driving away evil spirits, thunder and lightning; while others tell of their ringing unaided in times of great disaster or rejoicings.

Of their power of driving away evil spirits, for example, Mr. Morris quotes from Latimer, who, in the days of the Reformation, exposed it as 'foolery.' 'If the holy bells,' he wrote, 'would serve against the devil, or that he might be put away by their sound, no doubt we would soon banish him out of all England; for I think that if all the bells in England should be rung together at a certain hour, there would be almost no place but some bells might be heard there, and so the devil should have no abiding place in England.' Showing, at any rate, that even in those far off days England was well supplied with church bells.

Mr. Morris has done his work well and adequately, and he has given us a book which will be of interest not only to ringers, but to the general public. The publishers, too, have issued it in a very tastefully got up manner. Its price is 15s.

There are a number of artistically produced illustrations, among those who have contributed pictures being Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Ringers should send their orders direct to the author, whose address is 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, and those who cannot afford to purchase outright should see that their local public library gets a copy. This can usually be done by placing it on the 'Readers' Suggestion List.'

MISS PAT HOLLOWAY MARRIED.

READING RINGERS WEDDED.

The wedding took place last Saturday, October 19th, at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, of two well-known local ringers—Mr. W. E. Lewington, of St. Peter's, Caversham, and Miss Pat Holloway, of St. Laurence's, Reading. The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewington, of Caversham, and the bride is the daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. Holloway, of London Street, Reading.

A large congregation had assembled in the church to witness the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, assisted by the Rev. N. J. Raper, of St. Laurence's.

During the service the hymns, 'Lead us, Heavenly Father' and 'O perfect love,' were sung. Mr. Sidney Lodge, himself a ringer at the church, was the organist and played appropriate music both before and after the ceremony.

The ringers also welcomed the bridal couple to the church with a merry peal, and again rang while the register was being signed. The bells were also fired as a special token.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. F. C. Pike, of Reigate, and the bridesmaids were Miss W. Holloway (the bride's sister), Miss E. Lambden and little Mary Lewington (niece of the bridegroom). The best man was Mr. F. Lewington.

A reception was afterwards held in St. Laurence's Hall, nearly 80 guests being present, including the Master, Deputy Master and Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Many of the ringers from St. Peter's, Caversham, and St. Laurence's, Reading, were also present.

The bride and bridegroom have been the recipients of many valuable wedding gifts, amongst them being a clock from the ringers at St. Laurence's and a bedside table from the ringers at St. Peter's, Caversham.

Later the bride and bridegroom left for their new home at Burghclere, Hants.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

FIRST LIST OF DONATIONS.

There has been a prompt and widespread response to the appeal for funds to erect a memorial to the late Mr. William Pye. As will be seen by the list below, donations have been received from many parts of England, as well as from Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Such a widespread response is very gratifying to those promoting the memorial scheme, and it is sincerely hoped that the whole of the sum required will soon be forthcoming.

It is estimated that about £250 will be needed to carry out the scheme, which includes the addition of two trebles to the existing six bells at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, in the parish where Mr. Pye lived for over 30 years, and to erect a suitable tablet in the church porch. It will generally be agreed that such a memorial will be the only fitting one for so great a ringer.

Further donations are solicited, and should be sent to any of the undersigned. Cheques and postal orders should be crossed and made payable to Mr. W. H. Hollier. All donations received will be acknowledged by post and through the pages of 'The Ringing World.'

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St. Patrick's (Dublin) Cathedral Society	1	1	0
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The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild (Southern District)	2	2	0
Members of the St. Nicholas' (Liverpool) Society		10	0
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Mr. E. F Poppy		5	0
Mr. A. B. Wiffen	1	0	0
Mr. W. D. Smith (Eastbourne)	1	0	0
Mr. G. A. Black (Woodford)	2	2	0
Mr. W. Pickworth (Hastings)		10	6
Mr. G. R. Newton		5	0
Mr. E. Percy Thomas (Worcester)	1	1	0
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	2	2	0
Mr. C. H. Howard	2	2	0
Mr. C. T. Coles	1	0	0
Mr. J. Bennett (Lewisham)		10	0
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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

A successful meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Kinver. Although the weather was not very kind, a number exceeding expectation put in appearance. After a stiff climb up to the church, the bells were raised and soon set in motion to various methods. Upon hearing the bells, the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Mercer), who is learning to ring, entered the belfry and gave the members a hearty welcome. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar, who also delivered an interesting address. Adjournment was then made to the village cafe, where a splendid tea was served. This over, reference was made to the forthcoming edition of the 'Ringers' Directory,' to be issued by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. Members were urged to support the project by filling in the forms that were at hand.

It was resolved to hold the intermediate meeting, for general practice, at Pattingham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Further particulars will be published in 'The Ringing World' later.

The next quarterly meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on January 11th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and use of bells, etc., and to the organist for his kindly assistance was received with applause.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by a few, while others made tracks for the tower, where Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich were among the methods rung.

At St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Monday, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung half-muffled for the Venerable Hugh Bright, late Archdeacon of Stafford and president of the society, the funeral service being held earlier in the day at Lichfield Cathedral: C. Griffiths 1, T. Smith 2, R. Pickering 3, G. A. Baker 4, J. Whatmore 5, N. H. Smith 6, H. Knight (conductor) 7, F. Brotherton 8, W. H. Lawley 9, G. Langley 10.

A WORCESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

REDEDICATION OF THE RECAST PEAL AT NETHERTON.

Saturday last was a 'red letter day' in the annals of the parish of St. Andrew, Netherton, when the peal of bells which have been recast and hung in a new iron frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of the famous Loughborough foundry, were rededicated by the Bishop of Worcester. Long before the service commenced large numbers of parishioners and others made their way to the church, which was crowded before the service began. Netherton Church choir was augmented for the occasion by the choirs of St. Peter's Church, Darley End, and St. John's Church, Dudley Wood. The clergy present included the Vicar of Netherton (the Rev. E. L. Warren), the Rural Dean of Dudley and the Ven. Archdeacon of Dudley (Dr. A. P. Shepherd, D.D.). The representatives of the bell-founders (Messrs. C. Harrison and H. Stubbs), the ringers of Netherton Parish Church and visiting ringers took part in the procession of choirs and clergy to the church. The inspiring service began with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' in which the congregation heartily joined. Psalms 121 and 122 were followed by the short lesson, read by the Archdeacon of Dudley. During the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Lord Bishop, attended by the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, the Vicar, the churchwardens and parish clerk, made their way to the west porch underneath the tower, where the Bishop received one of the bell ropes from Mr. Albert Prestige, the leader of the Netherton ringers. His lordship solemnly dedicated the bells, after which he placed the rope in the hands of the Vicar to receive them as a sacred trust for all time, to be 'for ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

The bells then rang out while the Bishop and clergy returned to their stalls. The Bishop offered prayers for the worshippers, the ringers, for wedded folk, for the sick and for the absent, and then after the hymn, 'When morning gilds the sky,' his lordship gave an interesting discourse upon the uses of bells from their earliest days. The concluding hymn was 'Hark, hark, my soul,' during the singing of which a collection was taken, as a thankoffering, for the general fund of the church.

As the great congregation were leaving the church the bells again sent out their beautiful music, and thus ended a great day for the parishioners of Netherton.

The bells, which are a vast improvement upon the old peal in tone, are slightly heavier, and are all that can be desired. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon the work that they have carried out so successfully, considering unexpected obstacles that were met with.

After the service the visiting ringers from various belfries round the district, including two old Netherton ringers who learnt their ringing at St. Andrew's—Mr. Harry Price, of Stratford-on-Avon, and Mr. William Talbot, of Leeds—together with Mr. John Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, Mr. Harry Withers (Selly Oak), that old warrior, Mr. John Jaggar, and others to the number of about 80 assembled at the house of Mr. Albert Prestige, where a substantial meat tea was in readiness, generously provided by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Jordan and W. Cole). The meal had been ably prepared by Mrs. Prestidge, assisted by her two daughters and other ladies.

At the close of the tea Mr. Churchwarden Jordan thanked Mr. and Mrs. Prestige and their assistants for preparing and serving the tea, and he also congratulated Mr. Prestige upon having served 35 years as a ringer at St. Andrew's.

Mr. Churchwarden Cole seconded the vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Prestige for what they had done, and said he was pleased to meet so many ringers there that day.

Mr. Skelding (Stourbridge) proposed that the best thanks of those present be given to the wardens for their generous hospitality, and this was carried with acclamation.

The rest of the evening was spent in a social gathering, interspersed with tunes and changes upon the handbells. Netherton has now got a peal of bells of which the Vicar, parishioners and all concerned ought to be justly proud.

A YORKSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

COTHERSTONE BELLS REOPENED.

The bells of the Church of St. Cuthbert, in the beautiful village of Cotherstone, Yorkshire, have been recently rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and, as is usual with their work, the bells 'go' splendidly.

At the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. C. Snushall), the bells were rung the first time after the rehanging by the ringers of St. John's, Darlington, on the occasion of the harvest festival on Thursday, October 10th.

A short touch of Kent Minor was rung before service, and after service a 720 of Kent Minor, the ringers being William Broadley (conductor) 1, J. Taylor 2, W. Coates 3, A. Coates 4, J. Farey 5, W. Dowson 6.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to a real 'Yorkshire supper' by the Rector and churchwardens, who are keenly interested in their ringers and bells. They will also be pleased to welcome visiting bands to the tower, and are desirous of being connected with some ringing association.

A DEVON CONTEST.

BARNSTAPLE DEANERY RINGERS IN COMPETITION.

A feature of the annual festival of the Barnstaple Deanery Bell-ringers, held at St. Peter's Church, Fremington, was a competition for a shield. Nearly all the towers in the deanery were represented and a notable number of young ringers participated. The bands which took part were from Moreover, Atherington and West Down (which entered two teams each), Barnstaple, Bishopstawton, Georgeham, Braunton, Marwood, Heanton, Runchardon, Tawstock, Pilton and Westleigh.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. F. Burrowes), who gave an appropriate address.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom, and votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his address and to Mrs. Burrowes and the friends of the church who had acted as hostesses. The festival was attended by the Rev. P. L. Nicholas (Vicar of Bishopstawton) and the Rev. T. H. Germon (the new Vicar of West Down).

Mr. J. Gayton (foreman of ringers at Fremington) acted as time-keeper and steward for the competitions, and the judges were Messrs. A. Darch (Torrington), R. G. Pidler (High Bickington) and A. Chapple (Barnstaple). Mr. E. E. Withycombe (churchwarden at Fremington) and Mr. F. W. Newcombe (Pilton ringers) helped with the arrangements in company with the hon. secretary of the association, Capt. W. B. Incledon Webber, J.P. The awards of certificates were as follows: 1 Atherington (Messrs. S. Down, capt., W. Clarke, J. and T. White, F. Loosemore and A. Down); 2 West Down; 3 Marwood; 4 Barnstaple.

Mr. Darch remarked that had West Down had a better 'rise,' nothing could have prevented their gaining the first prize, as their striking was as good as any that he had ever heard in his life.

Rules were adopted at a meeting of the association that followed tea, and it was decided to consider the question of holding the festival before or between the hay and corn harvest, instead as now, in late autumn, and to keep clear of yeomanry training and the Devon Ringers' Festival. It was also agreed to ask the Rector of Georgeham (the Rev. A. E. Worsley) for his tower next year. The eight bells at Georgeham are mostly by the celebrated Rudhall, and their recent restoration is the work of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The ringers' festival was held there in 1926 with the late Bishop of Crediton (Dr. Trefusis) to celebrate the new peal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Lewisham District of the Kent County Association held its annual meeting at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing was continued throughout the afternoon and evening, with an interval for service, tea and business meeting.

The Rev. Canon E. B. Relton conducted the service and gave a very interesting address.

After service some 60 ringers were the guests of the Vicar and churchwardens at tea in the Central Hall.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when three ringers were elected members of the association.

The district secretary read a report of the year's activities, which was favourably received.

The retiring officers were all re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Hill, hon. district secretary; Messrs. E. Barnett and W. Smith, district representatives on the General Committee; and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Ringing Master.

St. John's, Eltham, was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, in January.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and address, to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generous hospitality, and to the organist for his services, was carried enthusiastically.—The Vicar responded.

All the business on the agenda had been dealt with in the space of 25 minutes. Would that all chairmen were so efficient!

A BOLTON CHURCH JUBILEE.

LIVING LINKS WITH FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Mr. Walter Gordon, of Bolton, took part in the opening of the bells at the Church of the Saviour 50 years ago. He has now rung the same bell to a peal in celebration of the church's jubilee.

The first peal on the bells was rung on May 24th, 1890, conducted by Mr. A. E. Wreaks, now of Paisley, Scotland. Prior to the church jubilee celebration service on September 29th, Mr. Wreaks took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by F. Abbott 1, H. Gorton 2, A. E. Wreaks 3, A. Heywood 4, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 5, H. Walmsley 6, W. Halliwell 7, R. W. Mosley 8.

5,000 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB ROYAL.

Last Friday, a peal of St. Clement's Bob Royal, the first ever rung, was rung at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand. It was composed and conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, the following being the composition:—

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56342	S	S	S	S	3

Nine times repeated, S half-way and end.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Witney on Saturday, October 5th, in glorious weather.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. Unsworth). A most instructive address was given, in the course of which he pointed out the collective duties of ringers, and their work in calling others to worship.

After service the members retraced their steps to the tower and several touches were rung by various bands. Thirty sat down to tea in the Church Room. Visitors present included Mr. E. M. Green (churchwarden), the Rev. F. J. Perry (curate), Mr. Walter Judge (Oxford) and Mr. S. R. Roper (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon).

A short business meeting was held, and, owing to the branch's chairman being unavoidably absent, the Rev. R. Unsworth presided.

The branch secretary (Mr. W. Evetts) intimated that a new form had been printed for all towers in the Guild, and requested that the questions therein should be carefully and clearly answered.

Coombe was selected for the next meeting.

Mr. S. R. Roper was heartily elected an hon. ringing member of the branch.

All the members were exceedingly pleased to see old friends amongst them, especially the Rev. R. Unsworth and Mr. Green, his churchwarden, who always gives ringers a warm welcome and is ever ready to help them.

Mr. John Monk (late secretary of the branch) was in his usual jovial form, and his many friends were glad to see him looking so well.

After tea, members returned to the various towers thrown open for their use, including Cassington, Northleigh and Coombe.

The branch secretary, with Mr. H. Floyd, journeyed to Northleigh and spent a very happy time there. The secretary wishes to thank the Vicar of that parish (the Rev. W. J. H. Wright) for his kindness, and hopes that his tower will shortly join the branch and thereby reap the benefits and help of the Guild.

VALE OF WHITE HORSE BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, October 5th. A few touches were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. Farmer, who also gave an interesting address.

Tea was served to 19 ringers at the Institute, and a short business meeting followed. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne) presided, supporting by Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary) and members from Faringdon, Stanford, Shellingford and Buckland, with visitors from Beedon, Peasmore, Childrey and Harwell.

Three ringers of the Shellingford tower were elected members of the branch.

It was proposed that the next by-meeting should be held at Buckland on a Thursday evening about the end of November, and that the spring meeting should be at Longcot in February.

The Chairman thanked Canon Farmer for conducting the service and for his address.

The ringers then made for the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION AT COWFOLD.

A Northern divisional meeting of the Sussex Association was held at the pretty village church of Cowfold on Saturday week. The peal of six bells are a mixed lot by Eldridge and Mears, with a tenor reputed to weigh 8½ cwt. About 25 members attended from Brighton, Bolney, Billingshurst, The Beedings (Upper and Lower), Crawley, Slaugham, Warnham and West Grinstead. Service was held, and the Vicar, after welcoming the association, gave an appropriate address.

Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion Hotel, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, who, unfortunately, could not be present owing to a prior engagement.

Mr. W. Charman presided at the business meeting and made reference to the loss the division had sustained by the tragic death of Mr. H. Tomsett, of Lindfield, who was a regular attendant at these meetings.—The members stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. J. Charman, of Wallington, was elected as a non-resident life member. The divisional secretary (Mr. O. Sippetts) called attention of the members to a mid-week meeting to be held at East Grinstead on Wednesday, October 23rd, and asked for support.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

During the day the following methods were rung: Stedman, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford, Woodbine, Violet, College Exercise, Cambridge, Carlisle, Norwich and London Surprise.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—On Sunday, October 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Crome 1, B. W. Aldridge 2, F. Johnson 3, A. F. Petrie 4, H. Blackett 5, A. P. Cannon 6, A. S. Richards (conductor) 7, H. McCabe 8. First attempt to call a quarter-peal on eight bells by the conductor, and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to him.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. R. Sandover 1, J. E. Lilley 2, C. R. Walker 3, J. C. Oke 4, C. G. Glass 5, A. Mitchell (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 6th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, for harvest festival, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss J. Pearce 1, J. D. Harris 2, L. Pearson (first touch in the method) 3, J. Topp 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Store 6, F. W. Rogers 7, A. T. Greenwood (conductor) 8.

TRING, HERTS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Eeley 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, R. Hearn 3, H. Bishop 4, F. C. Reeve 5, H. Brackley 6, C. Badrick 7, N. Brackley 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 3.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 6th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. F. Ellingham 1, W. Godfrey 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. Lewis 4, F. J. Cattermoul 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, D. F. May (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, E. R. Gladman 8. Rung in honour of the annual visit of the Mayor and Corporation to Heston Church.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest festival matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Sitch 1, L. Thrift 2, L. Camp 3, C. Pryke 4, B. Hines 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. A. Brackley (first 720) 1, E. W. Palmer 2, A. E. Brackley 3, L. Thrift 4, H. Turner (conductor) 5.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, September 29th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Hector 1, L. Rudd 2, Miss F. Hart 3, R. March 4, J. C. Chester 5, A. Manning (conductor) 6, F. Wallington 7, W. Kilsby 8. First quarter of Stedman by Miss F. Hart, at first attempt.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, September 29th, at All Saints' Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Corke (conductor) 1, E. Bainham (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Hancox 3, T. Ford 4, L. Bainham 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones 7, W. S. Childs 8. The ringers of 1, 3 and 8 hail from Uxbridge, Middlesex.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest festival morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (six extents called differently): J. Edwards 1, E. Leggett (conductor) 2, B. Leggett 3, Corporal V. B. Leggett (R.A.F.) 4, W. Gusterson 5. All are of the local band.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

EDINBURGH, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL. — Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Phythian-Adams, D.D., Canon Residentiary of Carlisle Cathedral and Hon. Chaplain to the King. Ring of ten restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Bourne on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. A. H. White, Barford, St. Mary Bourne. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Bishopstoke on October 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Schoolroom. Business meeting at which the election of officers will take place.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Old Wolverton (6 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourne on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special meeting is to be held to-morrow (October 26th) at Wolvey as a farewell to the Rev. Stanley Morris. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, to be followed by a short service in church. All ringers and friends are cordially invited to attend.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

EWELL, SURREY.—The ring of eight bells restored by Gillett and Johnston will be rededicated by the Rev. Canon C. R. Pattison Muir, R.D., Vicar of Epsom, on Saturday, October 26th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Ringing till 9 p.m.

BLANDFORD, DORSET.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 31st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th (nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.— William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Church Room. Please advise Mr. H. Fields, St. Neots, for tea.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec.

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ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.—The new ring of 10, restored by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated in the ringing chamber by the Vicar, the Rt. Rev. Bishop N. S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 3 p.m. The Vicar desires a real ringers' opening, and invites all ringers attending to tea in the Institute, Barker Gate, at 4 p.m. Admission to service and tea is strictly by ticket and for ringers only, which must be obtained from Mr. A. Coppock by Monday, October 28th. No ticket, no tea. Owing to limited space, tickets for the tower service will be allotted in proportion to members of towers applying. Other members will be accommodated in the church. The tower will be open for ringing after tea until 9 p.m.—A. Coppock, 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. Please advise me by October 30th. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Bruce Grove (L. and N.E.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Merrow, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.15. Please send me numbers for tea by October 28th. Nominations for district officers for 1936 must be made at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens Parish Church, near Southport, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Wm. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for practice in various methods will be held at Pattingham on Saturday afternoon, November 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Bus leaves Railway Street (top of L.M. and S. Railway Drive), Wolverhampton, at 2.30. All are heartily welcome.—H. Knight.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Tea, 6.15 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than October 30th.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, November 2nd. Bishopwearmouth bells available at 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please send postcard to Mr. J. Pickering, 12, Rainton Street, Sunderland. St. Ignatius' bells available after tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, November 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. Davies, White Hart Inn, Eckington, near Sheffield, without fail.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements. Good bus service from Peterborough. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, October 29th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson St. Phllip on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, November 2nd. Usual arrangements. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd.—Meeting at Bushey Heath and Oxhey. Ringing at Bushey Heath 3.30 till 5.30. Tea, etc., Parish Hall, then ringing from 7 till 8.30 at Oxhey. Bushey nearest station. Coaches and buses stop at church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—Frank C. Tysoe, Bromham, Bedford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Scothern on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Dunholme bells (6) also available.) Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 298th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 5th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, 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, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. French, Rector of Stepney.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—The joint meeting arranged for October 26th has been postponed to Saturday, November 9th, at Leigh Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. No business meeting.—P. Crook and W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stoke-by-Clare on Saturday, November 9th. The six newly-hung bells will be available from 2.30. Tea (free to all sending me word by November 5th) in The Barn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—November 9th, at Great Linford. 2.30 begin. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please send notice to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, R.C., Chorley, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Green on Saturday, November 9th. 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, Bishops Stortford.

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This is one reason why ringers should make every effort to ring the bells for the two main services every Sunday, or, if that is out of the question, for at least one service every Sunday. There is, of course, another and a higher reason, namely, that the bells themselves are not only a call to worship, but are, as we have been so well reminded lately, by their voices directing attention to higher things—the one loud noise sounding out to God's honour and glory. That is the side of bellringing which every ringer should appreciate, and, perhaps, if it were more fully realised there would not be so many towers from which the bells are only chimed on Sundays for one or both the services. But the point we want to emphasise is that made by Mr. Duffield, that the ringers, even in their personal interests and the interests of the art of ringing itself, should not let the ringing for service and practice go by default.

When the public expect the bells to be rung and when the bells are heard regularly at the appointed times, they are accepted as a matter of course, and seldom is there any serious objection to them. But where the bells break in at some unexpected time, after, perhaps, a long interval of silence, it is not unnatural that some members of the public should 'kick' at the unaccustomed disturbance of their peace. Moreover, it is in these towers where ringing seldom takes place that the least effort is made to modify the sound in the neighbourhood, and, because they are unused to hearing them, the enforced listeners think the bells are noisier and the periods of ringing longer than they really are. In preserving their Sunday service ringing and their regular practice nights, ringers are not only fulfilling the first claim upon them as church-workers, but are maintaining their own rights and interests against interference from outside. It is not merely the ringers' own convenience that should be studied. Regular ringing is necessary for a two-fold reason.

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ALBERT WALKER	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	11
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	6	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;

HARRY HUBBLE	...*Treble*	†HAROLD SHUCK	6
HERBERT SHEPPARD	2	WILLIAM GREEN	7
*STANLEY PRESTIDGE... ...	3	†J. STANLEY MASON	8
RONALD GOODMAN	4	HENRY GOODMAN	9
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE	...*Treble*	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	5
FRANK CRUTTENDEN	2	FREDERICK DALLAWAY ...	6
CHARLES TYLER	3	KEITH HART...	7
WILLIAM J. ALLIS	4	JOHN C. EDWARDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

W. BURGAR...	...*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
C. POULTNEY	2	S. BRIGGS	6
*N. CHADDOCK	3	J. THORPE	7
S. F. PALMER	4	W. BIGGIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. THORPE.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	5
*FRANK BORLEY	2	SHELFORD SPARROW	6
*JOHN R. STEED	3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ...	7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ...	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	JOHN SADDINGTON	5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
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Tenor 21 cwt.

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HENRY G. KEELEY	2	FRANK PRICE	6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	3	REV. C. CAREW COX	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	*WALTER G. SARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. S. B. Northover on the completion of his year of office as Mayor of Bridport, the peal attempt arranged after his election last year having had to be postponed. Rung also in honour of Trafalgar Day.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.)
On Wednesday, October 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*RONALD ALLSOP	*Treble*	*ALFRED W. H. BOWLER	5
BERNARD ALLSOP	2	JOHN R. TAYLOR	6
*VICTOR E. TAYLOR	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	7
GEORGE H. PAULSON	4	†ERNEST PAULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
* First peal of Oxford Bob. † First peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	†MISS K. M. BRADFORD	5
*WILLIAM WELLING	2	*LEONARD STILWELL	6
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
RENE REDPATH	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	MOLLIE REDPATH	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by RENE REDPATH.
First attempt for Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. Ranshaw, churchwarden, who was interred the same day.

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On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*EDWIN YATES	*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	5
*JOHN A. GREEN	2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS	6
†FRANK J. GREEN	3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	7
‡FREDERICK C. CASE	4	ALBERT J. GREEN	*Tenor*

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JAMES TOPP	5
CHARLES E. BASSETT	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	6
*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. T. GREENWOOD.
* First peal of Cambridge.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	2	*JOHN S. MORTON	6
*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
*ALFRED G. HILL	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Oxford.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	*Treble*	JAMES BULLOCK	5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	CHARLES POTHECARY	6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL, SEN.	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
WILLIAM H. JOINER	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS MOULDEN	*Treble*	WALTER H. TRUEMAN	5
CHARLES J. GARDINER	2	*JESSE TUCKWELL	6
NEIL ALLNATT	3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	7
REGINALD C. ARGENT	4	FREDERICK J. STAGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.
* First peal of Triples and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Bowerman and Miss M. C. Green, members of the choir at this church, and on the 26th anniversary of Mr. H. W. and Mrs. Bishop's wedding. Owing to illness Mr. Bishop was unable to stand in the peal.

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On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
*HORACE M. DAY	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb.

*JOHN WALTON	*Treble*	†JOHN W SHILVOCK	5
WILLIAM SHORT...	2	RALPH PARTON	6
JOHN BASS	3	‡STANLEY CHARLES	7
ROBERT MATTHEWS	4	*HARRY WALTON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Quarterly peal for the branch.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEST	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIS	5
ALAN SHORT	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	6
FRED PRICE...	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
†GEORGE F. SWANN	4	‡JOHN N. LINDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal and 25th peal as conductor on these bells. ‡ First peal of Stedman.

ABERAVON, GLAM.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	EDWARD PHILLIPS	5
*WILLIAM J. THOMAS	2	GEORGE POPNELL	6
JOHN E. BLOXHAM	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First of Major as conductor.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MRS. M. E. REEVES	*Treble*	STANLEY C. DAVIS	5
CHARLES H. PULLEN	2	HARRY W. SMITH	6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. ...	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	4	EDWARD G. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,880 London, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative and 736 Bristol. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES...	*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	FREDERICK W. BRINELOW	6
†WALTER AYRE	3	*FRANCIS KIRK	7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor, and first in the county by a resident band. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Lieut. Rutherford, to whose memory the bells were installed.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

WILFRED BOOTH	*Treble*	CHARLES BRASIER	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	6
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...	3	ARTHUR J. HART	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	*HAROLD HINSON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Kitchenside.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	†FRANK K. MEASURES ...	5
FRANCIS R. DEACON	2	ERNEST MORRIS...	6
WILLIAM NEWTON	3	ERNEST E. PICKERING ...	7
*R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ...	4	GEORGE A. NEWTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. Rung in connection with the local feast celebrations.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON	*Treble*	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	5
JAMES H. HAYWOOD	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
*JOHN E. TURLEY	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	4	LESLIE HAYWOOD...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 94) Conducted by L. HAYWOOD.

* First peal.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*ALFRED J. WHITTLE... ...	*Treble*	MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ...	5
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	2	MARK ROSIER	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
SAMUEL QUINTON	4	FREDERICK W. GRIMSHAW...	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal on eight bells.

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BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER...	4
GEORGE PRYKE	2	HERBERT SHEMMING	5
WILLIAM WOODS	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

LEA, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*JOSEPH A. LUNN	*Treble*	NOEL B. THURLBY	4
†GEORGE LESLIE A. LUNN...	2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	5
†CHARLES H. BAKER	3	*GEORGE W. HUDSON... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

KINGSWINFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Rung with 4-6-8 behind. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT J. HUBBLE	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*HAROLD SMITH	2	*NORMAN BERRY...	6
*ARTHUR H. HINGLEY ...	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
*JOSEPH GADEN	4	HARRY DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. A 21st birthday compliment to H. Howell and a 61st birthday compliment to H. Dodd, the local towerkeeper, who kindly rang the tenor after the band had met short for Grandsire Triples.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*CHARLES SHAW	*Treble*	HARRY THELWELL	4
HARRY PARKER	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
ALBERT H. BOOTH	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	4
GEORGE LADD	2	CYRIL B. BURRELL	5
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung and a new treble added.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	*FRANK NICHOLLS	4
HARRY SAUNDERS	2	ROBERT SMITH	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	JOHN PERKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HAROLD C. R. VINE... ...	*Treble*	†H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	4
*ARTHUR G. CHUBB	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
†GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ...	3	FRANK PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in four methods.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720.'s.

GEORGE H. BISHOP	*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	4
CHARLES SAUNDERS	2	HARRY BISHOP	5
CHARLES H. SONE	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of a daughter of Mr. E. Butcher, one of the local band.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*OLIVER J. KIDBY	*Treble*	JOHN F. TILLETT	4
CHARLES W. PARKER ...	2	EDWIN C. SIMPSON	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	3	*PERCY K. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since the addition of a new treble by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. Rung as a farewell peal to Brig.-Gen. C. T. Caulfeild, churchwarden for over 20 years.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, York, Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

WALTER J. BATTLE	*Treble*	JOSEPH LESLIE	4
*DOUGLAS WATSON	2	†JAMES BLAIR	5
ALFRED K. LEATHAM ...	3	WILLIAM DEAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. DEAN.

* First peal and first 720 in all the methods except Cambridge. † First peal in seven methods and first peal of Surprise.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES	...*Treble*	KENNETH W. MAYER ...	... 4
*CECIL J. MAYER... ...	... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	... 5
*MISS ADELINE A. STOKES	3	GEOFFREY M. MAYER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. W. STOKES

* First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Minor in the city of Lincoln.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward and Single Oxford; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Old Oxford, Newdigate, Willesden, College Bob IV. and Marple Delights; (4) Wath and Carisbrooke Delights; (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London Bob and Lytham Bob; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL...	...*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY ...	... 4
ARTHUR YOUNG	... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ...	... 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ...	... 3	VERNON TAYLOR ...	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First peal in 23 methods for all except conductor. First in 23 methods as conductor.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BELL BROADCASTS.

A RINGER'S PROTEST TO THE B.B.C.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the B.B.C. by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., on the question of superimposing announcements on the broadcast of bells before Sunday evening services:—

Dear Sirs,—I have previously (some years ago) approached you on the matter of broadcasting church bells previous to a broadcast service protesting at your action in fading the bells out for announcements, etc.

I feel compelled to repeat this protest, as you gave a special example of this prior to the service at Newcastle Cathedral this evening, the greater portion of the ringing being drowned by an exceptionally protracted recital of matter already printed in 'The Radio Times.' I would remind you that change ringing is an art which has its devotees in all parts of the kingdom, and your action in broadcasting the bells momentarily only to fade them down to an accompaniment to the voice of the announcer is little short of an insult to those interested, who can hear the bells in the far distance, but not clear enough to follow.

Had this not been brought to your notice before, one could easily assume that you act in ignorance, not realising what a broadcast 'touch' conveys to ringers in various parts, but as this is continually repeated it becomes evident that the much vaunted 'proper behaviour' of the B.B.C. is a negligible quantity when the powers that be are not interested.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Catherington on Saturday, October 19th, when members were present from Catherington, Farcham, Havant, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Soberton, Titchfield and Wickham.

The Guild's form of service was used, the Vicar (the Rev. B. P. Sheppard) officiating. An excellent tea was served, after which the business meeting was held. The Vicar, who was voted to the chair, was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Messrs. G. T. Rogers (Cathedral), F. Besant (Catherington) and H. George (Havant) were elected ringing members.

Curdridge was selected for the next quarterly meeting, the date to be April 18th, 1936.

It was proposed by Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary), seconded by Mr. E. Warner, that a donation of £2 2s. be made towards the cost of the restoration of Catherington bells.—This was carried with unanimous approval.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service and business meeting.

The Vicar suitably responded, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE MINOR METHODS.

A few weeks ago in this column we urged that six-bell ringers who hitherto had confined themselves to Bob Minor should make an effort to get out of the rut, and we endeavoured to show them how to make a start. We hope that in the intervening weeks those to whom this particularly applied have made some effort to do as we suggested. We now return to the subject again, to take them, we hope, a step further on the way.

In the construction of many pairs of methods the rows which form the lead—the lead in this case being the rows which you write on paper from and including the initial rounds, down to and including the first row of the treble's whole pull—can be identical. The difference in the method is only in the connecting link between the rows at the treble's handstroke lead and the backstroke lead. Here is an example of what we mean: Suppose, when the treble gets back to lead the first time, the bells at the handstroke are rung in the order 146235, the backstroke lead of the treble can have any one of three different rows (excluding the question of singles). Thus:—

146253	146253	146253
142635	164523	164235

In the first you have a 2nd's place 'link,' in the second you have a 6th's place 'link'; the third gives you a 4th's place 'link.' The first and the second provide two different 'methods'; the third is the 'bob' for both of them.

This may seem a little advanced for some beginners, but in this article we are assuming that readers already know something about methods such as Bob Minor and Reverse Bob Minor, and that they have studied what we had to say about Court Bob and Oxford Bob (vide August 16th issue). We wrote then of the close relationship between the two last-named methods, which have the same 'leads,' but different connecting 'links,' and, as we have said, there are many pairs of methods with similar characteristics. Such a pair is St. Clement's Bob and College Bob.

In both methods two bells dodge on the front throughout the whole lead, that is from the time the treble goes away, until it returns. In both every other bell, when the treble is above it, goes down to make 3rd's place and returns to the back.

In College Bob 6th's place is made when the treble leads; in St. Clement's, 2nd's is made; and therein lies the difference. In any method, 2nd's place when the treble leads causes all the bells above to dodge in pairs, i.e., in Minor, in 3-4, and 5-6. If 6th's place is made when the treble leads, there is no dodge.

Here are the figures of the two methods. We give them side by side, so that it can be seen that the only difference in the figures is at the connecting link. That difference, however, puts the work, lead by lead, in a different consecutive order, in addition, in the case of St. Clement's, to introducing a dodge each time the treble leads.

Beginners should extend the lead to the full course, and then make a diagram of each, by drawing a line downward through one or other of the figures:—

St. Clement's	College
123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241635
426153	426153
246513	246513
425631	425631
245361	245361
423516	423516
243156	243156
421365	421365
412635	412635
146253	146253
142635	164523

If, when you have completed your diagrams, you think you can ring your methods by memorising it, do so, because later on you will find that ringing by diagram is by far the easiest way, when you want to put fresh methods into practice. But if at this stage you prefer to ring by a table, here is the work of each method set out in that form:—

ST. CLEMENT'S.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's, lead and dodge three times in 1-2 up.
Pass treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up, lie whole pull behind, make 3rd's.
Pass treble in 3-4, dodge in 5-6 up, lie whole pull behind, make 3rd's.
Pass treble in 4-5, lie whole pull behind, dodge in 5-6 down, make 3rd's.
Pass treble in 5-6, lie whole pull behind, dodge 3-4 down, dodge three times in 1-2 down and lead.

That is the consecutive work, but in College Bob the treble is not met in the same succession of positions.

COLLEGE BOB.

Pass treble in 1-2, lie a whole pull behind, make 3rd's.
Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull behind, make 3rd's.

(Continued in next column.)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday last. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 o'clock, except for a break for tea and the business meeting, which were held in the church school. Mr. S. Barron presided, and members were present from Armley, Birstall, Birstwith, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Felkirk, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Halifax, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Ripon, Sherburn, Shipley, Tadcaster and the local company.

One new member was elected, the Rev. G. R. Norton, of the local company.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the St. Matthew's ringers were proposed by Mr. J. Ewbank and seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway, the Rev. G. R. Norton replying.

The next meeting is to be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, November 30th. After the business meeting, handbells were brought into use. Methods rung in the tower during the day were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

BAD LUCK!

An attempt for a peal of Bob Royal was made at Crewe on Saturday, October 26th, but after 3 hours 10 minutes' ringing, and when the bells were in the last course, the tenor clapper broke. It flew out and hit the rope of the third bell, causing a cast rope. This unexpected ending was unfortunate, as the ringers of the treble and fourth would have scored their first peal, and three of the band had travelled long distances to stand in, Mr. J. H. Riding, from London, Mr. Tom Lamb, from Stourbridge, and Mr. C. H. Page, from Stoke. It was also the first peal attempt of Bob Royal with Mr. R. D. Langford as conductor.

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Pass treble in 5-6, lie a whole pull behind, lead, dodge three times in 1-2 up.

Pass treble in 2-3, lie a whole pull behind, make 3rd's.

Pass treble in 4-5, lie a whole pull behind, dodge three times in 1-2 down, lead.

At a bob in each method 4th's place is made, by the bell passing the treble in 2-3. In St. Clement's the effect is exactly as in Bob Minor. It cuts out the 2nd's place and the dodging in 3-4.

In College Bob, the work in front is the same, and the two bells in 5-6 dodge. Again, exactly the same as in Bob Minor.

B.Y.P. AT WARFIELD.

A well-attended meeting was once again the report of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch on Saturday, this time at Warfield, when nearly two score Bright Young People from at least four counties put in an appearance. Rounds to Surprise ensured that all had a pull, about half a peal of Grandsire being rung in touches, also one touch of 'Stedman Bob Triples' (this was a corker for music). It is believed that some splicing was planned, but the date is not yet fixed.

An invitation to come again made it evident that someone was anxious for more.

OLD READERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must be a second Mr. Billenness. I have taken a copy of 'The Ringing World' from its first issue, but have been out of ringing for several years now. I like to read of what my old friends are up to. But bells have their charm. I was passing through Hornchurch, Essex, a few evenings back. The bells were being pulled up. I made my way to the ringing chamber, met an old friend and took the sixth to a nice touch of Stedman Triples.

HENRY F. COOPER.

Stisted, Essex.

LEATHERHEAD RINGER'S 'DOUBLE' EVENT.

On Sunday, October 27th, at the Parish Church, Leatherhead, for evening service, to mark the 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Messam and Mr. W. Messam's 55 years' service at the church as a ringer, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. C. Otway 1, A. H. Winch 2, W. G. Newberry 3, A. H. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, C. Smart 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, H. V. Young 8. Mr. Messam still takes an active part in the service ringing. All the above are members of the local band.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD DUKE.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church of St. Edmund, Warkton, Northants, a quarter-peal of Doubles, comprising 240 each of St. Simon's, Chase, Canterbury and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire: D. Bussey 1, H. T. Eastbrook 2, A. S. Toseland 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, the patron of the living, who that day was interred at Dalkeith, Selkirk.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Following the damage done to the spire of Week St. Mary Church, Devon, by lightning, the six bells are being restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

At the age of 16, Miss Rene Redpath, of Crayford, has called a peal of Bob Major at the first attempt. This is an exceptional performance for a young lady.

We are asked to insert the following: Will the assistant secretary who is carefully looking after the minute book and other property kindly arrange that the same be returned forthwith to the secretary, in order that the business of the association may be proceeded with.

A big gathering of ringers is expected at Nottingham to-morrow, when the bells at St. Mary's Church are to be reopened. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out a complete restoration. There is an entirely new frame and fittings, and nine of the bells have been recast. The only bell preserved of the former ring is the fine old tenor.

The eight youngsters who last year at Crayford created a new juvenile record by ringing a peal of Bob Major at the average age of 15 years 2 weeks have each received a permanent memento of their excellent performance. It is an emblem printed in gold and three colours, and has been given to the young ringers by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was largely responsible for organising the peal.

Referring to Mr. Fred Wilford's work for ringing in Northamptonshire, on the occasion of the presentation to him in recognition of his services, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield alluded to the fact that Mr. Wilford's photograph appeared in the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book, 'Among the Bells.'

A local paper reporting this says: 'He (Mr. Wilford) had been mentioned in the book, 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' written by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Surfleet, Lincolnshire.' Does the Mayor and Corporation of Surfleet know this book?

College Youths from many places outside London met on Saturday and rang a peal at Cornhill. The Birmingham contingent reached home at 3.10 a.m. on Sunday and found a fleet of motor buses waiting for them outside Snow Hill Station. However, they only wanted one each, but it was very thoughtful of Birmingham Corporation to provide the conveyances. (Is this, by any chance, one of the first results of having a vice-president of St. Martin's Guild among the City Councillors?) Anyhow, it enabled the weary ones to get to bed before 4 a.m., and, we understand, they were at St. Martin's at 10 a.m. for service ringing.

In the report of the peal rung at Egerton, Kent, on October 6th, the name of the tenor ringer should have been S. Vincent Field.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Bradford, are proud grandparents. Their first grandchild was born to their daughter on Friday, October 25th, the 80th birthday of Mrs. S. A. Hughes, Mr. Hughes' mother.

On the same day Mr. Joseph Broadley, the veteran Bradford ringer, attained the age of 76 years. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral in honour of these events unfortunately came to grief after two hours' ringing.

Messrs. H. Saunders, who rang the 2nd, and John Perkins, who rang the tenor in the peal at Hemingford Abbotts, recorded in another column, have been constant ringers together for over 50 years. Mr. Saunders had not rung a peal for over 20 years and is 75 years of age. Mr. Perkins is in his 70th year and can yet show the way to get the 'big 'un' along.

A tower-bell peal in 2 hours 8 minutes! That, believe us, is 'some going,' even for the 6½ cwt. ring at Loughborough Bell Foundry, where 5,040 Stedman Triples was knocked off last week in what is believed to be the quickest time yet for a peal on eight tower bells.

'EDUCATING' THE PUBLIC.

Quite a number of lectures on bells and bellringing are to be given in the near future in various parts of the country. Among them Mr. E. Morris, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, is dealing with 'Bells in Lore and Legend' on November 16th in the series of Museum Lectures at Leicester; Councillor A. Payne, M.B.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, is giving a lantern lecture on 'Church Bells and Change Ringing' in the Municipal Lectures at Gateshead on November 27th; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is to give a talk on 'Bells and Bellringing' to members of the Woking 'Round Table' on November 25th, and Mr. Percy Cave is to give an address on 'Campanology' to the Derby Rotarians in December. All this seems to be evidence of a growing interest in the art of ringing by the general public.

PEAL OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

WORSLEY BELLS DEDICATED BY ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

Peals of ten in Lancashire are not very numerous, and a valuable addition has been made by the recasting of the bells and th addition of two new trebles at St. Mark's Church, Worsley. The bells have been installed by Messrs. Taylor & Co., and with a tenor of 24 cwt. in D are one of the finest rings of their weight in the country. The church was opened in 1846, when three bells were hung in the tower, and in 1873 Messrs. Taylor & Co. replaced these with a ring of eight.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WORSLEY.

The new peal was dedicated on October 19th by His Grace the Archbishop of York. So large was the congregation that sought admission, the church would not hold them all, and the service was amplified so that those outside the building could join in it.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Renshaw) conducted the service, in which Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, also took part. The Archbishop, clergy, choir and others proceeded to the west end of the church, where the formal dedication of the bells and the Ellacombe chiming apparatus took place, and immediately after the recessional hymn the bells were rung in 'rounds' and 'queen's.' The fine quality of their tone delighted all who heard them.

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BELLS REOPENED AT EWELL.

RESTORATION OF A SURREY PEAL.

The reopening of the bells at Ewell, Surrey, after rehanging took place on Saturday. The ring of eight has been put on ball bearings in a reinforced frame, and the fittings have also been restored. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have effected a great improvement in the 'go' of the bells, which for some time had given trouble. Effective steps have also been taken to minimise the amount of noise from the bells outside the church—a desirable action in any case, but particularly in this instance, since a new telephone exchange has been built on the opposite side of the road, the main route from London to Worthing, which runs past the church. The louvres have been double match-boarded and the sound of the bells outside is thus considerably modified. This part of the work was carried out by Mr. C. Read, one of the local ringers, under the direction of the bellfounders.

There was a considerable gathering of ringers for the reopening service. The rededication was performed by the Rev. C. R. Pattison Muir (Rural Dean of Epsom) and an appropriate address given by the Rev. E. C. Usherwood (Rector of Belstead and until recently Vicar of Ewell), by whom the scheme for the bell restoration was started.

In the course of the service silent prayers were offered 'to ask God's blessing upon this church and its appurtenances.'

The actual dedication took place in the belfry, where Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the bellfounders, handed the rope of the tenor bell to the churchwarden asking him to receive the bells, which had been restored, that they might once more call God's people to His House of Prayer.

The churchwarden then handed the rope to the Rural Dean, requesting him to rededicate the bells, which Canon Muir did, with the customary prayers. The bells were rung by a band from the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild while the procession returned to the church. The Rev. E. C. Usherwood gave the address, and the service finished with the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' and the Blessing.

Afterwards the visiting ringers from many towers were entertained to tea, and were welcomed by the new Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Holland), who spoke of the work done to the bells as being the outcome of the efforts of the Rev. E. C. Usherwood. They were glad to have the bells once again in a satisfactory condition, and he congratulated Messrs. Gillett and Johnston upon their work. He hoped the ringers from the Guild would pay them frequent visits.

The subsequent ringing gave all the visitors the opportunity of trying the bells, and a great variety of methods was rung. The 'go' of the bells delighted everyone.

Ewell bells have a somewhat unusual history. Originally there was a ring of six bells cast at Whitechapel in 1767 and hung in the tower of the old church. The fourth was recast in 1840 and the bells were removed to the new church. A restoration took place in 1890, when the tenors were recast and two trebles were added. Although these four bells were all cast in the same year, the trebles and the tenors bear the names of different churchwardens. The explanation is that one order was given before Easter and the other after Easter, when fresh churchwardens had been appointed. Mr. John Beams, still one of the regular ringers at Ewell, is the only surviving member of the band that rang for the opening of the eight bells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT BEXHILL.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, October 19th, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Uckfield, Battle and Heathfield, with Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne. Touches in various methods from Grandsire to Double Norwich were rung. In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Hyde-Smith took the service and gave an appreciative address upon the music of the bells.

The Rev. Hyde-Smith presided at the tea and business meeting which followed. The secretary mentioned that he was arranging the next meeting at Hastings on December 7th.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. D. Smith to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Hyde-Smith for his eloquent address, and to Mr. Piper for so generously covering the cost of the tea.

The members then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock.

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Following the service a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung, and after tea some 50 ringers from many Lancashire towers rang the bells in a variety of touches and found that the 'go' of the bells, as well as the tone, was perfect. The founders were represented by Mr. Paul Taylor.

Lancashire has three rings of twelve, Ashton-under-Lyne, Liverpool and Oldham, but out of nearly 190 towers in the association there were only eight ten-bell towers before the augmentation at Worsley.

There are ten bells at both Manchester Cathedral and Town Hall, the others are at St. Helens, Blackburn, Leyland, Preston, Dalton-in-Furness and Kendal. There is the promise, now, of another ring of ten at Wigan.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO LATE MASTER.

A special general meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Saturday, October 19th, for the purpose of showing appreciation of the services Mr. F. Wilford has rendered during the 11 years the Guild has been formed. Throughout this time Mr. Wilford held the office of Master until he retired last Whitsun.

Tea was partaken of at the County Cafe, 66 sitting down, after which the Master (the Rev. E. S. Powell) presided.

The Rev. R. C. Thursfield, J.P., president of the Kettering Branch, outlined the work Mr. Wilford had done during the past 11 years as Master of the Guild, and before that time as general hon. secretary of the old Central Northants Association from 1905 to 1920; also as a district secretary of the Northampton District, and last, but not least, as a representative on the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers for over 30 years. The speaker also mentioned Mr. Wilford's work in arranging for the peal attempts, when the frequent visits of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson to Northamptonshire used to take place early this century, and added that his photograph appeared in the book, 'Among the Bells.'

The presentation was made by the Master and took the form of a roll of notes (£20) and an album containing the names of the subscribers, which numbered 436. The Master paid tribute to Mr. Wilford's efforts in the past for the good of the art, and urged all the members to realise that they belong to a great organisation and to do their part in carrying on its work.

Mr. Wilford thanked all the members who had subscribed and also all those who had attended that meeting. He looked on that gathering as a representative one, from practically the whole of the Guild, and felt that they had come to honour him. He had no doubt done some work himself, but he had been ably assisted by others, notably the general secretaries and also the branch secretaries, past and present. Sometimes difficulties had arisen, but had been got over, and he was proud of the way they had all worked together.

The Rev. J. White, R.D., president of the Northampton Branch, moved a vote of thanks to the general hon. secretary (Mr. R. G. Black) and the branch hon. secretaries for the large amount of work they must have done to make the testimonial such a success.

Among those present, in addition to those mentioned above, were Mrs. Powell, Miss Thursfield (hon. secretary, Northants District, Ladies' Guild), the Rev. W. H. Fearis (president, Daventry Branch), the Rev. E. V. Fenn (hon. secretary, Towcester Branch), Messrs. H. Baxter (hon. secretary, Kettering Branch), G. A. Hollick (hon. secretary, Guilsborough Branch), J. Dean (hon. secretary, Northampton Branch) and R. G. Black (general secretary). Apologies were received from the Rev. J. M. Turner (Moulton), Messrs. A. Bigley (hon. secretary, Wellingborough Branch) and J. Nickerson (hon. secretary, Thrapston Branch).

The bells of the Churches of the Holy Sepulchre, St. Giles and St. Peter were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT'S 'VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.'

After seven consecutive years of holding the district's annual meeting at Rochester Cathedral, the members decided, at the Borden meeting, to hold the annual event for this year at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Chatham. The choice of this tower proved to be almost as popular as the ten bells at Rochester, although the comparatively small ringing chamber at Chatham was certainly a handicap for the waiting ringers.

Ringing started at 3 p.m., touches in Triples and Major being rung to accommodate the capabilities of the numerous visitors. The association's special form of service was conducted in the church by the Rector (the Rev. C. A. H. Lowe), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Agg). The organist and choir were in attendance, and the service opened with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.' The church was beautifully decorated with flowers in readiness for the Sunday services, which, appropriately enough, was the dedication festival.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea by the association, the Rector, Mrs. Lowe, the curate and one of the churchwardens being also present. Touches on handbells were rung after tea.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rector, two new members were elected.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance of over £19, including just over £3 collected at the meetings during the year for the Benevolent Fund, was accepted. The secretary's report, dealing with the district's activities, was also read, reference being made to the passing of Dr. Talbot, late Dean of Rochester, in April last, and also to the death of Mr. Edward H. Spice, who had recently passed away. The company stood in silence for a few moments as a token of respect. A vote, amounting to one of entire confidence in the General Committee of the association, was carried.

Mr. W. Spice, sen., was re-elected district representative, and Mr. E. A. G. Allen was also elected as the other representative. The district secretary was re-elected.

Votes of thanks were carried, with applause, to the Rector for allowing the bells to be used, for taking the service and for presiding at the meeting, and to the organist and choir for their kind help.

DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING YOUNG RINGERS.

ARCHDEACON OF COVENTRY'S VIEWS.

Members of the Warwickshire Guild were honoured on Saturday week by the presence of their president at their quarterly meeting, which was held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, a church having the unique distinction of two separate peals of bells in its two towers. The old ring of five was hung in 1711, and the ring of eight placed in the new tower when the church was enlarged in 1895. Ringing took place on both peals during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (the Ven. Brook), the recently appointed Rector of Rugby Parish Church. The organist, Mr. E. W. Groocock, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., very kindly played the organ for the hymns and the psalm, and the lesson was read by Mr. M. Melville, secretary of the Guild.

The Archdeacon opened his address with a few words of welcome and went on to say that bellringers were worthy of an honoured place among churchworkers. They performed, he said, a very important duty Sunday by Sunday. He stressed the message which the bells delivered to the world and declared that the ringing of the bells on Sunday was the only survival of the old-fashioned English Sunday. The first experience he had of bellringing, he said, was when he was inducted to the living of Doncaster. He pulled the rope, but failed, try as he might, to get any sound out of the bell. He made sure, at his induction at Rugby, that this should not occur again, for he got the verger to start the bell for him before he took hold of the rope. He was pleased, he continued, to see so many young ringers at the meeting that day. He was of opinion that the difficulty in keeping young recruits was that young people were very reluctant to do anything which they could not do well almost at once. As a result they became impatient and lost interest; but to those who stuck to it would come the reward which comes to all who have acquired skill in a difficult art.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. J. A. B. Davies (Vicar of Chilvers Coton and president of the Guild) took the chair. He was supported by Mr. J. H. White (Ringing Master), Mr. T. W. Chapman, Mr. M. Melville (secretary) and other ringers and friends from Allesley, Nuneaton, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Monks Kirby, Stoke, Melton Mowbray and several of the local band.

It was proposed to delay the November meeting a week so that it could take place on November 23rd, which is the actual date on which the Guild was founded 28 years ago. This meeting is to be held at Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton, when it is hoped that several of the older and past members of the Guild will be present.

The December meeting was arranged for Arley, and the quarterly meeting for Warwick in January.

It was unanimously agreed that Archdeacon Brook be made a vice-president of the Guild, and to this he readily consented.

The William Pye Memorial scheme was discussed, and it was eventually decided to leave the matter open.

Percy Stone, who was the youngest ringer to take part in the juvenile peal of Bob Major at Crayford, brought to the meeting an emblem which Mr. F. E. Dawe had had printed and copies presented to each of the young ringers. This emblem is to be presented to Percy at the next meeting suitably framed by the Guild.

The president was thanked by the Ringing Master for presiding at the meeting. He replied by saying that although he was not often able to be present at the Guild's meetings, he had the welfare of the Guild always at heart, and fully appreciated the good work the ringers carried out in the various churches of the diocese.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS, SANDWICH.

A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When Councillor J. J. Caspell was elected Mayor of Sandwich, Kent, in 1933, his great ambition was to have the bells of his native town restored and rung again, the bells, for about 35 years, having only been chimed. He organised a committee and set about raising the necessary funds, and upwards of £500 was got together. After this money had been raised, the Rector proposed a new scheme of alteration inside the church, viz., to move the organ from its present place to another, make a new vestry and remove the ceiling in the church, so as to expose the rafters, at a cost of £700.

A special meeting was held, at which the Mayor disagreed with the new proposal, and heated remarks passed.

The position now is that a new Mayor is being elected and a proposal that the money be distributed among Kent hospitals is rumoured, but I have been unable to confirm this. I doubt whether the money can be used for any other purpose than the bells. Have you or your readers heard of a similar case?

CHARLES TURNER (Capt., St. Mary's, Dover).

[If the money were definitely subscribed for the restoration of the bells, we doubt if any portion of it could be diverted to any other purpose without the consent of the subscribers.—EDITOR, 'The Ringing World.']

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A STORY OF ASTON'S WEATHERCOCK.

Although the quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham had to be postponed from October 5th until October 19th, between 40 and 50 members attended to hear and ring on the new peal of twelve bells at Aston Parish Church. There was a peal of eight bells there as far back as 1776, and in 1814 these were augmented into a peal of ten, and on June 29th this year they were recast and again augmented to make a peal of twelve by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Many famous peals have been rung on Aston bells, amongst the earliest being 10,080 Bob Major on September 29th, 1788, in six hours and 23 minutes; and 15,360 Bob Major on October 1st, 1793, in nine hours 31 minutes.

Here it was that such old Birmingham worthies as Henry Johnson, Tom Russam, William Carter and William Kent used to ring, and it is recorded that on one occasion, whilst a peal was in progress, the weathercock on top of the spire fell down. When the ringers came down to see what had happened, Henry Johnson told them that if they opened the base of the weathercock they would find certain newspapers and coins in it. This was found to be correct, and when asked how he knew, said he saw them put in. Singularly enough on the day the new peal of twelve were dedicated it was observed how erratically the weathercock was oscillating, and on closer examination it has been found necessary to renew the stonework on top of the spire and reset the weathercock.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the curate, and a very interesting and helpful address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. McGowan. An excellent tea had been provided by the local ringers' wives and friends, and this was thoroughly enjoyed.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. Vice-President A. Paddon Smith, in the absence of the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., who wrote regretting his inability to attend owing to the changed date. Apologies were also received from Mr. Harry Mason, Mr. Malcolm Melville, and the King's Norton ringers, who were holding their annual excursion that day.

Correspondence regarding the proposed memorial to the late William Pye was read, and it was decided that this should be left to each individual member to support, the secretary undertaking to send up any amounts subscribed.

Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book, 'Legends o' the Bells,' was also referred to, and the suggestion that ringers should attempt to get the book into all local libraries by entering it on the Readers' Suggestion List was made.

GUILD'S TWO HEADQUARTERS.

It was unanimously decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on February 29th, 1936.

The tower election of Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, as a life member, was duly ratified; and the following new members were elected: Mr. William Best, of Erdington; Mr. Reginald Chance, of Stourbridge, and Mr. Arthur Edgerton, of Aston.

It was decided to hold the bi-quarterly meeting at Handsworth on Saturday, November 16th, and the annual meeting on Saturday, January 4th, at headquarters.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. W. Davies and the ladies who arranged tea, the Chairman said what an enjoyable meeting it had been. The service particularly had been out of the ordinary. The ringers had all been gathered in the chancel, and with the aid of the organ and the particularly helpful address, one felt it was really worth while. It was also nice to be back at Aston again, as, owing to the bells having been out of order, it had been 10 years since the Guild held a meeting there. He would remind the Vicar that the Guild had really two headquarters, as the St. Martin's Guild was an amalgamation of the St. Martin's Youths, established 1755, and the Holt Society of Aston, established 1879.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was pleased to note the chairman's remarks regarding the two headquarters, and he hoped that the old happy relationship would be renewed and strengthened.

The Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, referred to the recent honour conferred upon the chairman, Mr. Paddon Smith, in being elected a member of the City Council, and tendered to him the hearty congratulations of the Guild.

COLLECTED FROM TEN TOWERS.

ESSEX RINGERS JOIN IN AN EXCURSION.

The sixth annual outing of the Kirby and District ringers and friends took place on Saturday, September 28th, towers in Suffolk and Norfolk being visited. Leaving Clacton at 7 a.m., the coach toured the district to pick up the party from ten neighbouring villages, including Clacton-on-Sea, St. Osyth, Thorrington, Great Bentley, Great Holland, Kirby, Thorpe, Weeley, Little Clacton and Tendering. The places visited during the excursion were Eye, Fressingfield, Redenhall, Bungay and Beccles, and the methods rung were Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal. The total number of changes rung during the day was about 4,000, and the ringing was conducted by Mr. E. E. Davey, of Little Clacton. The arrangements for the outing were made by Mr. H. A. Wright, Clacton. The ringers wish to thank all clergy and towerkeepers for the use of the bells and having everything ready.

HOBART CELEBRATES 'EMPIRE' REUNION.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN HOLY TRINITY TOWER.

The reunion of the 'Empire' ringers in London on September 14th had an echo in far-off Tasmania. The Union Jack flew over the tower of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, in honour of the event, on Sunday morning, the 15th, and while the London gathering was actually in progress special ringing took place and 'the health of the English tourists' was drunk in coffee. The Hobart ringers spent a happy morning.

Further improvements have been carried out in the belfry. Mr. Medhurst, a native of Chobham, near Woking, Surrey, and now a prominent tradesman in Hobart, has installed a telephone between the belfry and the bell chamber, in memory of his wife, who died recently, and an electric power point has been put into the ringing chamber so that a fan can be used in summer and a radiator in winter.

The English tourists will join in expressing their sympathy to Mr. J. H. Gould, a Hobart pharmacist and one of the ringers at Holy Trinity, and Mrs. Gould, in the death of their son, Mr. John Lyndhurst Gould, after a short illness following influenza. He was 20 years of age and died in Melbourne, where he had gone to study for the medical profession.

HOBART CATHEDRAL BELLS.

DONOR'S INTENTION 'MORE THAN FULLY CARRIED OUT.'

The Dean of Hobart (the Very Rev. A. R. Rivers), speaking as chairman at the annual meeting of the parishioners and congregation of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, said that the subject of the bells had received a certain amount of publicity lately, with the result that the impression might have got abroad that the Cathedral Board had ordered an unworthy set of bells. It might be well to state briefly what had been done. The Board had accepted a tender of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for a carillon of 13 bells. The tenor bell was to weigh 15 cwt., and would be capable of being tolled for services in place of the small one now in use. Eight of the 13 bells would be hung for ringing, like the well-known peal of Holy Trinity Church. The remaining five bells would be stationary, and would supply the two semi-tones, and the three extra notes required for a small carillon for chiming. The total weight of the bells would be about 74¼ cwt. The tone depended greatly on weight, and, once again to quote Holy Trinity, the tenor bell of which weighed 10 cwt., that of St. David's would weigh 15 cwt.

The intention of the late Miss Page, who had left money for 'a peal of bells,' would thus be more than fully carried out.

RINGERS' GIFT TO WOLVERHAMPTON RECTOR.

PRESENTATION AT ST. PETER'S.

During the brief silence of the bells before the evening service at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, opportunity was taken of presenting to the Rector a silver bell-shaped inkstand as a parting gift from the ringers of the church. Mr. G. A. Baker, who was deputed to act as chairman of the gathering, spoke of the regret which the ringers felt at the Rector's departure, and offered their congratulations upon his appointment to the higher office in the work of the Church of the diocese, viz., Archdeacon of Stafford.

The captain, Mr. H. Knight, then asked the Rector's acceptance of the inkstand, which, it was hoped, would be a constant reminder of the ringers, who had, during the past six years, received every kindness and encouragement from the Rector.

Replying and expressing his thanks for the gift, the Rector spoke of the loyalty and help received from the ringers, and incidentally mentioned the fact that he would still come into contact with them, inasmuch as he had accepted the presidency of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Mr. W. M. Pinson and Mr. S. H. Tonks (churchwardens) were also present in the belfry.

PRESENTATION AT BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

RECOGNITION OF CONDUCTOR'S 40 YEARS' SERVICE.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry at Biddulph, Staffs, Parish Church on Tuesday evening, October 22nd, when the Vicar (the Rev. S. Myers-Bridge), on behalf of the Vicar, churchwardens and bellringers, presented the conductor, Mr. Jonah Cottrell, with a Westminster chiming timepiece and candlesticks to match, on his completion of 40 years as a ringer at the above church. Mr. Cottrell has also been conductor for upwards of 25 years.

The Vicar, asking Mr. Cottrell to accept the gift, said he was pleased to be associated with it and to have in his church such a well-conducted belfry. He congratulated Mr. Cottrell upon his leadership.

Mr. Cottrell, in expressing his great pleasure on receiving such a nice token, said he cherished the bells and his team. It was impossible to find a more willing or enthusiastic band of ringers anywhere, and he appealed to them all to pull together, he hoped, for as long a period as he had left to him.

There were present at the ceremony the Vicar, Messrs. J. Smith (Vicar's warden), T. Whalley (people's warden), James Stanway, W. Hazledine, J. Beech, A. Cottrell, F. Bradbury and Joseph Stanway (ringers).

A NEW SPLICE OF KENT AND OXFORD.

CRAYFORD RINGERS' 'TRY OUT.'

On Sunday, October 6th, a new 'splice' of Kent and Oxford was successfully tried out, when the band of St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent (taking advantage of restoration work on their own tower), with a few friends, availed themselves of a long-standing invitation to spend a day with the Oxford ringers.

Scorning the inclination to spend an extra hour in bed after 'adjusting' the clocks overnight, the entire party arose with the lark (except one who had four miles to walk to the meeting place and rose with the owl instead), and boarded the coach at various points between 7 and 7.30 a.m. Being after September 30th, there was room to spare on the road, and Oxford was reached about 9.45 a.m.—45 minutes ahead of scheduled time! This happening gave some of the party a nasty shock to start off with, for, instead of waiting for the escort as arranged, a sound of 'raising in peal' caused a stampede to the tower of St. Mary Magdalene. So far, so good, and some were already on a rope when the appearance of the entire company brought forth a warning that the tower was 'no place for a lady,' so on went coats again (yes, some of the male members of Crayford band are a bit particular), and the stampede downstairs was almost as eager as the climb had been just before. Some of the more adventurous spirits did decide to chance it, but as Teddy's six-score of Grandsire came round in eight leads, there was evidently something wrong with the place. At 10.15 a.m. the familiar figure of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins was seen turning toward St. Ebbe's, and assurances were soon forthcoming that the remaining towers in Oxford were quite fit to take the ladies to. So spirits rose again, and short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob on the miniature eight soon put matters right.

A few introductions and reunions filled the time till lunch, after which Mr. Wilkins kindly acted as escort to those who desired a brief survey of some of Oxford's notable buildings. Meanwhile the various tower officials arranged a programme for the visitors, which included St. Michael's at 5.15 (Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise), St. Giles' at 5.50 (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman), and then St. Mary's with the heavy six at 7.15, where Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor made a grand finale to a most enjoyable day, during which, as can be seen from the methods rung, all tastes and abilities were catered for.

As this outing had had to be postponed and hurriedly rearranged, the visitors desire to record their sincere appreciation of the efforts made to entertain them and the successful manner in which such a programme was got out to fit in with the various services, four towers being a good bag for a weekday, and quite beyond expectations on Sunday. They also thank those conductors and local bands who so kindly and courteously stood aside and gave the visitors the free run of their towers, thereby giving some of the younger members who were on their first ringing outing a real idea of the brotherhood which exists among ringers who follow it wholeheartedly.

BUSY WEEK-END AT WATFORD.

WHERE THE BELLS ARE RUNG THREE TIMES ON SUNDAYS.

The local band at Watford Parish Church spent a busy week-end and rang a variety of methods for the harvest thanksgiving services. On Friday evening, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Paul 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, F. Bullock 4, C. Leman 5, R. Bell 6, H. Cashmore (conductor) 7, A. Dix 8. For morning service on Sunday, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bristol Surprise. For children's gift service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Dix (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Brunton 2, F. Bullock 3, S. Hoare 4, A. Dix 5, F. Crook 6, R. Bell (conductor) 7, J. Horton 8. Two evening services are always held. For the first service, a quarter-peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Norris 1, W. Paul 2, A. Dix 3, A. Brunton 4, C. Leman 5, S. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise on the bells and by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. For the second service, half an hour of rounds and call changes for the learners. Watford must be one of a very few places where the bells are regularly rung three times every Sunday.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS.

As the result of ten months' efforts to create a change ringing band at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples have recently been rung. The first on Sunday, September 22nd: Miss C. Dixon (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Franks 2, R. Charge 3, R. Newman (first quarter-peal 'inside' on eight bells) 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers (first quarter-peal 'inside') 7, B. Brown 8. The second touch was on Sunday, October 13th: Miss L. Hilliard (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Charge 2, E. W. Pye 3, H. Franks 4, E. Holman 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, A. E. Williams 8.

On October 17th at St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles was rung, the first by all except the conductor: C. May 1, S. Russ 2, F. Greedy, sen. 3, E. Chapman 4, J. Elsworthy (conductor) 5, H. Emery 6. On the previous Sunday two 504's of Stedman Triples were rung, the first by the local band and the first by all except the conductor.

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SILVER JUBILEE OF EASTWOOD BELLS

Twenty-five years after the first peal on the bells of St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on October 19th as recorded elsewhere. Of those who took part, W. Burgar, S. F. Palmer and W. Biggin rang in the first peal at St. Stephen's 25 years ago. There is a difference of 50 years between the ages of Mr. Burgar and John J. L. Gilbert, who both rang in this silver jubilee peal.

The ringers of the anniversary peal were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the local ringers, the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Thomas) being present. After tea visitors and the local band took part in ringing Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal on handbells. This brought a close to a pleasant event, which will be one of the landmarks in the history of ringing at Eastwood Parish Church.

The bells were installed by Messrs. Warner and Sons in 1910, and were the gift of Sir Charles Stoddart, who was four times Mayor of Rotherham.

The first peal on Eastwood's bells was Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Clement Glenn, who was a regular ringer at Eastwood and conducted many peals in the tower.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT LEYTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Leyton on Saturday, October 19th, and was attended by a good muster of members and friends. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Vicar. Although there were three curates present in addition, the Vicar expressed a wish that one of the officers of the society should read the lesson, and this was done most capably by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. A. Card).

The address was given by the curate, who urged his listeners to be punctual in their ringing and also regular in their attendance.

The organist was in attendance and accompanied the hymns, which were very heartily sung.

After the service the many items of interest in the church were pointed out and explained by the Vicar and curates. The visitors' book in the vestry was also signed by all.

A move was then made to the Old Vicarage Hall, where tea was partaken of.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his enthusiastic welcome, and to the organist and curates for their attendance. Ringing was afterwards kept up till 9 o'clock, the meeting proving a great success.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson (first quarter of London Surprise at first attempt) 2, W. Bowden 3, E. King 4, H. Miller 5, G. Plater 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church on Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Rundle (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Howe 2, W. Wills 3, C. Hosgood (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 4, F. Wills 5, E. Hill 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. W. Faulkner 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, C. Fenn (conductor) 3, E. G. Moore (first in the method) 4, F. C. Newman 5, S. J. Holgate 6, R. Fenn 7, E. G. Cottis 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples by the local band: J. E. Taylor 1, R. G. Taylor 2, J. D. Taylor 3, W. A. Cyster 4, G. W. Limmer (conductor) 5, B. T. Harrison 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. A. Burgess (first quarter-peal) 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday, October 13th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,269 changes) for the evening service: W. Madgwick 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, W. E. Judd (conductor) 3, R. E. Mackrill 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, Miss F. Humphrey 6, C. Hunt 7, E. C. R. Turner 8, H. G. Miles 9, C. Warner 10.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—For harvest festival on Sunday morning, October 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt 4, F. C. Noakes 5, V. Wilkinson 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.—On October 6th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Carey 1, George Thorpe (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Warburton (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Robinson 4, W. Bingham 5, J. W. Sykes 6, G. M. Thorpe (conductor) 7, Miss Joan Dugdell 8. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest festival, 720 of Bob Minor: W. Ruttley 1, H. Smith 2, H. C. R. Vine 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. Groves 5, H. D. W. Bishop (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 6. First 720 by a local band, and by ringers of 1, 4 and 5.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. Bareham 1, Miss E. C. Bareham (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, O. E. Broyd 3, A. C. Rippingale 4, F. Wiseman 5, C. J. Barker 6, B. Cock 7, A. Catterwell (conductor) 8.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest thanksgiving after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. H. Pamment 1, E. Etheridge 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, V. H. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, C. Hazelden 6, C. E. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Savage 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS. — On Sunday evening at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. Bagnall 1, F. C. Lamb 2, J. E. Burles (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, S. Hyder 5, A. Stedman 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, W. Picthall 8. W. Picthall was home on holiday from Bury.

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NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Church Room. Please advise Mr. H. Fields, St. Neots, for tea.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Bruce Grove (L. and N.E.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Merrow, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.15. Nominations for district officers for 1936 must be made at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens Parish Church, near Southport, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Wm. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Tea, 6.15 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, November 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. Davies, White Hart Inn, Eckington, near Sheffield, without fail.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements. Good bus service from Peterborough. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson St. Philip on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—Frank C. Tysoe, Bromham, Bedford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Scothern on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Dunholme bells (6) also available.) Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Cade, Scothern.—H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ivanhoe, 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

NOVEMBER 2nd. Bushey Heath. Ringing from 3.30 till 5.30. Tea in Parish Hall and business meeting, Oxhey, 7 till 8.30. Station, Bushey. Coach service stop near church. Cheap tickets from all parts.—C. H. Horton, Bushey (City 4270).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—November meetings—Nov. 3rd, St. Clement's, Sunday morning service ringing 10 a.m.; Mondays, 11th & 25th, practices 7.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 24th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, Sunday evening service ringing, 5.30 p.m. 26th; practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m., 27th; combined practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 7.30 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. Andrew's, Holborn, on November 7th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th (election night), St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th 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 (Established 1637).—The 298th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 5th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, 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, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. French, Rector of Stepney.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—The joint meeting arranged for October 26th has been postponed to Saturday, November 9th, at Leigh Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. No business meeting.—P. Crook and W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, November 9th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than November 7th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. No excuse; good bus and train service. All will be welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—November 9th, at Great Linford. 2.30 begin. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please send notice to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stoke-by-Clare on Saturday, November 9th. The six newly-hung bells will be available from 2.30. Tea (free to all sending me word by November 5th) in The Barn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, R.C., Chorley, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Green on Saturday, November 9th. 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, Bishops Stortford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at local cafe.—C. R. Smith, Hon. Assist. Sec., 53, West Carr Road, Retford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Newnham-on-Severn, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., Victoria Hotel. Ringers who intend to have tea must let me know by Wednesday, November 6th, so that I can make arrangements for same.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Wollaton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancashire Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmoreland on Saturday, November 9th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s. 3d., will be served at 4.30 p.m. in the School.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Kettering Branch) AND LADIES' GUILD (Northampton Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Warkton (5 bells) on Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—(South and West District).—A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at Druce's Restaurant, High Street (1/- per head), with quarterly business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome Book January 4th, 1936 (district supper at Heston).—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. T. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton.—Claude I. Davies.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (10) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors will be welcome. —W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The opening and dedication of Thorpe-le-Soken bell frame and treble bell will take place on Saturday, November 9th. Dedication by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Special invitation has been received by secretary for all ringing members to attend. Tea will be provided. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, 6th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will take place at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 9th. Tower open 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please make this a good meeting by turning up.—H. Hamer, 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Rev. J. M. Turner, Moulton, by Nov. 6th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone District and the Guild will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George Inn 5 p.m. Plenty of room in the belfry for a large gathering. Please send a card if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton; and P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. A good number is hoped for. A welcome visit from Peterborough friends is wished. Please advise Mr. H. W. Giddings, 2a, Church Street, March, Cambs, for tea early, or F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Hemel Hempstead, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. A postcard to let me know you are coming would help with arrangements. Everyone given a cordial welcome. Subscriptions are overdue.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale (10) and Madeley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Service at Coalbrookdale at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thurs., Nov. 14th.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Rd., Bridgnorth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday morning, the 13th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Rendezvous Cafe. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Will readers please note that Mr. W. B. Cartwright's house number, in Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, has been changed to 115?

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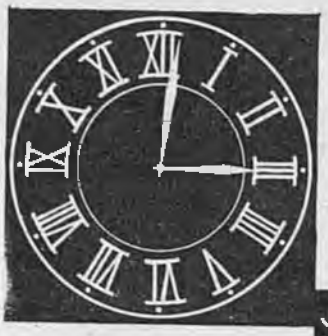

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There have been many evidences of late that the leading bell founders of this country are well employed, and that, with the reviving prosperity which is slowly coming about, bell restorations are being taken in hand in many places. It is, indeed, often a matter for astonishment that so much new bell work and so many schemes of restoration are possible. It is not only an indication of recovery in prosperity, but also another evidence of the real love which the majority of people have for their church bells. Unless church bells were very near to the hearts of Englishmen, they would be among the last things for which money would be provided, for we cannot ignore the fact that they are in some respects a luxury. But the restoration of bells is going on apace all over the country and despite the often heard complaint, 'We have no money,' in some mysterious way sooner or later it seems forthcoming where bells are concerned.

This year has seen the completion of some important augmentations and restorations, St. Albans, Kidderminster, Aston, Chislehurst and Worsley among them, and now a complete rejuvenation of the bells at St. Mary's, Nottingham, bells with a history of 350 years behind them. This restoration was an instance of the seemingly impossible being accomplished, despite the depression of the times. Nottingham has suffered as badly as most cities in recent years, but that has not prevented its citizens from rising to a great and pressing demand for the saving of their fine old parish church and its bells. No less than £12,000 was needed for the restoration of the age old roof and tower walls and a complete renewal of what the tower contained—floors, bells and frame. Despite the times, no less than £10,000 has already been raised and there is little anxiety about the balance. It is a wonderful example of what can be done by energy and determination, coupled with faith—not only faith in God, but faith in one's fellow men to respond to a call when it is made in a cause so near to many hearts as the preservation of a great heritage.

The example of what has been done in Nottingham should be an encouragement to other if smaller places faced with a heavy demand for the preservation of church or bells. There are still many parishes where bells are badly in need of attention and where the nightmare of lack of means is ever present to scare off attempts to effect improvement. Indeed, the fear of financial failure has caused the indefinite postponement of many schemes of church improvement, apart from bells. Where restoration work is really necessary we commend the courageous example of Nottingham; we share their faith in lovers

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HOBART E. SMITH	*Treble*	CHARLES CLARKE	7
PHYLLIS E. TILLETT	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	4	*RUPERT RICHARDSON	10
HARRY R. ROPER	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
FREDERICK J. SMITH	6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 600th peal. Fiftieth twelve-bell peal as conductor. This composition has the 6th extent at home, the 2nd never in 6th's, and may not be now rung for the first time.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CROYDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 30¼ cwt. in D.

DAVID WRIGHT	*Treble*	†ROY A. SIMMONS	6
HARRY E. WILLS	2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	3	*ERNEST DENHAM	8
*HARRY W. SIMMONS	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
*FRANK JONES	5	DANIEL COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

FRED BENNETT	*Treble*	*MARK LOCKWOOD	6
*JOE WARD	2	WM. TATTERSHALL	7
GEORGE DEWS	3	*CLIFFORD EKERT	8
*EDWARD SMITH	4	GEORGE BENNETT	9
*TOM DUFFIN	5	*GEORGE DUFFIN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (114). Conducted by GEORGE BENNETT.

* First peal. First peal on ten as conductor. First peal on ten by all except the conductor. The first time this composition has been rung. First peal on the new ring of ten. Rung by an entirely local band of regular service ringers, who all learned to ring at this church and are natives of the town. It was a compliment to the Vicar's warden on his election for the third successive year as the Mayor of the borough. It was also rung to commemorate Jubilee year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	REV. A. G. THURLOW	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
JESSE HARRISON	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

WALESBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*G. LESLIE LUNN	...Treble	*ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	JACK BRAY	6
*GEORGE W. MOODY	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7
HAROLD MARCON	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	...Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. BRAY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON	...Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH	5
*KENNETH LEWIS	2	JAMES FERNLEY	6
WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
JAMES A. MILNER	4	JOHN WORTH	...Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise away from treble. Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, M.M., St. Clement Lodge, No. 1351 ...Treble
,, ERNEST BRETT, M.M., Harrow Lodge, No. 1310 ... 2
,, ARTHUR G. MASON, M.M., Rectitude Lodge, No. 4727 ... 3
,, STAFFORD H. GREEN, M.M., Whitgift Lodge, No. 3617 ... 4
,, GEORGE W. STEERE M.M., Sowest Lodge, No. 3797 ... 5
,, WILLIAM BOTTRILL, M.M., Polaris Lodge, No. 4407... ... 6
,, JAMES BENNETT, M.M., Per Mare Per Terram Lodge, No. 3669 7
,, HENRY T. WILSON, M.M., New Concord Lodge, No. 813 ...Tenor

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, October 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DUNWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
This method is No. 227 in MSS. collection, and the peal composition No. 93. It is now rung for the first time, making the thirtieth Surprise Major method in which this company has scored a peal.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY RABBITT	...Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
GEORGE EDWARDS	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
GEORGE KENWARD	4	THOMAS E. SONE	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
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BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM CROSS	...Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH	5
JOHN E. ROOTES	2	WILLIAM SEBLEY	6
HENRY HODGETTS	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
PERCY PARSLOW	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 30, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALFRED EILBECK	...Treble	*JOHN H. ROTHARY	5
GEORGE W. FERNLEY	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
*WILLIAM H. COOK	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
*JAMES E. BROWN	4	*WILLIAM F. DOUGLAS	...Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN	...Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER	5
FRANCES BALL	2	HARRY CHAMBERS	6
BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
C. ARTHUR MANNING	4	B. JACK STUBBS	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.
First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 400th peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

*JACK PUMPHREY	...Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	2	CLIFFORD BIRD	6
HANBURY F. CARTER	3	WALTER H. MILLER	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	WALTER C. MEDLER	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	...Treble	ALFRED G. HILL	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
HARRY HOSKINS	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, 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 16 cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH	...Treble	REUBEN CHARGE	5
WILLIAM H. JOINER	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
*FRANK E. MITCHELL	3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	7
CHARLES POTHECARY	4	WHITTED SPARKES	...Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.
* First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
HERBERT MARKWELL	2	*ROBERT J. LAMBERT	6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN	7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	4	FREDERICK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ERNEST J. RONTER	*Treble*	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN	5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	2	LESLIE J. CLARKE	6
SYDNEY TAYLOR	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
*MISS ANNIE WHITE	4	JOHN WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. O. H. Howard, late Master of the Essex Association.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*CLIFFORD BIRD	*Treble*	ALBERT G. WARNES	5
GEORGE MAYERS	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE BAILEY	7
*HERBERT C. READ	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Double Norwich at first attempt. Henry Tooke has now 'circled' this tower. The 275th peal for the Norwich Association in which Nolan Golden has taken part.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL, STREATHAM,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	JOHN W. EUSTON	6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	RAYMOND G. COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

E. RALPH MACKRILL	*Treble*	ERNEST A. REEVE	5
HARRY MANCE	2	†THOMAS W. WELBOURNE	6
*ERIC B. HARTLEY	3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	7
ERNEST E. BISH	4	JAMES W. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by J. W. CHAPMAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5
MISS MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
MISS MARIE R. CROSS	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
REV. ALFRED G. G. THURLOW	4	RICHARD A. POST	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.
First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

MISS ANNIE POTTER	*Treble*	THOMAS JONES	5
*HAROLD JONES	2	JOSEPH LITTLER	6
WILLIAM BRAMMER	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
*ALFRED FROST	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal in the method.

HINDLEY, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS SMITH	*Treble*	JAMES L. WRIGHT	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	6
JOHN BOOTH	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	4	WILLIAM SHARPLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN GOODMAN	5
JOSEPH H. COX	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
*LEONARD CLISSETT	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
HAROLD SHUCK	4	THOMAS GREENHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method. Quarterly peal for the Guild.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JAMES' GUILD.)
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*C. HENRY FLOYD	*Treble*	*WALTER E. PRIDDLE	5
JAMES HUNT	2	HENRY BUNGAY	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	JACK ROY	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Arranged by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. It is nearly 40 years since a peal of Major was rung on these bells by a band attached to the tower. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving after 15½ years' faithful service.

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CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¾ cwt.

SYDNEY BAILESS	...Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
JOHN H. BAILESS	2	LESLIE WYKES	5
*GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	FRANK BAILESS	...Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILESS.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung by the local band, who are Sunday service ringers.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Bob Minor and five 720's of Plain Bob with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

*HAZEL LITTLEWOOD	...Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS	4
GEORGE A. BUTTON	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
*HARRY J. MILLAT	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. Mr. Wildney, of Kirby, stood in at very short notice. The rest of the band are from St. Mary's, Thorington.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Stedman (six callings) and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

C HENRY FLOYD	...Treble	JACK ROY	4
ALFRED J. WYATT	2	ARTHUR H. REED	5
WALTER H. POOLE	3	WALTER E. PRIDDLE	...Tenor

Conducted by A. H. REED.

BENTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Sunday, October 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;
Being two 120's of Stedman, five 120's each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob (four callings), thirty 120's of Grandsire (ten callings), and three spliced 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in C.

*WILLIAM JOHNSON	...Treble	HARRY GOODALE	3
WILLIAM FAY	2	FOORD NEWTON	4
ERNEST COOPER	...Tenor		

Conducted by E. COOPER.
* First peal. Rung for evening service on the eve of Founder's Day, the anniversary of the death of Mr. Charles Cooke, who had this church built in the year 1891.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TEWKESBURY BRANCH.)
On Sunday, October 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWYN	...Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS	4
HARRY BARNETT	2	JACK DEAN	5
TOM WORRALL	3	CHARLES HODGES	...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWYN.

ST. MELLONS, MON.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE BRAYINGTON	...Treble	LEONARD HOLBERT	4
GODFREY CHOULS	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS	3	REGINALD ADDIS	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.
Especially arranged as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Childwall Bob, College Exercise Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Netherseale Surprise, Thelwall Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	LEONARD STILWELL	5
EDWARD S. T. FARR	3	ALAN R. PINK	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*J. HARRY COOK	...Treble	ALBERT L. WARD	4
HARRY ALEY	2	ERNEST BARTRAM	5
REGINALD A. ALEY	3	VERNON TAYLOR	...Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.
* First peal. Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (2) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, and Willesden Delight; (3) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (5) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LIONEL FERNLEY	...Treble	JAMES FERNLEY	4
*WILLIAM FERNLEY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
KENNETH LEWIS	3	JAMES A. MILNER	...Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.
* 100th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal in 17 methods as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Major.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Lytham, London Bob, Reverse Bob, Thelwall, Double Bob, Double Oxford and Childwall. Tenor 10 cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	...Treble	*†WILLIAM J. RANDALL	4
*WILLIAM PUDDIFOOT	2	FRANCIS TOMPKINS	5
*HORACE L. WAITE	3	WALTER AYRE	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in seven methods. † First of Minor on tower bells. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	*CHARLES T. COLES	7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 29, 1935 in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	FRED WIGMORE	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Size 13½ in E flat.

HORACE L. WAITE	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
FRANCIS KIRK	3-4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. J. RANDALL.
First peal as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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Further donations should be sent to any of the undersigned, who gratefully acknowledge the above sums.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING PLACES IN STEDMAN.

When we originated this column some months ago we invited young ringers, who found any difficulties in the way of progress, to write to us so that we could, if possible, help them and others who might find similar obstacles in their path. Very few of them have done so. Young ringers of to-day, perhaps, do not find difficulties as some of us used to do years ago, although, as to that, we have our doubts; or it may be that beginners are shy and do not like to admit that they are unable to comprehend all that is put before them, either by those who are endeavouring to teach them, or in the text books through which they are making their studies. We hope that none will let reticence stand in the way of seeking information through this column. It is established to help beginners, and the more they make use of it, the more, we hope, they will help themselves and others who read it. We were reminded of this because this week we have received one of the very occasional inquiries which come the way of this column.

A beginner in the field of conducting asks us why such initials as S. H. L. Q. are used to denote calling places in Stedman, and what is the difference between their meaning and the meaning of M. W. H., etc., in Grandsire and Bob Major?

Our correspondent has got his first fact right. All these initials denote calling places; i.e., the places where bobs are called to produce touches or peals. Apparently, too, he knows what M. W. and H. mean in relation to Grandsire Triples, but for the benefit of those who are not versed in this matter, we would explain that the letters are the initials of the words 'Middle,' 'Wrong' and 'Home.' In Grandsire Triples they indicate that the observation bell is brought by a bob into 4-5 up, 6-7 down, and 6-7 up respectively. There are other places for 'calls' in Grandsire, but we will not go into them now. In Bob Major the initials still mean 'Middle, 'Wrong' and 'Home,' but they will be found written in the order W. M. H., because the calling places come in that order in the course, W being when the tenor is in 7-8 up at a bob, M. when it is 5-6 down and H. when it is 7-8 down.

Stedman is a different method to Grandsire or Bob Major; indeed, the pundits will tell us that it is really a principle—which is something further back in the evolution of change ringing than a method. A principle is something in which, in a plain course, all the bells do the same work—beginning, of course, in different places. Stedman is like that. Stedman is a principle used as a method. Grandsire and Bob Major are methods founded on a principle—the principle in their case being Original, and extended by placemaking and dodging by some of the bells at regular intervals.

But Stedman has none of that. Each of the seven bells (in Triples) does the same work, and the course is not changed by the introduction of any bell or bells 'in the hunt' as in Bob Major and Grandsire. The result is that, while bobs in the latter are made only when the treble leads, bobs in Stedman can be made at the division of any of the fourteen 'sixes' of which the method is built up. Thus there are fourteen 'bob' places in Stedman Triples, against only six in Grandsire and seven in Bob Major.

Formerly it was the custom to denote the Stedman calling places by the number of the 'six' in which the bob is made. (You know, of course, that a 'six' in Stedman means the six changes on which the method is built up—all the possible changes on the three front bells, rung while the rest double dodge in pairs.) Stedman starts thus

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2 1 3 5 4 7 6
2 3 1 4 5 6 7

That is the end of a six that was unfinished when (in imagination) the bells came round before we started our present touch. If, now, you call a bob, that will be a bob at 1—after the end of the first 'six.' That produces:—

3 2 4 1 5 7 6
2 3 4 5 1 6 7
2 4 3 1 5 7 6
4 2 3 5 1 6 7
4 3 2 1 5 7 6
3 4 2 5 1 6 7

This is the second six and a bob called at the end is a bob at 2, and so on. These figures also show what we endeavoured to explain above; that a six comprises all the changes possible on the three front bells, in this case 2.3.4.

If you wrote out the full course, you would find fourteen such divisions—the odd rows at the end fitting in with the three at the beginning to complete the six. These divisions, as we have said, are numbered consecutively from 1 to 14, and the figures are used to indicate where the bobs should be called.

It is customary to make the 7th the observation bell in Stedman Triples (as the tenor is in Bob Major), and to put in the bobs so that its work is undisturbed by the calls. In other words, the 7th is not affected in its work by any of the bobs. If that is adhered to, there are only eight divisions where a bob may be called, at the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, sixes (while the 7th is doing its slow work), and the 12th and 13th (when it is the 'quick' bell).

Again, except in very advanced composition, the bobs in Stedman are called in pairs (there is a special reason for that, especially in

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PEAL ATTEMPT AT CARRICKFERGUS.

An attempt for a peal, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Carson, was made at Carrickfergus on October 26th. There are not many change ringers in the North of Ireland, and as the party met one short, owing to illness, a young ringer was pressed into service for the treble. The peal was Taylor's composition and conducted by John Palmer as his first attempt. They had both settled down and everything was going well when at the end of an hour and three minutes the treble rope jumped the wheel and the peal came to an unfortunate end. The ringers were G. McFall 1, Capt. L. J. Roper 2, J. Rush 3, J. Rutherford 4, H. McAteer 5, J. Palmer (conductor) 6, William Pratt 7, H. Gilbert 8.

THE LATE BISHOP OF DERBY.

At St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, for evening service, Sunday, October 20th, 758 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Buckley (conductor) 1, F. Johnson 2, T. Jackson 3, J. Marsden 4, D. Cuthbert 5, E. Garside 6, A. Evans 7, F. Marsden 8. The touch was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Derby. It was at this church that the Bishop collapsed in the pulpit during the early part of a Confirmation service a short time ago. From this attack he never fully recovered.

Longest length in any method by ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 7th.

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peals), and if you have a bob at 3 it is followed by one at 4; a bob at 5 is followed by one at 6; a bob at 7 by one at 8; a bob at 12 by one at 13.

The bob at 3 is called when the 7th is in 4-5 down going in SLOW; the bob at 5 when it is about to do its first HALF turn; the bob at 7 when it is doing its LAST whole turn and the bob at 12 when it is in 4-5 down before going in QUICK.

Under this style of calling, the conductor knows if he has called a bob at 3 there must be one at 4, and so on in regard to all the pairs. Thus it came about that writers and composers used the initial letters of Slow, Half, Last and Quick to indicate the double calls, S. for bobs at 3 and 4, H. for bobs at 5 and 6, L. for bobs at 7 and 8, Q. for bobs at 12 and 13. Generally, too, an x is used as the call sign, instead of the usual —. Here is a touch of 420 indicated in the two ways:—

2314567	3.4	5.6	7.8	12.13 or S.	H.	L.	Q.
5364217	x			x			
3214657	x	x		x	x		
5413267		x	x		x	x	
2463517			x	x		x	x
2314567				x			x

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH.

BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The reopening of the bells at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on October 26th, coincided with the dedication festival of the Cathedral, and a special festival service was held.

The Cathedral choir was augmented for the occasion by the various church choirs of the diocese, about 160 ringers taking part. The preacher was Canon Phythian-Adams, of Carlisle Cathedral. Forty ringers from all parts of Scotland attended the service, the following towers being represented: St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh; St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow: St. John's, Alloa; St. James', Leith, and St. James', Paisley. Visitors from England were Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s representative (Mr. R. H. Dove), Mr. C. Dean, of Croydon, and Mr. T. Dexter, who has carried out the work of rehanging the bells so efficiently.

After the third collect, the Cathedral ringers, having been commissioned by the Bishop of Edinburgh, proceeded to the belfry and rang for about three minutes. The welcome sound of the bells after four months' silence and the great improvement in their tone was appreciated by the large congregation seated below.

After tea all the ringers visited the belfry and everyone had a pull, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal being rung.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings and fitted with new iron headstocks. The seventh, which was cracked, has been recast. The rest have been retuned and quarter-turned. The great improvement in the 'go' of the bells was commented on by everyone.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. North, tower foreman of Kingsclere, Hants, ringers from his tower and the surrounding district met on Thursday, October 31st.

It was hoped to ring a quarter-peal, but, owing to the very bad weather and travelling conditions, one or two were late in arriving. The ringing was, therefore, limited to 360 Cambridge Minor and 120 Kent Treble Bob, in which F. Munday, H. Balaam, C. J. Munday, F. J. Knapp, H. Wooding, J. Chesterman, J. Berry and Miss S. D. Knapp took part. The local company, under Mr. North, ended up with an excellent fall in peal.

All the company then adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. North to a good 'spread' and social evening, which were very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. North received many congratulations, and the ringers hope they will continue to enjoy their good health for many a long day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen, Ireland, has now a peal of ten bells, with tenor of 21 cwt., the original eight having been recast or retuned and two trebles added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells were dedicated on October 23rd, as was also a new clock installed by Messrs. John Smith and Son, of Derby. A report of the opening will appear in our next issue.

Mr. Tom Miller, the Birmingham veteran, has been in hospital for some weeks, following an operation. Although he was at one time seriously ill, we are pleased to say he is now progressing satisfactorily and hopes soon to be home again.

To meet short for a peal of Major and then ring a peal of Minor in 17 methods is what was done at Mottram, Cheshire, on Saturday. These men must know their methods well.

The order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for the recasting and rehanging in new framework of the ring of eight bells of Plympton St. Maurice Church, Devon.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who is in his 81st year, has just been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire.

The peal rung at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, on Saturday, October 26th, was the 100th peal on the bells by Mr. John Goodman, jun.

Will the person who took by mistake a wrong pair of gloves from the cloak room at the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at Wigan kindly return them to the secretary, Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan?

Will the gentleman who took the wrong hat (metal letters inside rim L. W. J.) from St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday evening, kindly return to L. W. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Pleasley Vale, Notts, enclosing his name and address, when cost of postage will be returned to him.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS.
A LADY WHO MADE RINGING HISTORY.

We much regret to announce the death of Mrs. George Williams, wife of the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, of 1, Stoneham Avenue, Eastleigh, who passed away on Friday last. Mrs. Williams had been in indifferent health for some time past, and a few months ago underwent an operation, from which, however, it was hoped she had made satisfactory recovery.

Although Mrs. Williams never rang church bells, she made ringing history by being the first lady to ring a peal, when she took a pair of handbells to a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was rung in her own home at Brighton in March, 1892, and was conducted by her husband, the ringers being Mrs. G. Williams 1-2, Thomas Blackbourn 3-4, George Williams 5-6, Alfred P. Goddard 7-8. Mrs. Williams rang two other peals of Grandsire Triples later, in March and April, 1897. Although she gradually gave up practice, she continued to have a deep interest in ringing, and closely followed the activities of her talented husband and the many other ringers whose acquaintance she made over a period of more than half a century.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams celebrated their golden wedding a few years ago, when they presented two new treble bells to North Stoneham Church, in commemoration of the event. These bells made the peal the lightest ring of ten in any church in the country. At that time Mr. and Mrs. Williams lived within sound of North Stoneham bells, and in that quiet churchyard, on Tuesday, Mrs. Williams was laid to rest.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to the bereaved husband in his great loss.

MARLOW BELLS.

To commemorate the centenary of All Saints' Church, Marlow, six members of the belfry, with the assistance of the brothers Martin, of Boyne Hill, attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday last, which was, unfortunately, lost, after 2 hours 50 minutes' good ringing, through a change course: J. L. Young 1, H. W. Badger 2, V. Gibson 3, F. O. Nicholls 4, A. Martin 5, W. E. Yates 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, Councillor H. Buckingham 8.

These bells were rehung on ball bearings, tuned and the third recast in 1934 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the whole of the expenses being defrayed by Mrs. H. Collins, of Ash, in memory of her husband, who was connected with the belfry for 50 years. An anonymous donor recently presented a new set of ropes.

The ringers have voluntarily boarded up the windows, so as to minimise the sound as far as possible, and many appreciations of Saturday's ringing were expressed in the town.

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM, BELLS RECAST.

DEDICATION SERVICE IN RINGING ROOM.

Tenor Box as Pulpit.

The ancient Church of St. Mary, Nottingham, is undergoing extensive renovation, and the first part of the £12,000 scheme has been completed by the dedication of a recast ring of ten bells. For years past the bells had been in bad going condition, and the ringers had had a most discouraging task. Nothing by way of repair seemed likely until at last it became apparent that desperate remedies were needed. An examination then revealed that the great foundation beams of oak, which for centuries had carried the bell frame, had been eaten away by the death-watch beetle, until, in places, little but a shell was left. The discovery was made only just in time. Similar ravages were found in the roof timbers of the church, and, under the energetic guidance of the Right Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot (Vicar), a comprehensive scheme of restoration was set on foot. The repair to the church roof and the renovation of the exterior face of the great central tower are still in hand, but the bells and the interior of the tower have been completed, and this work was dedicated on Saturday at a service which the Vicar specially made a ringers' gathering.

beneath which a new ferro-concrete floor has been laid. A new floor has been put in the ringing chamber, the walls of which have been thoroughly cleaned and the appartment made worthy of the church.

Interesting inscriptions in Latin have been reproduced on the new bells, with the addition of the intimation that they were recast by Gillett and Johnston, 1935. The treble was recast in 1856, and the next three bear the name of the Rev. Scrope Beardmore, Vicar, the 2nd 'Raised by subscription, 1761,' the 3rd 'Nottingham Friends of Music restored me,' and the 4th 'Untouched I silent am, strike and I sweetly sing.' The two latter bear the names of the churchwardens of 1765. The 5th was an Oldfield bell with the date 1699: 'When my voice is lifted up, do Thou, O Jesu, direct pius souls. O come let us sing.'

The sixth was another Oldfield bell, cast 1673, and the 7th was from the same foundry 1690, with the inscription, 'May this bell be consecrated by the Blessed Trinity.' Henry Oldfield, jun., cast the 8th in 1605, with the inscription: 'In the name of Jesus Christ let every knee bow, of things in Heaven, of things in Earth, and of just men.'

The ninth is an antiquarian treasure, and has three rows of decoration and clearly cast lettering. It bears four impressions of Queen

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM.

The bell contract has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A clean sweep of all the appurtenances of the belfry was necessary. The old patched up wooden frame has gone, and in its place a massive iron A frame, supported by huge steel girders, has been erected. The large dimensions of the tower enabled this to be planned diagonally across the tower, so that the greatest stresses are taken on the corners of the building, where great strength lies in its buttresses. The foundations of the frame are braced with a substantial grillage, and the bells turn, of course, on ball bearings.

Of the bells themselves, nine were recast, the old ninth, a bell cast in 1595 by Henry Oldfield, being retained. It is of fine tonal quality and an excellent specimen of the founder's craft. It was felt to be worthy of a place with the new peal, although it seems hardly powerful enough for its new companions. At 21 cwt. it is scarcely heavy enough to equal in proportion the very fine 35¾ cwt. tenor in C. But for all that, St. Mary's has got a glorious ring, of which any city might be proud.

A GREAT TRANSFORMATION.

In the arrangements of the tower there has also been a great transformation. The available space in the ringing room has been enlarged by the building of a more compact stairway leading to the bells,

Elizabeth's arms alternately with four circular founder's marks, 'Made by Henrt Ouldfeld.' The inscription in Lombardic capitals is:—

'Thus, O Bell, with thy sound, do thou summon the hosts of the Lord.'

Richard Hurte Maior (Mayor), Nicholas Sherwin, Richard Johnsun, Wardens. John Gregorie, Robert Alvie, Peter Clarke, Humphrey Bonner, Richard Morohaghe, Anker Jackson, Aldermen. 1595.

The tenor, which was a 1765 recast by Lester and Pack, like some of those already mentioned, bears the names of the Vicar and churchwardens of that year and the lines:—

'I will sound and resound unto Thy people, O Lord,
With my sweet voice and call them to Thy word
I tole this tune that douleful is to such as live amiss,
But sweet my sound seems unto them who hope for joyful bliss.'

A BELFRY SERVICE.

Last Saturday's ceremony attracted ringers from a wide area, and the proceedings took place in the spacious ringing chamber. Many counties were represented, and among the places from which visitors came were Ashover, Barton, Bedford, Bottesford, Burton, Croydon, Cotgrave, Collingham, Clipstone, Derby, Duffield, Edenham, Ilkeston, Leicester, Lincoln, Long Eaton, Market Harborough, Mansfield,

Newark, Nottingham, Ordsall, Radcliffe, Sutton, South Normanton, etc.

The ceremony began with the formal unlocking of the turret stairway by the two senior ringers of St. Mary's, Albert Lambert and Fred Lee, who have both been ringers for more than 50 years. They were the first to enter the tower, accompanied by the Bishop. The service, which began three-quarters of an hour later, was conducted in the presence of nearly a hundred ringers. It was led by the Bishop, as Vicar, and the unaccompanied singing was very heartily joined in. The dedication was performed by the Bishop at the request of one of his churchwardens, and he then, as Vicar, received the ropes from the hands of the Archdeacon of Nottingham, who committed the bells to his care as a sacred trust. The ropes were then passed to the Ringing Master (Mr. Albert Coppock), and the bells were rung in a few rounds by St. Mary's ringers. This was followed by the Doxology and special prayers.

SERMON PREACHED FROM TENOR BOX.

'Their old men shall dream dreams and their young men shall see visions.' 'This verse,' said the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, who delivered his address while standing on the box under the tenor bell, 'struck me as just about what is happening in the minds of many ringers throughout Nottinghamshire, and an even wider district, to-day. It is strange how things, which sometimes seem impossible in life at one time, suddenly do become possible and are accomplished—affairs that one day, as far as human wisdom can foresee, are not likely to happen, suddenly become accomplished facts; help and inspiration comes and all is carried through with enthusiasm. And so it has been with St. Mary's bells. I never expected to stand on this tenor box addressing a company of ringers on such a happy occasion as this. The wonderful improvement which we see in this room makes it a very worthy part of the House of God. All over this part of England years ago there was general regret that such a fine tower as this, the city church of Nottingham, had a peal of bells that were so difficult to ring that it was practically impossible to ring them well. I remember being asked to preach here at one of the Midland Counties' gatherings one Easter Monday, when there were a great many ringers in St. Mary's. They had gathered with enthusiasm, but as they went up the tower steps they had a feeling that they were not going to enjoy the ringing very much. One said to another, "You won't want very much up there." At that time there seemed no chance of a restoration at all. Now we are here to rededicate these bells and turn over a new page in the history of this old tower in Nottingham. We sometimes judge the clergy by their churches. We go into them, look about, and we think we can tell what kind of a vicar or rector is there. I sometimes say to my brother clergy, "I do not judge them by outward appearances or by the beauty or appearance of the church within, I judge them by the state of their bells." That may be a hard thing to say, but it does fill me with a particular sense of pleasure and joy to see a fine tower with a musical peal of bells and a well-kept belfry. I am sure of this, the good Vicar of St. Mary's, and his churchwardens, will receive the thanks of the ringers and many congratulations over the new conditions of things in this tower. The founders also will receive what is due to them in the way of congratulations for this work. May I also put in a word of thanks and encouragement to those who have tried to keep these bells going for many years when there must have been much to discourage them.'

A SERVICE TO BE REMEMBERED.

'As a rule,' continued the preacher, 'ringers are heard and not seen, and that is generally the case at a dedication service. I have been to many, and the ringers are not seen at all, although they are heard at the right moment, when the Bishop dedicates the bells. But this is a unique service. It is meant for us, and it is unique in that the Vicar, under his authority as Bishop, has dedicated the bells, and, as Vicar, has received the special charge of the bells. We may call this a real ringers' service in their own place. The ringers will appreciate this service, in which they are invited to be witnesses and assistants at the dedication in their own tower. Few towers are large enough for such a service as this, and we shall certainly remember it in the days to come. As a ringer of a very humble kind, I bring you the good wishes of all in the north of the county, and I think I can say, as I learned to ring in Derby, that I bring you good wishes from Derbyshire. I see also some ringers from Yorkshire, and I can offer you their good wishes, too. Nottingham will know to-morrow what has been done; the county will know next week, and ringers all over England will be reading of this event next Friday through "The Ringing World," and, later on, ringers in other lands, who have left England but who still have a love of bells, will read of it, so that the words will literally come to pass that "their sound is gone out into all the earth." So old men shall dream dreams and young men shall see visions. I believe they may, some of them, be doing it at this moment. I love to be at gatherings where old ringers are dreaming dreams, and pass on to us the story of what has been done in the past. Those who love St. Mary's will call to mind the ancient days when there were bell founders living in this town. Great churchmen they were, the Oldfields, and others, who were casting bells here hundreds of years ago, and all of whom, I believe, are buried under the shadow of this tower.

RUNG THROUGH FOURTEEN REIGNS.

'We think of Henry Oldfield, who cast the 9th of this peal in 1595. You heard it just now; it is the same bell that has, during the reigns of 14 Sovereigns of England, called people to worship in St. Mary's Church. We think of the days before 1699, when there were only five bells in the tower; then of the days 235 years ago, when they added a sixth. You ringers will be interested to know that they rang them from the ground floor of the church, which must have required an astonishing amount of skill. Then they put up a curious ringing loft and rang in sight of the people. Nearly 200 years ago we call to mind that the Sherwood Youths rang in this tower, and for some years their fame spread over Nottinghamshire and beyond. There is much we might dream about in the days of the Sherwood Youths and which we can recall with pride and thankfulness. The men of those days may not have dreamed of such things as Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, but the young men would have had visions. I hope, now, that the Sherwood Youths will revive again and renew their youth as soon as possible, and that they will see visions, as I would like to do, of a growing and enthusiastic band of churchmen ringing in this tower, and, if I may quote the inscription on the old third bell, "Nottingham friends of music restored me," I hope those who ring these bells will see that vision and always be friends of music, so that the people of Nottingham, when they hear the bells, will say, "What splendid music sounds from that tower." Last of all, I am sorry to introduce a note of personal sadness. I had hoped to bring with me this afternoon a very great friend from the north of the county, who was looking forward to this dedication. It is just what would have delighted him, but, alas, you have read of that sad accident, after the opening of Blythe bells, a few weeks ago. Robert Stockdale, to my mind, was the very finest type of ringer, just the young man that we want. He kept always three things in front of him. Duty to his church, a sense of fellowship, that joined him to the older as well as the younger ringers, and made him such a good secretary, and a high standard of ringing. May we all have these things before us, and a standard worthy of such a day as this. So may it be in the days to come that the old men shall dream dreams of the past and young men see their visions, and may there be many great days and new traditions and a long history of ringing to the honour and glory of God in this tower.'

After a brief spell of ringing, the whole company were entertained to a meat tea in St. Mary's Hall, a party of a hundred sitting down under the genial chairmanship of Bishop Talbot, who was supported by his churchwardens (Mr. J. Holland Walker and Mr. W. A. Johnson), the architect (Mr. A. E. Heazell), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, the Rev. A. Inglis (assistant priest), the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, etc.

BISHOP'S WELCOME.

Bishop Talbot, after tea, extended a very warm welcome to all the visiting ringers. What struck one on coming back to England, after living in a new country like South Africa, he said, was the great historical character of this dear old country. One had only to look round at the peal boards in their own tower, taking them back to the eighteenth century, and to look at the building itself, to feel what a wonderful heritage they had in old England. He added that he would like to record his delight that they had been able to set the old tower right and recast the bells and preserve what had come down to them from the past so that they might hand it on to those coming after. The Vicar congratulated Mr. Johnston upon the splendid peal of bells he had given them. What they wanted there was a 'slap up' peal of bells, and he believed they had got them (applause). He went on to express his sincere gratitude to Mr. Heazell, the architect, and to Mr. Evans for making such a fine job of the ringing chamber. He (the Bishop) looked upon it as quite a good 'hunch' that they should hold the service in the ringing chamber, and he thanked the ringing padre for his address, adding, amid laughter, that he thought Mr. Wilkinson made a better show at ringing than the Archdeacon did. The Bishop extended his greeting to his own ringers, who included Mr. Albert Lambert and Mr. Fred Lee, and, if they included Fred Lee's father, he said, it would take them back almost to the Battle of Waterloo (laughter). The Bishop spoke of the work done by the churchwardens, and added that he would like to see, if possible, some young men brought into the ringing company. He hoped also that members of the ringing fraternity would now come and visit them (applause). He thanked Mr. Coppock (the Ringing Master) for all he had done in connection with the arrangements that day, for the proceedings had been largely in his hands, and he (the Bishop) was very grateful for Mr. Coppock's co-operation. At the request of the ringers, he placed in Mr. Coppock's hands a souvenir of that day, a pipe rack made from a portion of one of the old bell wheels. Amid laughter, the Bishop said he expected the wood had been 'pinched.'

GENERATIONS OF RINGERS.

Mr. Coppock, who was received with applause, thanked the ringers for their gift. He said, one day when he was in the churchyard, looking at the growing pile of decayed timber taken out of the tower, the Bishop came along, and, slapping him on the back, called him an old rascal and said, 'Look what you have let us in for—£12,000' (laughter). Another gentleman told him they ought to put in a stained glass window to him, but as they did not, as a rule, put in a stained glass window to living people, he wondered what he meant (laughter). The raising of the £12,000, said Mr. Coppock, had not given anyone sleepless nights. The money was coming in very nicely and no one seemed any the worse for it except Churchwarden

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER AT WIGAN.

Presentation to the Hon. Secretary.

Those who attended the fourth annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at Wigan on Saturday week were provided with a day full of entertainment. Seldom has there been offered to a ringers' gathering of this kind such a variety of interest, and those who joined in the festivities spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. The gathering was also memorable for the recognition given to the hon. secretary of the association, Mr. W. H. Shuker, who has just completed 25 years of office, the occasion being seized as a suitable opportunity of making a presentation to him and to Mrs. Shuker.

As Wigan Parish Church bells are now being recast, ringing could not take place in this tower, but during the morning the bells at St. James' Church, Poolstock, St. Peter's, Hindley, and Standish Parish Church were rung. In the afternoon the visitors, who numbered nearly two hundred, were received by the Mayor (Councillor D. Rourke), and were afterwards conducted around Wigan's historic Parish Church by the Rector (Canon C. C. Thicknesse). A visit was made to the Wigan Library, where Mr. A. J. Hawkes, F.S.A., the librarian, gave a brief address on the history of Wigan, some of the literary treasures of the library being also on view. The party then boarded special buses, and were driven to Haigh Hall, where in the absence of Lord Crawford, who was detained in London, the ringers were hospitably received, and made welcome by Lady Elizabeth Lindsay. They were conducted around the hall and library, and entertained to afternoon tea. On returning to town, the party inspected the Corporation regalia, which was laid out in the Mayor's reception room at the Town Hall, and an explanation was given by Mr. Hawkes.

A 'LIVE BODY.'

Dinner was served in the Baths Assembly Hall. Canon Elsee presided, and amongst those present were the Mayor and Mayoress, Town Clerk (Mr. W. H. Tyrer, O.B.E., LL.B.), Mr. William Gorman, K.C. (Recorder of Wigan), Mr. J. Allen Parkinson, C.B.E., Rector of Wigan (Canon C. C. Thicknesse), Ven. C. F. Twitchett (Archdeacon of Liverpool), Canon F. Child (Vicar of St. Helens), Alderman H. Farr, J.P., Mr. A. J. Hawkes (borough librarian), Mr. W. H. Shuker (secretary of the association), and Mr. C. I. Davies (treasurer).

Proposing the toast of 'The Association,' Canon Child said he knew very little about the craft of bellringing, but he had a great admiration for the ringers, and greatly enjoyed listening to the bells. He was delighted to meet the members of the association, and he would like to congratulate Wigan on the way the assembly had been entertained. 'I recognise,' he said, 'that you are not merely members of a very strong and earnest association, but are also members of a very ancient craft.'

The President, in reply, said he wished to thank Wigan for the tremendous pains that had been taken to offer the association hospitality. 'We are very grateful,' he said, 'particularly to the Rector of Wigan, who has played a leading part in the preparation. I think we are going to congratulate Wigan within a short time on possessing a very fine peal of ten bells in the Parish Church.' Lancashire, continued the president, was becoming very rich in its bells, although it was quite true that the average weight was not as great as in other parts of the country. The number of members present at that event was proof that the association was a live body, and the fact that a large number of young members had attended was a good sign. The association had given members more scope in the execution of their art. 'We are trustees of a great inheritance,' said the president, 'and if we use the bells wisely and well I think that the love of bells, which has been a characteristic feature of English life for many centuries, will be continued indefinitely. The great purpose of the bells is that they may be used for the glory of God, calling people together for the service of the church.'

RECOGNITION OF MR. SHUKER'S SERVICES.

At this stage Canon Elsee presented Mr. Shuker with a magnificent 6ft. walnut grandfather clock, in recognition of his 25 years' service as secretary to the Lancashire Association. Canon Elsee said there had only been three secretaries of the association. The first was Mr. Joel Redfern, of Bolton, who was succeeded by Mr. Albert Edward Wreaks, who remained in office until he went to Scotland, and since the latter's retirement 25 years ago Mr. Shuker had been re-elected every two years. 'A better secretary no association could have,' added the speaker, 'and many of us felt that the 25th anniversary of his secretaryship was one we could not let slip by' (hear, hear). The members hoped that Mr. Shuker would have the opportunity one day of celebrating the jubilee of his secretaryship. They thanked Mr. Shuker extremely for the untiring work he had done for the association. Canon Elsee read the following inscription affixed to the clock: 'Presented to Mr. W. H. Shuker, of the Lancashire Change Ringers' Association, in grateful recognition of his 25 years' service to the association as general secretary, 1911-1935.'

Amidst great applause, Canon Elsee also handed a gold wristlet watch to Mrs. Shuker as a token of their appreciation of the help she had given to her husband.

'For he's a jolly good fellow,' was then heartily sung by the gathering.

Mr. Shuker, returning thanks, said he was very proud, and the clock would always be a remembrance of his association with them.

Archdeacon Twitchett, proposing 'The Ancient and Loyal Borough,' mentioned that the first bell foundry in the country was founded in Wigan.

The Mayor, in response, said he was pleased to have the opportunity of welcoming the association members. He was delighted that Wigan had been selected for the holding of that important event. The Rector of Wigan had been determined to make the visit a memorable one, and he (the Mayor) joined in the hope that the stay in Wigan had been enjoyed, and had led to a better knowledge of what sort of a town Wigan really was. 'Whenever an organisation of such a standing as yours comes to Wigan,' the Mayor said, 'the borough, through its Mayor, is always happy to welcome you and assist you in enjoying your stay. Wigan is one of the finest industrial towns in the country, and we are glad to welcome visitors from any part of the world.'

Mr. A. Tomlinson, proposing a toast to the visitors, said the members greatly appreciated the kindly interest the visitors had taken by sparing much of their time to be present. The association was also grateful for the presence of representatives of kindred societies, such as the Cheshire and Norwich Diocesan Guilds.

Mr. J. Allen Parkinson and Mr. W. Gorman, K.C., responded.

The toast of 'The Press' was honoured, and Canon Thicknesse then read greetings from Lord Crawford, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough, and Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, the well-known authoress, each of whom apologised for non-attendance. Canon Thicknesse hoped they would be present, however, at the dedication of the Parish Church bells. The Rector said the association had greatly appreciated the kindness of the Mayor in giving a civic welcome and placing the Corporation's regalia at their disposal, and he also thanked Mr. A. J. Hawkes, the borough librarian, who had been closely associated with the arrangements during the day. Canon Thicknesse concluded by proposing a toast to the life and health of the president.

Canon Elsee responded.

During the evening musical selections were given, under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, by the Cambridge Trio, comprising Mr. William Melling (violin), Mr. Peter Steinbrecher ('cello) and Miss Cowling (piano). Other entertainment was provided by Mr. John Raffo (tenor), Mr. Joseph Starkey (bass), Mr. Stanley Dickinson (baritone), Mr. Cyril Lowe (pianist), and Mr. John Booth and Miss Bessie Booth, both of whom gave selections on the handbells.

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Johnson, who complained of writer's cramp through writing out receipts (laughter). Mr. Coppock recalled that the ancestors of several of the present ringers had rung at St. Mary's Church, and his own great-grandfather rang with Doubleday Crofts in the eighteenth century. Mr. Coppock thanked the ringers of the towers round about, especially St. Peter's, for enabling the St. Mary's men to continue ringing while their own bells were silent. He also thanked Mr. Cyril Johnston for the very nicely illuminated scroll with the details of the bells which he had presented to the tower, and the Bishop and all the friends concerned in that day's arrangements.

Mr. A. Lambert and Mr. W. E. White supported the vote of thanks. The latter emphasised the need of young ringers learning to have perfect mastery of their bells before being allowed to ring changes. He recalled that 50 years ago he used to walk miles to St. Mary's merely to be allowed to look on. Let them, he said, confine their practice to practice nights and give their very best on Sundays and on the occasions when they went out to meetings. He hoped, now the bells had been put in order, that they would have a good band at St. Mary's, which would long flourish.

Miss Ida Thompson, claiming a woman's privilege to speak without being called upon, presented the Bishop with a memento of the occasion, an inkwell and ash tray, mounted, she said, on another piece of wood which had been 'pinched' from the tower (laughter and applause).

The Bishop expressed his thanks for the gift, and this part of the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the ladies who had served the tea.

Afterwards ringing was resumed and everyone enjoyed the privilege of ringing on this splendid peal of bells. Mr. Cyril Johnston received many congratulations on completing a fine job. Those who knew the old bells and old conditions were loud in praise of the complete revolution that has been effected at St. Mary's.

PRACTICE MEETING AT COTTINGHAM, YORKS.

On Saturday, October 27th, a very enjoyable practice meeting was held at Cottingham, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. E. French, M.A. The towers represented were Hull (Holy Trinity), Beverley (Minster), Sutton, Market Weighton, and a good attendance of the local band. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and the bells were made good use of up to 6.30, when the ringers adjourned for tea in the Church Room. After tea, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies for providing such an excellent tea, and the local company for so kindly making the arrangements. Handbell ringing was indulged in by some of the company, and the tower bells were kept ringing until 9 p.m. The ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman Triples

B.B.C. AND BELL BROADCASTS

NEWCASTLE ANNOUNCEMENT 'MORE DETAILED THAN USUAL.'

The protest made to the B.B.C. by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. (published in our last issue), against superimposing announcements when bells are being broadcast prior to religious services, has aroused considerable interest.

Mr. Groombridge has received the following reply from the B.B.C.:

'We thank you for your letter of October 27th, and we are very sorry to note your criticism. Normally all our announcements before church services are very short, and as a general rule we do not think that you should have much cause for complaint. In this particular case, however, we quite agree that the announcement was far more detailed than usual, and we have already taken the matter up with those concerned.'

In acknowledging this letter, Mr. Groombridge said:—

'I would like to say in reply that the reasonable tone therein is a pleasant change from my previous experience, when I was bluntly informed that "We consider the effect of the superimposed announcement to be very pleasing." That, however, was a few years ago, and possibly changes in staff and ideas have taken place since then.

'I would, however, like to put the whole case before you from a ringer's point of view, if possible, although this is somewhat difficult by this means, as the mysteries of change ringing require a very lengthy explanation to those unacquainted with the art, and, as far as I am aware, there are no ringers on your staff to give you a personal explanation.

'Briefly, the position is this: an experienced ringer can, from a short broadcast touch of a few minutes' unbroken duration, determine the method being rung, the calling used to produce these particular changes, the characteristics and quality of the bells; in short, he can "read the message of the bells," which is a closed book to all but practical change ringers, and, as ringers often travel far and wide in the exercise of their art, there is a very deep fascination in following these short touches, sometimes from towers in which we have ourselves rung (in this case I have very pleasant memories of my visit to Newcastle Cathedral), others from towers with noted peals of bells therein. To illustrate this point further; you gave a broadcast some considerable time back from Leytonstone. At the time there was great activity at this tower in the advanced and intricate six-bell methods, and I know a good many ringers tuned in to hear what Leytonstone were going to "put on the air." In this case your announcer was brief and concise, but about a dozen or so changes had been rung before the announcement was superimposed, and the "listening ringer" was completely cut out until the speech was finished, by which time he had little chance of detecting the method being rung; in fact, I have been unable to find one who was successful.

'I hope I have succeeded in conveying to you that, as far as ringers are concerned, the broadcast does not commence until the announcer retires, and he hears the bells without interruption.

'While I hesitate to presume by telling you how to arrange programmes, I would like to convey to you the alternative, which is not only my idea, but that of scores of my associates.

'Where, as is often the case, there is an interval from 7.45 p.m. until the broadcast service, would it not be possible to make the announcements, say, at 7.50 p.m., and let us have uninterrupted ringing after, and, just one final request: can we not learn from the "Radio Times," as in days of yore, which stations are broadcasting bells? This especially applies to those who have not the advantages of single knob tuning, who find London Regional broadcasting an organ voluntary, find the Midland doing ditto, and finally get the last few changes from the Northern Regional—rather annoying when we get, on the average, about five minutes per fortnight.'

RINGERS' BACKING WANTED.

In sending us the above correspondence for publication, Mr. Groombridge says: 'I have already heard from others, who are of the opinion that this protest should be supported by ringers generally. I fully realise that we cannot dictate to the B.B.C., but I do think that we are entitled to a little more consideration over a broadcast which runs out to about five minutes a fortnight. I would ask for my latest request to receive some backing from ringers generally.'

The following comment comes from 'J. D.':—

'Why don't broadcasting bands take a portable wireless set into the belfry, and, the moment the announcer barges in, pack up? I have been eight years without a set, because of this sort of thing, so the B.B.C. is £4 down on that account.'

'A GROSS INSULT.'

Dear Sir,—I (and I feel that all ringers and the majority of the general public) would like strongly to endorse every word Mr. Groombridge wrote concerning the broadcast of bells and the announcer, and he gave fitting illustration with reference to the bells of Newcastle Cathedral. As a listener, I consider it a gross insult to those doing their best at the end of the rope. This change ringing gives pleasure to many, even in distant parts of the world, and is not confined to ringers.

JOHN W. STEDDY.

Edenbridge.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Gayton on November 2nd, by invitation of the Rector. The bells are a nicely toned six in good going order, thanks to Messrs. Taylor and Co. The Guild's form of service was used and a collection was taken for the Belfry Repairs Fund.

At the Queen Victoria Inn about 30 afterwards sat down to tea and were well catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Webb.

The Rev. E. V. Fenn, hon. secretary (pro tem.), proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and all who had helped. He regretted there was only one Guild member at Gayton, and hoped this would soon be remedied.

Methods rung included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Stedman and St. Clement's Doubles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on Saturday, October 19th, and proved very successful and enjoyable, 39 members and friends attending and 13 towers being represented. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Dobree), who had only been inducted to the living a week or two previously, and, in the course of an interesting address, he welcomed the association to Boreham.

Tea was partaken of at the Queen's Head, the Vicar being present. Mr. G. Green was elected to the chair in the absence of the District Master (Dr. Spencer-Phillips), who had to leave after the service.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Writtle on December 7th.

Mr. Shadrack proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, and, in reply, the Vicar said he hoped the association would go to Boreham again soon.

Handbell ringing followed, and a return was made to the tower, the bells being lowered at 9 p.m., and a very pleasant and profitable meeting brought to a close. Methods ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major, with rounds for the beginners.

The towers represented were Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Danbury, Maldon, Springfield, Great Totham and Little Waltham, and visitors from Prittlewell, Rayne and Sudbury.

(Continued from previous column.)

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMING BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like, with your permission, to congratulate two bands of ringers whose Sunday evening broadcasts I happened to hear last month: The ringers of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on the perfect rhythm with which they changed direct from 'Queens' into rounds, and those of Newcastle Cathedral in a touch of Caters beautifully struck 'with measured beat and slow.' There is no doubt that a slow time is far best for broadcasting, and the effect in this case was most musical.

As the B.B.C. obdurately refuse to enter broadcasts of bells in their published programme, may I appeal to ringers always to give notice of coming broadcasts through your journal?

Kington Magna Rectory. F. Ll. EDWARDS.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 298th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes', Strand; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. French, Rector of Stepney.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th (election night), St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—The joint meeting arranged for October 26th has been postponed to Saturday, November 9th, at Leigh Parish Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. No business meeting.—P. Crook and W. O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. No excuse; good bus and train service. All will be welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting. —C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stoke-by-Clare on Saturday, November 9th. The six newly-hung bells will be available from 2.30. Tea in The Barn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, R.C., Chorley, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Green on Saturday, November 9th. 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, Bishops Stortford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, Nov. 9th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancashire Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmoreland on Saturday, November 9th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s. 3d., will be served at 4.30 p.m. in the School.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Wollaton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Kettering Branch) AND LADIES' GUILD (Northampton Branch). —A joint meeting will be held at Warkton (5 bells) on Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify me if you require tea. —H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—(South and West District). —A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence's, Brentford, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at Druce's Restaurant, High Street (1/- per head), with quarterly business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome Book January 4th, 1936 (district supper at Heston). —F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. T. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton.—Claude I. Davies.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (10) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors will be welcome. —W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The opening and dedication of Thorpe-le-Soken bell frame and treble bell will take place on Saturday, November 9th. Dedication by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Special invitation has been received by secretary for all ringing members to attend. Tea will be provided. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will take place at Todmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 9th. Tower open 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30. Please make this a good meeting by turning up.—H. Hamer, 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Rev. J. M. Turner, Moulton.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A special practice meeting for Bob Major and Double Norwich will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, at 8 p.m.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone District and the Guild will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George Inn 5 p.m. Plenty of room in the belfry for a large gathering. Please send a card if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton; and P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. A good number is hoped for. A welcome visit from Peterborough friends is wished. Please advise Mr. H. W. Giddings, 2a, Church Street, March, Cambs, for tea early, or F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Hemel Hempstead, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. A postcard to let me know you are coming would help with arrangements. Everyone given a cordial welcome. Subscriptions are overdue.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale (10) and Madeley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Service at Coalbrookdale at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Thurs., Nov 14th.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Rd., Bridgnorth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday morning, the 13th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Next meeting at Hersham, instead of Weybridge, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1936 must be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. A p.c. by Wednesday, Nov. 13th, re tea will be much appreciated.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All members are earnestly requested to make an effort, and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Tea, at small cost, to all who notify Mr. W. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, Lancs, as early as possible and not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bristol bus service from Swindon. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stalybridge (Holy Trinity) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. J. S. Jackson, 74, Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Felpham on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall, Limner Lane, 4.30. Those requiring tea please advise me by Nov. 12th. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — The bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Handsworth, Birmingham, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at West Kirby on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know by the 12th? — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Upton on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (5) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5 p.m. A whist drive will be held at 6.30 p.m. Charge, 9d., including refreshments. A hearty invitation to all ringers and their wives or friends to attend and enjoy a pleasant evening at Upton. Visitors for tea kindly advise.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, Nov. 16th. St. Aiden's and St. Mary's R.C. bells available at 3 p.m. and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, at 6 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. MacFeggan, 22, Cort Street, Blackhill. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30. Meeting to follow. — John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Rendezvous Cafe. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — Please note that the date of the November meeting is on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, to be held at Chilvers Coton; further details next week.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, near Coventry.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for same to me, please, by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from Belgrave Gate, or L.M.S., London Road. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 20th? All ringers are cordially invited. Let us have a good meeting in this fine old church.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Malcolm Melville, General Secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, is now: Highfield House, Royal Oak Lane, Exhall, near Coventry.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ABSENCE OF CLERGY FROM MEETINGS.

A very successful and well-attended meeting was held at Wellington on Saturday, November 2nd.

The bells of the Parish Church were in use at 3 p.m., and the early comers enjoyed Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Consideration for nearby business premises restricted the use of the tower bells, on which ringing ceased at 4.15. Touches on handbells were rung until tea time.

A company of 40 took tea at a cafe, after which a business meeting was held. A proposal to hold a meeting at Worthen in December was agreed to, and the date of the annual meeting was provisionally fixed as February 1st, 1936.

The meeting welcomed Mr. John Lovekin, of Sheriffhales, whose record of church work and ringing has recently received recognition. Comment at the absence of clergy was again made, without any suggestion of a remedy being put to the meeting.

During the evening full use was taken of permission to return to the tower, and some excellent ringing in methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major was heard.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—A 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung for morning service at St. Mary's Church on October 6th: *E. Cuttill 1, *W. Lawson 2, C. A. Hopper (first attempt as conductor) 3, A. J. Hopper 4, *P. Henry 5, J. Whitehouse 6, F. Mason 7, J. Chatley 8. With 7.6.8 covering. * First 720. Longest touch by the local band.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving services. For matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Mortimore 1, H. Adams, jun. (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Sherwood 3, F. W. Prichett 4, Herbert Adams (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Slatter 6. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Waddupp (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Adams, jun. 2, F. W. Pritchett (conductor) 3, L. Critchley 4, G. Cuss 5, E. Sherwood 6.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sunday, October 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the occasion of the harvest festival: H. F. Cockell 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, J. Jefferson 4, A. J. West 5, W. C. West (conductor) 6, W. S. Burbidge 7, F. G. Doddimead 8.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Seldom, if ever, we imagine, has there been a more representative gathering at the festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths than was present in London last Saturday for the celebration of the 298th anniversary of the foundation of the organisation. It was almost, if not quite, a record in numbers, an indication, perhaps, of a growing increase of interest with the approaching tercentenary. Certain it is, that country members and friends rallied to the support of their metropolitan confreres and helped to make the gathering one of the most memorable in all the long series. Another factor which gave an added interest was the presentation to the society, made by surviving past masters and officers, of a very fine new silver badge of office for the Master, the first official event in connection with the tercentenary. It was a happy gesture that it should have been used for the first time on this occasion, so that the originator of the project might have the honour of being the first to wear it. Mr. E. P. Duffield has been a popular Master and his personality and tactful conduct have given an added prestige to the society.

There must have been a great deal in Saturday's proceedings to give encouragement to those who are anxious to see the expansion of the College Youths into something of a national society, just as it has been looked upon by ringers in the past as a kind of national institution, for all the somewhat parochial outlook which at one time characterised its members when it was almost a purely London society. The coming tercentenary will doubtless give the society a great fillip, and those who have its interests closest at heart look forward to an expansion of its activities. And in this connection is it not time the society reconsidered its attitude towards the admission of ladies—if not as members, because they can never be ' Youths ' in the strict sense of the term, at any rate as ' associates '? We feel quite convinced of this, that if a decision were left to a poll of the whole of the members, instead of to those present and voting at a meeting of the society—which so few can attend—there would be no doubt about the result. The innate objection to lady ringers, which some members appear to have, has placed the society in a position of ' icy isolation.' We admire the courage of the one lady who, having stepped into the society when the door was open for a short period, has refused to make her exit and claims her right as a member to attend the annual dinner. We believe the vast majority of country members would welcome the admission of ladies to the society and the coming tercentenary offers a fitting opportunity to the ' ancients ' to show themselves ' moderns,' and that, despite their antiquity, they can move with the times.

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On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	7
*MISS MARIE R. CROSS ...	2	F. DONALD BOREHAM	8
MRS. A. E. LOCK	3	EDWARD R. COLES	9
JAMES W. WILKINS	4	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ...	10
FRANK WEST	5	GORDON CAUDWELL	11
RALPH COLES	6	EDWARD R. CROXFORD ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on 12 bells and first attempt. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Duke of Gloucester and the Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE...	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHARMAN	6
HENRY J. TOCKER	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
JOHN W. JONES	3	FRANK BENNETT	8
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ...	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	9
ALFRED W. GROVES	5	JAMES A. HART	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a welcome to the Rev. L. Norman Phillips, who was inducted to the living of St. Nicholas', and was rung prior to the service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH F. CHATLEY	*Treble*	*HERBERT G. MASON	6
FREDERICK J. SPICER	2	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ...	7
GEORGE B. COLLINS	3	*ROBERT KERR	8
BEN JARMAN	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	9
THOMAS J. HULL	5	HAROLD V. FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

* First peal in the method. F. J. Spicer has 'circled' the tower. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

SAMUEL J. HUGHES	*Treble*	HERBERT SHEPPARD	6
GILBERT T. GUEST	2	WILLIAM GREEN...	7
RONALD GOODMAN	3	FRANK G. BURLEIGH	8
HENRY GOODMAN	4	WILLIAM C. COOPER	9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.	5	HARRY HUBBLE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Goodman, sen. (parents of the ringers of the 4th and 5th), in honour of their diamond wedding. Also to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hughes on the 45th anniversary of their wedding day. Mr. H. Hubble has now completed the circle in this tower.

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FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
*JACK PILGRIM	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	T. WILLIAM LAST	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.
* First Surprise peal and first peal on eight tower bells.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES SANGWIN ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK SANGWIN	5
A. WILLIAM MYERS	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	6
AUBREY L. BENNETT	3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ...	7
WILLIAM J. SHEARS	4	JOHN W. SANGWIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 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
JOSEPH THACKRAY	4	*HARRY HOMER	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. SURTON. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal in the method.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT PARKER... ...	...*Treble*	‡STANLEY MAJOR...	5
RICHARD FORSHAW	2	GEORGE T. JENKS	6
*PETER SHAW	3	SIDNEY FORSHAW	7
†GEORGE MILLS	4	‡SIDNEY CLOUGH... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY FORSHAW.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, November 4, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT RAINBOW ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PARKER	5
THOMAS LAW	2	†GEORGE VALENTINE... ...	6
ARTHUR ROBINSON	3	TOM TEBBUTT	7
*JOSEPH C. DEAN...	4	†GEORGE TANNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the new Rector (the Rev. W. M. R. Chaplin), who was inducted on November 2nd. It was a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th, and to Mrs. Rainbow, wife of the treble ringer.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL — ...	5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD...	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	4	EDWARD S T. FARR ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES PAPE...	...*Treble*	LESLIE J. WILLIAMS	5
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ...	2	†JACK CLEGG...	6
*HERBERT HOLDEN	3	FRED READ...	7
LEONARD SCHOLES	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. Specially rung to commemorate the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Scott.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN RANCE...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. BROOKS	5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT... ...	2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW..	6
CHARLES PULLEN	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
EDGAR HUMFREY...	4	PERCY J DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival and in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*HENRY G. W. COOPER	...*Treble*	†DONALD F. MAY	5
WILLIAM A. LEWIS	2	*WILLIAM T. GODFREY ...	6
*FREDERICK J. CATTERMOUL	3	CHARLES S. BIRD	7
HENRY C. CHANDLER ...	4	ERNEST R. GLADMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES S. BIRD.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt. Rung in celebration of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	...*Treble*	FRANK SADLER	5
J. WILLIAM HEATH	2	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ...	3	RALPH HARRIS	7
JAMES HEMMING	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Scott.

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HERTFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BENGEO,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN	*Treble*	STANLEY A. CARTER	5
GEORGE MAXIM	2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	6
REGINALD DORE	3	JOSEPH LADLEY	7
GEORGE GRAY	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (420). Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.
Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott. This composition is now rung for the first time.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

E. DENNIS POOLE	*Treble*	WALTER LAGO	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM P. DEANE	6
*GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
*ALLAN JONES	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
* First peal of Major. Rung, after meeting short for Royal, in honour of the royal wedding.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ALFRED JAMES	*Treble*	JACK DAFTERS	5
WALTER F. TYLER	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
ALLISON PURDON	3	PERCY J. SPICE	7
WILLIAM G. GRACE	4	EDMUND MOUNTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDMUND MOUNTER.
* First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*AMBROSE T. SHELTON	*Treble*	*FRANK B. JEAL	5
*RONALD A. TUFFIN	2	*ARTHUR G. WILLETT	6
NELSON ELLIOTT	3	WALTER CLAYDON	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, November 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARVEY E. BURRELL	*Treble*	*HAROLD BARSLEY	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
*WILLIAM E. CLARKE	4	*GEORGE W. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES LOOME	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
ALBERT RICHES	2	WILLIAM FLATT	6
ROBERT RICHES	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
*ROBERT RAYNOR	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Oxford.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

HARRY NICHOLS	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. FARR	5
JOHN CURRY	2	*ARTHUR GROUND	6
WILLIAM H. HOLLING	3	GEORGE LADD	7
CHARLES WM. SMITH	4	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to George Ladd, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church. C. W. Smith is from Cambridge.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED BARNES	*Treble*	HIRAM MEAKIN	5
HAROLD JACKSON	2	A. ERNEST JONES	6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	3	*ALLEN F. BAILEY	7
†G. LEONARD BURGESS	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Alderman M. M. McGregor on his election to the Mayoralty of Stockport.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST STONE	5
CHARLES H. WEBB	2	JOHN THOMPSON	6
JOSEPH B. FENTON	3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE	7
LEONARD TREVOR	4	THOMAS PITTHAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.
Rung for Armistice Day.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. FARMER	5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS	2	WALTER LAGO	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
*GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT	4	ARTHUR C. NASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung on the occasion of the re-election of Alderman T. J. Bryan as Mayor of Ludlow.

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On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

William H. Fussell...	...*Treble*	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg ...	5
Dorothy R. Fletcher ...	2	William Henley	6
Wilfred Edwards	3	Harry Wingrove	7
Jesse Harrison	4	Tony Price	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Harry Wingrove.

This is the 100th tower in which T. Price has rung a peal. W. H. Fussell rang a peal at Beaconsfield 50 years ago.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D flat.

William Woodhead ...	...*Treble*	Albert J. Hughes	5
Charles E. Lawson	2	George Robinson	6
William H. Senior	3	Frederick Seager	7
Wilfred Halliwell... ...	4	Leslie W. G. Morris	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. C. E. Lawson's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Rung for the 17th anniversary of the Armistice.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

Frederick A. J. Steward	*Treble*	John E. Rootes	5
Charles Dyke	2	*Frederick W. Allerway ...	6
Miss Elsie K. Fulton ...	3	Edward Ashby	7
Charles T. Coles	4	George A. Hughes ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles T. Coles.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the clappers half-muffled in memory of all who fell in the Great War.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Tom Saunders	...*Treble*	George Kenward	5
William Wenban	2	William J. Walker	6
Charles H. Sone	3	Thomas E. Sone...	7
William Spice	4	Luther J. Honess ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. The band wish to extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. Spice for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Matthew's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Cyril A. Burgess ...	...*Treble*	John E. Taylor	5
Gordon W. Limmer... ...	2	George H. Limmer	6
†Thomas Burton	3	George Gilbert...	7
Edward T. Barrett ...	4	Philip H. Tocock ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Geo. Gilbert.

* First attempt for a peal. † First attempt away from treble. Rung half-muffled 'in remembrance.'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Stedman (10 callings), 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings), 20 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*Thomas Hill	...*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	4
Harold Smith	2	*Henry L. Langley	5
Howard Howell	3	John H. Stokes... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. Key.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to commemorate All Saints' Day. First peal in three methods by all the band and on the bells.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's each Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

A. Norman Geary ...	...*Treble*	J. Geoffrey Geary	4
Ronald Russell	2	George T. H. Walker ...	5
*Percy Amos	3	Ernest Morris	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

* First in three methods. First peal on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Alfred E. Everest...	...*Treble*	*Horace Edwards	4
Alfred J Bull	2	John O. Weller	5
H. F. Hylton Tidy... ...	3	Leonard A Tidy ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard A. Tidy.

* First peal of London. Quarterly peal for the association.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)
On Sunday, November 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

George R. Townes ...	...*Treble*	Reginald G. Simmonds ...	4
Albert L. Dixey	2	Claude Snowdon	5
Miss Hilda Snowden ...	3	Alec M. Genery ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. Townes.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, November 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being a 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Netherscale Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A.

Leonard Stilwell ...	...*Treble*	*Rev. C. Elliot Wigg ...	4
George H. Gutteridge ...	2	*William Birmingham ...	5
Edward S. T. Farr	3	Alan R. Pink	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods 'inside.' Rung, at the request of the Vicar, to mark the 325th anniversary of the dedication of the church. The conductor's 50th peal for the Guild.

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BURITON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of St. Simon's, twelve six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and ten six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MERVYN G PALMER...	...*Treble*	ARCHIBALD J. GARRATT	... 4
†PERCY L. WRIGHT	 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT	... 5
CYRIL S. WEST ...	 3	*ROBERT A. BUDD	... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. On the front six. Tenor 4 cwt. 8 lb.

WALTER G. ROWE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	 4
*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	2	†HAROLD P. REED	 5
†REGINALD A. REED ...	... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled as a last token of deepest respect to Mrs. George Williams, who passed away on November 1st and was laid to rest on the south side of the tower in the afternoon.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

G. R. MILLS...	...*Treble*	J. I. LOCK	... 4
H. J. LUCAS	... 2	H. WESTLAKE	... 5
G. LOCK...	... 3	*F. I. LOCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. I. LOCK.

* Re-elected a member previous to starting. First peal in the method on the bells by a band attached to the tower.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 16 extents of Plain Bob (four variations of calling) and 26 extents of Grandsire (10 variations of calling).

Tenor 3 cwt. 2 qr. (approx.).

A. PATRICK CANNON ...	...*Treble*	*MISS RENE REDPATH	... 3
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	... 2	*GEOFFREY V. MORPHY	... 4
*JOHN E. LYDDIARD	... ...*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal on five bells. First peal in two methods on the bells, being only the second peal rung. The bells are possibly the lightest peal in the county. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMOND.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of St. Simon's, Chase, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*DAVID BUSSEY	...*Treble*	LEONARD G. TOSELAND	... 3
HERBERT T. EASTBROOK ...	2	ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND	... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS	... ...*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal in five methods of Doubles by all, and rung on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Christabel Montague-Douglas-Scott.

GOTHAM, NOTTS.—On Sunday, September 29th, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): H. Maltby 1, J. Booth 2, W. Dakin 3, G. Hill 4, S. Adams (conductor) 5.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans Delight; (3) Wragby Delight; (4) Capel and Sandal Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT ...	...*Treble*	ADAM T. MARSLAND ...	... 4
†FRED MARSDEN	... 2	KENNETH LEWIS ...	... 5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	†ARTHUR WHITING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal and rung at first attempt. † First peal in nine methods. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

THOMAS R. MOGG ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES L. SMITH ...	... 4
EDWARD J. DIXON ...	... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
EDWARD S. RUCK... ...	... 3	*HERBERT G. CARLTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of deep respect to Mrs. Symonds, wife of the Rev. W. H. Symonds, Rector of Willesborough.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY... ...	... 5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	... 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON	... 9-10		

Composed by G HAYWARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Jackson.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	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—Stephen H. Hoare.

The peal consisted of 3,392 London and 1,696 Cambridge, each course being called L.C.L. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise rung on handbells.

MANCHESTER POLICEMEN'S DAY OFF.

The Manchester members of the National Police Guild and their wives spent a pleasant half-day at Liverpool on Saturday, November 2nd. Leaving the Central Station, they crowded into a railway compartment containing a solitary male, reading 'Mother and Home.' To their dismay, it was discovered that smoking was 'prohibited.' However, this did not deter the members from 'lighting up,' and soon a haze filled the carriage. The other male occupant then asked to have the window closed, and in an enraged manner drew attention to the prohibition sign. This was received with subdued hilarity—and from policemen breaking the law, too!

On arrival at Liverpool a visit was paid to the magnificent Cathedral, which inspired the visitors with awe and wonderment, and it was with regret that they had not more time to explore its wonders.

No visit to Liverpool would be complete without a journey through the Mersey tunnel, one of the greatest wonders of the age. Taxis were engaged to take the parties through, and amazement grew as they proceeded along the route to the end, and then returned.

Tea was then enjoyed, after which the company parted. The ringers went to St. Nicholas' Church to meet Liverpool friends, and touches in various methods were rung. Later, escorted by Liverpool colleagues to more convivial haunts, the party rang changes of a different kind, and the brothers Pye were to be found enjoying their pies!

A BLANDFORD TRANSFORMATION.

DORSET PEAL TUNED AND REHUNG.

Ringers visiting Blandford Parish Church will in future find that a wonderful transformation has taken place with regard to the going order of the ring of eight bells. For many years the bells have had an unenviable reputation, due in the main to excessive tower movement and weak frame. Thanks to the enterprise of the Rector and Church Council and the skill of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, these bad conditions in the belfry are now a thing of the past, and the bells are not only a delight to handle, but also, due to their improved tone after being tuned, a treat to the ear.

Sunday, October 27th, saw the culmination of this fine piece of restoration work, when the Lord Bishop of Salisbury rededicated the restored tower and bells at evensong. As could only be expected on such an occasion, the church was packed to its full capacity, the Mayor and Corporation, attending in state, adding great dignity to the occasion.

Ringing arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. Shute. Many well-known ringers from the surrounding districts were present. The Rev. C. A. Phillips brought a party, and Capt. Cann, of Pirbright, being in camp nearby, was present.

After the service the bells were kept going until about 9.30 p.m. Some very good ringing was heard, and Mr. John P. Fidler, who represented the founders, was heartily congratulated by all on the vast improvement carried out by his firm.

On the conclusion of the night's ringing, a light supper was kindly provided by the Rector, a gesture that was very much appreciated by the visitors.

The peal is one of eight bells, with a tenor of approximately a ton. They were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1882 from the metal of a former ring of eight, and at that time the peal was hung in the old frame. Now the bells have been tuned and provided with entirely new fittings of the latest design, including ball bearings. The new metal frame has been specially designed, and great care must have been given to its construction and erection in the tower in order to have reduced so effectively the tower movement which previously took place under the action of the bells.

WEDDING BELLS

At Lytchett Minster, Dorset, Parish Church, on Saturday, November 9th, to welcome the captain of the local ringers, Mr. William M. Light, and his bride from their honeymoon, a half-peal (2,520 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 10 different callings, was rung: Miss Winifred Dance (longest touch) 1, Lionel H. Pink 2, Harold E. White 3, Henry W. Saunders 4, Francis G. Blake (conductor) 5, Walter F. Loader 6. Rung after an attempt for a peal had come to grief.

PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE 'IN HAND.'

OXHEY RINGERS' GREAT PERFORMANCE.

A new stage in the progress of ringing was reached last Friday, when the talented handbell band at Oxhey rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, the first ever accomplished. It consisted of London and Cambridge, the composition being by Mr. H. G. Cashmore. This success is one upon which the ringers will receive the hearty congratulations of the Exercise. It is a great performance.

The record of the peal will be found in its appropriate column. Here are the figures of the composition:—

5,472 SPLICED LONDON AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

By Harold G. Cashmore.

23456	M	W	H
65432	—	—	—
36452		—	
53462		—	
24365	—		—
32465			—
54263	—		—
25463			—
45362	—		
35264	—		
42563	—		—
52364	—		
43265	—		—
56234	—	—	—
25634			—
62534			—
53624		—	—
65324			—
36524			—
23564		—	

Twice repeated.

Each course is called L.C.L. Reduced to 5,088 by omitting 3 bobs H, twice.

FISH FESTIVAL.

On Sunday, November 3rd, for morning service at St. Dunstan's-in-the East, London, for the fish harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Rea (first quarter-peal) 1, J. P. Keat 2, W. Berry 3, T. H. Taffender 4, J. W. Euston 5, J. G. A. Prior 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, H. Taylor 8. For the afternoon service, about 900 of London Surprise Major was rung. After both services numerous touches in Plain and Surprise methods were rung by 20 other ringers who attended.

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As an appropriate opening to the proceedings at the College Youths' dinner on Saturday, a course of Duffield Major was rung on handbells—a compliment to the Master, Mr. Edward P. Duffield.

Mr. William Judd, a well-known Prittlewell ringer for 35 years, died on November 7th. A peal in his memory was rung at Prittlewell on Saturday with the bells open according to his own expressed wish.

The ring of eight bells of Christ Church, Pendlebury, Manchester, is to be rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Two of those who took part in a peal in the Royal Borough of Windsor in honour of the wedding of the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott rang in peals in Melbourne and Sydney when His Royal Highness visited those cities a year ago.

It is over fifty years since Mr. W. H. Fussell previously rang a peal in Windsor Parish Church.

Two light rings come into the news in the peal columns this week. A peal of Minor on the front six at North Stoneham, Hants, is a reminder that these are the lightest six in the county, and the peal at Foots Cray recalls that they are possibly the lightest ring in the county of Kent. The tenor is 25 inches in diameter.

The peal of 5,165 Grandsire Caters at Ossett, Yorks, by the Leeds and District Society on November 2nd was rung in 3 hours and 33 minutes, and not 2 hours and 33 minutes as stated. The tenor is 27½ cwt.

The treble ringer in the peal at Norbury, Cheshire, on October 5th, was Kenneth Lewis, not Kenneth Worth as printed.

The report of a peal at Capenhurst, Cheshire, has been sent without the date.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Egremont, the report of which was published last week, was George W. Tembey.

The article for Beginners will be found on page 735.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY COMPLETES 25 YEARS IN OFFICE.

The old Parish Church of All Hallows, Tottenham, was the venue of a successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock preceded a short service, which was taken by the Rev. Hinde, in the regrettable absence of the Rector (the Rev. F. Denton Jones) through illness.

Tea and the usual business meeting followed. Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) congratulated the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) on completing 25 years in office, and, in the name of the members, thanked him for the large amount of work he had put into the association.

Mr. Coles expressed his great pleasure at being able to do something for his fellow-ringers, and hoped he would be able to continue for some time to come.

Attention was drawn to the collection of records of old peal boards, which was being undertaken by Mr. Hollier for the Central Council, and ringers at towers where there are records of old peal performances were asked to send in particulars as soon as possible.

The William Pye Memorial Fund was also referred to, and a hope was expressed that prompt attention would be given to this, to enable the committee to complete the memorial scheme early next year.

The hon. secretary congratulated the members of the Harrow Weald band on ringing the first peal on the eight bells, especially those who had rung their first peal, and wished young Reg. Goodship, son of the assistant secretary, every success in his career in the Royal Air Force, which he had just joined.

These sentiments were echoed by all present, and Mr. G. R. Goodship briefly acknowledged them.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, was chosen for the next meeting on December 14th.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells; to the curate for taking the service, and to Mr. H. W. H. Strickland for making all arrangements, in addition to taking the organ at the service.—This was carried unanimously.

Ringing to suit all tastes and abilities continued under the guidance of the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) for some considerable time until the last of the company of 40 or more ringers had taken his departure.

A SUFFOLK TRANSFORMATION.

At a meeting of the Suffolk Guild on Saturday, November 9th, at Stoke-by-Clare, 720 Bob Minor was rung by B. Cornell 1, F. W. Wilkin 2, W. Head 3, J. F. W. Wilkin 4, A. P. Ballard (conductor) 5, E. W. Ambrose 6. This was the first 720 on the bells since rehanging by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The bells, which have been in a shocking state for years, are now a delightful little peal (tenor 12 cwt.). The local band are hoping soon to ring 720's themselves.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREAT GATHERING IN LONDON.

Master Invested with New Badge of Office.

The Ancient Society of College Youths celebrated the 298th anniversary of their foundation on Saturday, the event bringing together one of the largest gatherings in the long history of the society. The proceedings, which began with ringing at various city churches, included a service at St. Michael's Church, College Hill, and dinner at the London Tavern.

St. Michael's Church was filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Douglas), and at which the address was given by the Rev. R. French, Rector of St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Church bells, he said, were as the voice of God, and he would like ringers to remember that, not only when they were ringing on Sundays, but when they were practising. He was certain that if they remembered that fact it would help them to improve in their ringing and would give their work on Sunday an added zest.

In some countries, and in some churches in our own, he said, the custom of sounding the Angelus was observed. He wished it could have a wider practice in England, for it was one of the things that took men's minds for a few moments from mundane things, and led them, when they heard it, to make the sign of the Cross, or to breathe a prayer to God.

Two things, he proceeded, he would ask of ringers. He had said they were acting as a voice for God, but he hoped that their service to Him would not end with the ringing of the bells and then clearing off. If, however, they did not want on occasion to go into church, he hoped they would not form a knot at the church gates and stay there as the congregation came in. That hardly added respect to their profession either as ringers or Christians, but he often saw it happen. If they could not come into church, they might go round by the back way where people could not see them—that would not be as bad as standing at the church gates after ringing the bells and calling others to church. He would like some ringers to hear what non-churchgoers said about those who did this kind of thing. It was not complimentary, and in Stepney they did not put too fine a point upon their words.

In the north country they sometimes used an expression for a signpost that did not reflect very creditably on the profession of which he was a member. They sometimes called a signpost a 'parson,' because it pointed the way but did not go. He hoped that was not true of ringers, although he was afraid that it was true of some ringers who rang people to church, but did not themselves go to the services. He asked the older ringers, and especially the steeple-keepers, to set a good example. If it was not possible to devote time for ringing for Sunday morning service and attending the service afterwards, because other duties demanded that they should go back home to help their wives—if they had been well trained, perhaps they did that—he suggested they should start their ringing with a prayer. It was not always possible for the clergy to go up into the tower before ringing began for that purpose, but it would be nice if the leader were to say, 'Come on, chaps, we are going to say a prayer before we start.' If they did that they would be ringing to the glory of God and not merely because they were interested in that particular form of pursuit.

In place of the usual hymn before the address, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells, the ringers, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, C. F. Winney, T. Groombridge, jun., and T. Groombridge, sen., standing in the chancel.

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

A distinguished company, numbering over 250, assembled at the London Tavern, under the genial chairmanship of the retiring Master, Mr. E. P. Duffield. Among those present were Sir Gurney Benham (High Steward of Colchester), the Rev. Canon Mozley (St. Paul's Cathedral), the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. E. C. Bedford, the Rev. Canon Douglas, the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, the Rev. R. French, the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, the Rev. A. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), the Rev. E. G. Turner, Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Major Yorke (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. W. D. Caroe (architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners), Capt. H. J. Cann, Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), F. E. Haynes (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), W. Hollier (hon. treasurer, Middlesex Association), J. Holman and E. Thorpe (Sheffield Cathedral Society), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent County Association), S. Palmer (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association), F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association), A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer, Oxford Guild), W. A. Cave (Bristol), P. W. Cave (Leicester), S. Armstrong (Brighton), W. L. Duffield (Norwich), E. Foster and W. Hibbert (Reading), A. D. Cullum (Caversham), A. Greenwood (Portsmouth), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), T. King (Bath), W. Nevard (Great Bentley), W. Melville (Guildford), C. W. Denyer (Aldershot), H. Marcon (Lincoln), J. Parker (Edmonton), F. W. Perrens (Coventry), G. Popnell (Swansea), J. F. Smallwood (Bath), O. Sippetts (Crawley), C. E. Smith (Godalming), M. R. Taylor (Hobart, Tasmania), E. Taylor (Newbury), J. A. Trollope (Ealing), A. Walker and R. Daniels (Birmingham), A. H. Ward (Derby), T. B. Worsley (Manchester), etc.

The vice-chair was taken by Mr. E. Alex. Young, and there were many other past masters of the society present, including Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham, F. E. Dawe and W. D. Smith, who served in the office over forty years ago. Mr. Tom Benney, another member for over 50 years, was present, and, in addition to those already mentioned, there were among the officers present Mr. W. T. Cockerill (the hon. secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. W. Roberts (senior steward), and Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton (trustees).

NEW BADGE PRESENTED.

After the Master had made his formal entry into the room and candles had been lighted, in accordance with custom, with the historic candlesticks which the Duke of Wellington used in the Peninsular campaign, an interesting ceremony took place. An imposing badge of office, wrought in silver, and provided by the past masters and officers of the society, to mark the approaching tercentenary, was presented, and the Master invested with this new insignia of his office. The vice-chairman explained the origin of the emblem, and, at his request, the investiture was made by Mr. W. D. Smith, in the absence at the moment of the senior past master, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham.

In accepting the emblem, the Master said he believed that all who, following after him, would wear the badge would always do so only to the honour and prestige of the society (applause).

Speaking after dinner and after the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master referred to the provision of the new badge. Some months ago, he said, it occurred to him that with the near approach of the tercentenary of the society, it was time they thought out ways and means of celebrating the event, and since, as far as they knew, they had never possessed a Master's badge, he thought it would be fitting if one were provided. They had, and they treasured very much indeed, the medal struck nearly a hundred years ago by the then Master, Richard Mills, presumably to commemorate the bicentenary. Realising, of course, that such an undertaking was quite beyond his own capacity in several respects, he thought it best to call to his assistance the past masters of the society, and invitations were accordingly issued to the 20 surviving. One and all responded to the invitation in the very best way, and, from the first, the success of the project was assured, and even the greater part of the money was forthcoming. They naturally supposed they would have to consult a designer, but they counted without one of their own number, and he was proud to tell them that the designer of the badge was their vice-chairman that evening, Mr. Young (applause). Other past officers besides the past masters expressed a wish to be associated with the gift, and the badge was now presented to the society by all the past surviving officers of the society (applause). He could not tell them how much satisfaction it gave him to see the venture brought to such a successful conclusion. It had not been his intention that the badge should be worn there that evening, but it was a very kindly gesture on the part of the donors that he should be permitted to wear the badge on that occasion, two years before the event which it was to commemorate (applause).

PROSPERITY TO THE CHURCH.

Proceeding, the Master proposed the toast of 'The Church,' a toast, he said, which must be very near and dear to the hearts of all assembled there that evening. What kind of prosperity did they wish the Church? As ringers, they hoped that the fabric of the ecclesiastical buildings, and the towers, especially those which contained bells, would be preserved in first-class condition. They knew that here and there there were individuals who would like to see the towers collapse on the ringers while they were ringing the bells (laughter). They, at all events, were very few, and for every one of them there were countless numbers who delighted to hear this old English practice of bellringing. They wished the Church all material prosperity, although that was not to say that material prosperity had always been a good thing for the Church. They would remember only a year or two ago they celebrated the centenary of that splendid and inspired movement, the Oxford Movement, which was called into being to remedy the serious condition into which the Church, in times of considerable material prosperity, had drifted. But if the spirit within the Church was right, temporal prosperity would not be far away. They could assure Mr. Caroe, who was architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, that they as ringers were as keenly alive as anyone to the necessity for preserving the priceless possessions which they had in their churches. They were second to no one in their desire that bells should be in a condition in keeping with the safety of the ancient towers (hear, hear), although they did at times differ from some of their friends, the architects, as to what was the best condition for a tower, especially when it came to the question of the preservation of an old bell frame. It might be a thing of art, perhaps, and of value, but they as ringers said its place was not in the bell chamber (hear, hear). Either the bells must hang dead for the sake of the tower or the old frame must be replaced by one which would maintain

rigidity and protect the tower from being battered about by a moving bell frame. It was the old, old conflict, the æsthetic versus the utilitarian. The ringers were on the side of the latter.

They were proud of the part they played in ringing the bells and calling people to worship, continued the Master, and he would like to assure the Rector of Stepney that the great majority of ringers did attend the services for which they rang. He would not say it had never been known for ringers to discuss burning questions of campanology outside the church gates on a Sunday morning (laughter), but he was happy to think it was the exception and perhaps due to the over-enthusiasm of the ringers, which, in itself, was not a bad thing.

The Master went on to discuss some of the problems which are facing the Church to-day, such as that of tithes and the attitude towards peace and war. Proceeding, he referred to the little jealousies and rivalries which sometimes crept in among ringers and occasionally got a little bit out of hand. Rivalries were good when they led to progress, but they should be only superficial, and it should never be beyond all ringers afterwards to shake hands and be the best of good friends (applause).

LAITY'S OPPORTUNITY.

Canon Mozley, who replied, said he regarded that as one of the most remarkable occasions in his experience. He would not say that he did not realise there were so many bellringers in England as he saw there that night, but he had no idea he would have to face such a number. There were many real difficulties, said Canon Mozley, confronting the Church to-day, and the question was whether there was sufficient spiritual power and Christian energy and faith in the Church to meet all those difficulties, but when they read the lives of two such men as Bishop Gore and the late Archbishop Randall Davidson—two very different types of men, different in temperament, different in outlook, different in ideas—and realised the immense influence they had and the way in which they had each stamped their mark in various ways in the Church of England, he felt it was right to take courage to believe that there were resources upon which they could draw, and that the future would find them not ill-equipped to meet the demands that would be made upon them. Laity and clergy were to-day realising with increasing certainty their own unity. The laity had a much fuller opportunity of contributing to the counsels and work of the Church. All the clergy in that assembly would, he was sure, be fully in agreement as to the value of the sincere and devoted assistance which the clergy gained to-day from the laity. 'There are,' said the speaker, 'difficult laity. We all know that. There are difficult clergy, you know that (laughter), but, taking us all in all, we might be a great deal worse than we are (laughter and applause).

SPIRIT OF THE BELLS.

Sir Gurney Benham proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said it was very pleasing to find oneself among so many fellow-youths. He congratulated them one and all upon their youthful appearance. He knew how it was done. There was only one secret for preserving health and happiness and youth—it was cheerfulness and hard work (hear, hear). He knew bellringing meant hard work, and, in spite of what their Master had said about occasional little jealousies and rivalries, his experience of bellringers was that they were always cheerful and happy in their work. They had a splendid motto, 'Vivamus Unanimeter'—let us live in unity. It was a magnificent motto for their own family, for their own society, for their own town, for their own nation and for their own great Empire (applause). Bellringing led to a spirit of comradeship, co-operation, good humour and goodwill. That was the spirit of the bells.

Continuing, Sir Gurney said although he had never been a 'practitioner,' he had always been extremely interested in bells. It had been a great pleasure to him to attend the service at St. Michael's that afternoon and to listen to the discourse, which was one he was sure they would all take to heart. There were, perhaps, difficult ringers, as there were difficult clergy. He would like to see that church completely filled, as he supposed it could be, with difficult clergy (laughter), and that one of their members—he did not know anyone better fitted for it than their Master—should give them a sermon, like they had heard that afternoon, which was not a sermon; a lecture that was not a lecture. He was sure they would take it good-humouredly and afterwards live in greater unity than they did now (laughter and applause). His interest in church bells, he added, had been chiefly in going up into the belfries, looking at the old bells and their wonderful inscriptions. He found them enormously interesting. He did not know which he liked best, the pre-Reformation or the post-Reformation inscriptions. Both had their charm, but he thought, perhaps, he liked best the simple piety of the pre-Reformation bells.

'I do wish this society the utmost possible success,' added Sir Gurney Benham. 'I look upon bellringing as a joyful, a necessary and a desirable part of the amenities of our life, both in town and country. I think that all people who have any real good in them enjoy hearing bells rung. When I hear some small-minded person objecting to the noise of bells, I feel it is not because it gives pain to him, but because it gives pleasure to other people (laughter and applause). Your society is the most ancient of its kind in the world. That is a great thing to remember. Mr. Cockerill, your secretary, is a prince of secretaries; he is the backbone of your society (applause). I do rather hope that in the next world there may be some special reward for honorary secretaries (laughter). I don't think they get much reward in this—they do not get all they deserve anyhow (laughter and applause).

A YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The toast having been honoured, Mr. Cockerill replied and first mentioned the apologies for absence which he had received. They included one from Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), who had hoped to be present to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his membership of the society.

While the company stood as a mark of respect, the hon. secretary read the list of members who had died during the year, as follows: Edward Percy Debenham, William A. Alps, Richard Hims, Robert Brett Smith, Capt. A. E. Reeves, Alfred J. Trappitt, Ernest Bishop, Jesse B. Tyler, Edward H. Spice and William H. Judd. Twenty-eight new members had been elected and there had been 75 meetings for practice, attended by 114 members at one time or another. They would like to see increased attendances at St. Magnus', where members would be heartily welcomed by those who regularly meet there. During the year 18 peals had been rung: Grandsire Triples 1 and 1 on handbells, Stedman Triples 2, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 3, Bob Major 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, Double Norwich Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major on handbells 1, St. Clement's Royal 1. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill offered congratulations to Canon Coleridge on his birthday on the following day, when he would complete his 78th year (applause).

Mr. W. Roughton proposed 'The Visitors' in a felicitous speech, particularly welcoming the clergy from the London churches, Sir Gurney Benham and Mr. W. D. Carne.

(To be continued.)

THE MASTER'S BADGE.

NEW EMBLEM LINKING PAST AND PRESENT.

The handsome new silver badge worn for the first time at Saturday's function was presented to the society by the twenty past masters and other officers. It originated from a desire of Mr. E. P. Duffield to mark in some way the approaching 300th anniversary of the society, which will be celebrated in 1937.

Mr. Young has been good enough to supply the following description of the badge:—

The design embodies the idea of the past (1637) linked with the present (1937). Two figures, the one a cavalier of the Court of Charles I. and the other a figure of to-day, join in supporting a replica of the medal presented by R. Mills, Master at the bicentenary in 1837, and worn by subsequent masters. On a scroll, over, is the society's title and date 1637, and poised as a crest above is the figure of Campanologia, from the Bartolozzi certificate designed for the society in the 18th century. The two ribbon clasps are taken from the design of the silver mace of the same period, and here appear shields, three on each side, giving the 'arms' of St. Paul's and Southwark Cathedrals, also those of Lord Brereton (founder), Whittington (for his college), Sir Henry Tulse (Master and Lord Mayor, 1684), and those of the City of London.

On the podium below is the date 1937, scrolls with the mottoes of the society, and pendant is a harp to denote the musical side of our art and also the harmony which should subsist amidst its members.

When finished the badge will have engraved on the back a suitable inscription and will probably be gilded.

THRUMPTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, October 6th, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: F. Priestly 1, C. Towers 2, L. Shaw 3, S. Shaw 4, S. Adams (conductor) 5.

BASINGSTOKE.—On September 29th (St. Michael's Day), at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Butler 1, R. Flew 2, H. Balaam 3, C. W. Munday (conductor) 4, F. A. Munday 5, E. Austin 6, W. S. Langdon 7, E. Ockenden (first quarter-peal) 8.

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HEAVY EIGHT AT TOTNES.

TOWER ROOF AND BELLS RESTORED.

The Parish Church of Totnes is one of the most beautiful in Devon, and its setting is in a district that is unrivalled for scenery in England. The townsfolk are justly proud of it, and have always been jealous for the preservation of this heritage of the past, and all that it possesses, and no one more than the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary F. Heywood Waddington.

For a long time the condition of the woodwork of the tower has been a cause of anxiety, and at the beginning of this year the Vicar, himself no mean authority on bells and towers, consulted experts in these matters, with the result that it was found that the roof of the tower and the beams which carried the bell frame were in a state of collapse, owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, in collaboration with Messrs. Morgan and Co., builders, drew up a scheme for the entire restoration, which consisted of a new roof, gantry beams for hoisting the bells, and a general scheme for rehanging the bells and restoring the frame.

The bells, a ring of eight, with a tenor of 28 cwt., were rehung in an iron frame about 40 years ago, but the old supporting beams had been allowed to remain. These old beams have now been removed and replaced by a heavy grillage of girders, and the frame securely bolted down to it.

It is on record that the whole peal has been rung twice each Sunday without a break since 1918, and it is a remarkable fact that all the present ringers took an active part in the Great War.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings and sundry other fittings renewed, and the clappers refitted to ensure accurate striking, whilst No. 2 bell has been recast.

The rededication of the bells was performed by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Crediton on October 12th in the presence of a crowded congregation, which included the Mayor (Councillor Holdsworth), members of the Corporation, the Fire Brigade and 100 ringers from all parts of Devon.

After the usual prayers, the Bishop, clergy, Mayor and others proceeded to the tower, and Mr. Windeatt, who defrayed the cost of recasting the second bell, asked the Vicar to accept the gift in memory of his father. The Bishop then dedicated the bell, and a short touch was rung, followed by an address by the Mayor, who related the history of the clocks in the tower, dating from the 16th century. His Worship finally set the existing clock in motion once more.

The Bishop, in his sermon, spoke of the uses of bells, and urged the ringers to be in tune with the other branches of church work, so that the whole of the church's activities might resemble their beautiful peal, all in tune with each other.

The service will live long in the memory of all those who were privileged to be present, whilst a large crowd waited outside the tower to hear the first peal rung by the local band. All the ringers who attended were entertained to a splendid tea by the Vicar and his friends. The Vicar, addressing the company, congratulated himself on having the inspiration to place all the ringers together at the service. He said that they prided themselves on the singing in his church, and he was delighted that the ringers augmented this by their excellent part singing. He was sure that most of the ringers must be choristers also. He was sure, too, that they would all agree that a first-class contract had been carried out, and he congratulated Mr. S. R. Roper, who was representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, on the way that a most difficult and, to some extent, dangerous work had been carried out.

Teams of ringers kept the bells going until a late hour, and although most of the bands were used to much lighter peals, they soon acquired the right 'touch' on the ropes, resulting in some wonderful striking on this heavy ring of eight.

All spoke in high praise of the ease of ringing and the accurate clappering. The Vicar, who used at one time to take part in ringing, will welcome visiting bands of ringers.

SYDNEY RINGERS' ACTIVITY.

A VISIT TO PARRAMATTA.

On September 28th, St. Mary's Basilica Society, Sydney, Australia, paid a visit to All Saints' Church, Parramatta. The bells were placed at their disposal by the Rector, the Rev. G. F. B. Manning. The programme opened with three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by A. R. Botting, and followed by another three six-scores of Doubles, conducted by E. B. McDonald. Following a course or two of Grandsire Minor, it was decided to attempt a 720. The ringing at this point had reached a high degree of excellence, the striking being all that could be desired. The conductor brought the bells round at half-way in order to give time for a touch of Stedman, and in this the ringers were also successful. This was the first attempted on the bells. Those taking part in the ringing were, in the Grandsire Minor, A. Connor 1, Mrs. Lumley (Twyford, England) 2, E. B. McDonald 3, H. Hough 4, J. Smith 5, A. R. Botting (conductor) (Betchworth, England) 6. The Stedman Doubles were rung by Mrs. Lumley 1, E. B. McDonald 2, J. Smith 3, H. Hough 4, A. R. Botting (conductor) 5, A. Bennett 6.

The local ringers were given an opportunity to ring 'Queens' and call changes, and two six-scores were tapped off in great style, which brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close. Mrs. Lumley, of Twyford, Berks, is the only lady change ringer in New South Wales.

FOR BEGINNERS.

SIMILAR METHODS.

Once or twice in this series of articles we have mentioned the similarity between methods, particularly in Minor, and we have given some examples in the hope that beginners will realise that there is something worth studying and ringing besides just Plain Bob. If the other members of a company ring only this method and show no ambition to move on, the beginner will have to be very circumspect in the manner in which he approaches his seniors. These old ringers, with conservative ideas, dislike suggestions from youngsters, so, young folks, be very wary how you broach the subject.

But there is a good deal of scope for young ringers, and the not-so-young, if they have any enterprise, to do something which will increase their interest in ringing.

In some earlier articles we showed how, as in the case of St. Clement's and College Minor, illustrated a fortnight ago, a different method can be got by using the same figures for a 'lead,' but linking the leads together in a different way. You will remember, perhaps, that a 'lead' of St. Clement's was exactly the same as a 'lead' of College, but whereas in the former the leads were linked by 2nd's place, the leads of the latter were linked by 6th's place, when the treble does its whole pull in front.

Similarly when the treble lies its whole pull behind, a method can be changed by what may be termed the link at the half-lead. In Bob Minor, as you know, when the treble lies a whole pull behind half-way through the 'lead,' another bell leads a whole pull. In Reverse Bob, as you have also seen in an earlier article, when the treble lies a whole pull behind, another bell makes 5th's place immediately below it, which does away with the whole pull at lead and causes the bells below 5th's place to dodge.

A different half-lead link will give a different method to ring, but produce, in a course, the same changes. By way of experiment write out a full course of each of the following, and when you check them over you will find they contain the same changes. Then draw a diagram through each, notice how different they appear, and yet how the interior work bears a similarity. What actually happens is that you get the same pieces of work linked up in a different order, the 2nd's place when the treble leads, or the 5th's place when the treble is behind inserting an extra dodge as compared with the work when these places are absent.

And having checked the changes and drawn your diagrams, learn them, get the others of your band to do likewise, and then go into the tower together and ring them.

A. London Bob.	B. Double Oxford.	C. Hereward Bob.
123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	214365
241356	241356	241356
423165	423165	423165
243615	243615	243615
426351	426351	426351
243651	243651	462531
426315	426315	645213
246135	246135	465123
421653	421653	641532
412635	412635	614523
146253	146253	165432
164523	142635	164523

Observe that the first half-lead is the same in each case. A and B have the same second half-lead, but the leads are joined together: A by 6th's place (which you will notice above and below the second line), B by 2nd's place. As a result, the bells in A continue hunting when the treble leads, but in B, those above 2nd's place have to dodge.

A and B have 5th's place made when the treble lies its whole pull behind (which you will observe above and below the first line). C, however, has no 5th's place, but, like Bob Minor, has a bell leading, while the treble lies. The result is that the bells continue hunting instead of dodging, as in A and B.

NEW TREBLE AT ESSEX CHURCH.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN BELLS RESTORED.

On Saturday, a red-letter day in the parish history of Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, the dedication took place of the restored bells of the Parish Church and an additional treble bell. The bells had been unringable for many years, and only now, through the kind generosity of Mr. R. Clarke, who has lately come to reside in the parish, has it been possible to have them rehung. They have now been placed in a new steel and iron frame with all modern fittings, and the new treble completes the ring of six. The framework has been arranged so that two other bells may be added at some future time.

The work has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. Everyone expressed great satisfaction at the opening ceremony, which was carried out by the former Bishop of Colchester, in the absence of the Bishop of Chelmsford, who was unable to be present.

About 40 ringers from 20 towers attended and were entertained to tea by the donor afterwards. Among the ringers present were several lady ringers from Ipswich, Tendring and Chelmsford.

NEW BELLS AT ENNISKILLEN CATHEDRAL

NORTHERN IRELAND GETS A PEAL OF TEN.

Dedication by Bishop of Clogher.

Northern Ireland has gained a great acquisition in bells by the installation of a ring of ten at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen, Fermanagh. Originally there was a ring of eight bells, and these have been in part recast and the others tuned. Two new trebles have also been added, and together they form a fine peal of ten bells with a tenor 21 cwt., the work having been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Two of the former bells, known as 'William and Mary,' are said to have been manufactured from cannon captured at the Battle of the Boyne, and afterwards given for the purpose by William III. to Enniskillen.

The bells were opened on October 23rd, when the dedication was performed by the Bishop of Clogher, who also dedicated a new clock, installed by Messrs. Smith and Son, of Derby.

It is estimated that well over a thousand people attended the service, the congregation representing not only the Church of Ireland, but all the sister Protestant Churches in the district. The service was conducted by the Very Rev. the Dean of Clogher and a large number of clergy were present.

After the dedication had been performed, the Bishop pressed an electric bell, and at once was heard a short chime on the bells, followed by the clock striking eight.

ENNISKILLEN CATHEDRAL.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the history of the bells in the Cathedral and of their use in the Christian Church. The gifts to God's House and for the help of His people, which had just been dedicated, would, he said, remind those who came after of the attachment and love of those who had gone before. So far as he could express an opinion, continued his Lordship, the great firm of John Taylor and Co., bellfounders, Loughborough, England, who were responsible for recasting and retuning the old bells and manufacturing the new bells, had done their work splendidly, and had added to their reputation in this part of the country not only amongst people of the present generation, but amongst generations yet to come. And he must not forget to say that Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, who had supplied and erected the splendid new clock which now beautified the tower, had also carried out their work in a manner which not only gave entire satisfaction at the present time, but which would continue to do so for many years to come. He hoped that as the people of this district listened to the lovely chimes of that clock they would often say to themselves, 'It is time to start for church and we shall not only go ourselves, but bring others with us.' Thus living, acting, praying and pressing forward, they would go from strength to strength until they appeared before their God.

GENEROUS DONORS.

At the conclusion of the service visiting clergy, members of the Select Vestry and a number of other friends were entertained to supper in the Parochial Hall by the Dean and Mrs. MacManaway.

Subsequently the Dean said they had expended of sum of £1,310 in connection with the various articles which had been dedicated that evening, and he was glad to say that practically the whole of that sum had already been received (applause). It had been found necessary to have the Cathedral rewired on account of the change in current from D.C. to A.C., and for this purpose a sum of about £60 was still required.

Continuing, the Dean explained how his attention had originally been drawn by a Dublin visitor to the dangerous condition of the old oak beams supporting the bells, and told how this opinion had been corroborated by experts called in to examine them. It was, consequently, essential to have the bells rehung in a new frame, and it was decided to have this work done.

The question of procuring a new clock then arose, but there were some very cautious men on the Vestry, and they did not seem very keen about undertaking this additional expenditure. Later on, however, he asked them to pass a resolution to the effect that if he procured the money for the purpose they would sanction the purchase of a clock and they agreed to that (laughter). After a while he approached a parishioner who had intimated that he was going to put up a memorial to his family and asked him if he would agree to this memorial taking the form of a new clock in the church tower. The gentleman in question said he would consider this proposal, and a couple of weeks later said, 'I am going to give you that clock' (applause). The price quoted for the clock was £240, but afterwards he (the Dean) discovered that the addition of a Chard, or Guildford, chime, which was the most beautiful of the lot, would cost another £15, and the donor of the clock generously agreed to give this extra sum (hear, hear).

As time went on the Vestry made up their minds to procure two new bells so as to complete the ring of ten, whether these were presented to them or they had to raise the money by subscriptions. These bells were, thereupon, ordered and had actually been cast in the foundry when the Vestry were offered one in memory of the late Capt. Anthony Maude, and subsequently the other was presented by Mr. John Dane, London, as a memorial to the late Mr. James Whiteside Dane. It should be borne in mind, however, that these extra bells would have been procured even if these kindly donors had not undertaken to provide them (hear, hear).

TRIBUTE TO BELLFOUNDERS.

The contract for recasting and retuning the old bells and manufacturing the two new ones was given to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, England, and he had no words to express his thanks to that firm for the manner in which they had done their work (hear, hear). They possessed a wonderful reputation and always endeavoured to live up to it. When given the contract they stated they would have the eight old bells completed and rehung in the last week in September, and although the order for two extra bells was afterwards given, the whole ten bells were hanging in the Cathedral tower ready for use, in the time originally stipulated (applause). That was a great achievement. He wrote thanking the firm, and they replied stating that when they gave an undertaking they always strove to fulfil it (hear, hear). They had done their work most satisfactorily and were most courteous throughout.

Continuing, the Dean said the new clock had been supplied and installed by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Derby. This was a wonderful clock, unique of its kind in Ireland, so far as its chimes were concerned. The Westminster chime had only four notes, whereas the Chard chime, now installed in Enniskillen, had eight notes. Messrs. Smith had fulfilled their contract to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. They had sent across Mr. J. B. Warden, their chief clock erector, to do the work, and he had done it splendidly; a more obliging man he (the speaker) had never met. When Mr. Warden's work was done in the evenings he spent a considerable time teaching a number of young men how to ring the bells properly, and their thanks were due to him, personally, for all he had, voluntarily, done for them (applause).

Other speeches were made during the evening, Mr. J. P. Fidler acknowledging the congratulations to the bellfounders, and Mr. J. B. Warden replying for the clockmakers.

BELLS AND THE ARMISTICE.

EX-SERVICE BAND RING NEW BELLS AT NOTTINGHAM.

At many churches on Sunday, touches were specially rung in connection with the Armistice.

At St. Mary's, Nottingham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the following, all ex-Service, band: Miss I. B. Thompson 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, L. Chadburn 3, F. Blood 4, F. Bradley 5, F. A. Salter 6, R. Narborough 7, W. Nicholls 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

At St. Mark's, Worsley, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Grundy 1, R. Welsby 2, R. Allred 3, W. Jones 4, T. Allred 5, E. Yates 6, F. Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, R. Jones 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by all except the conductor; also the first quarter-peal on the bells since they were augmented to ten.

At Uckfield, Sussex, for the Armistice service, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with half-muffled bells: C. J. Hart 1, E. Eade 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Weller 4, R. Playford 5, F. Miles 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, J. Baldock 8.

At St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, for Armistice evening service, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. B. Hesse 1, B. Elliott 2, R. Moore 3, E. J. Ayliffe 4, W. Eldridge 5, H. Smithers 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

For the evening service of remembrance, thanksgiving and prayer, at Bromsgrove, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: Miss Copson 1, A. O. Lewis 2, F. Whitworth 3, H. F. Martin (conductor) 4, F. B. Martin 5, S. J. Jones 6, R. Lewis 7, H. Norbury 8.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT LAST RITES.

At the foot of the tower, on the south side, at North Stoneham, the mortal remains of Mrs. Martha Emma Maria Williams, wife of Mr. George Williams, the greatly respected Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, were laid to rest on Tuesday of last week. For over 30 years the deceased lady had worshipped at the Church of St. Nicholas, and it was to celebrate their golden wedding that the deceased and her husband gave the two trebles to augment the peal into the lightest ring of ten in any church in the county.

The ceremony was of a simple but very impressive nature. The funeral cortege was met at the lych gate by the choir, with cross-bearer, and the Rev. F. H. J. C. Chambers, priest-in-charge. As the coffin was conveyed into the chancel it passed through a large congregation of ringing friends of the deceased lady and her husband. Among those who were present were the Rev. G. T. Tritton (Rector of Dibden and chairman of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), the Rev. Evan Jones (Vicar of Hedge End and treasurer of the Guild), the Rev. E. Bankes James (chairman of the Portsmouth District of the Guild), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. G. Pullinger (secretary, Southampton District), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon, representing Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. G. Noice and Miss Noice (joint secretaries of the Winchester District), Mr. E. J. Harding, sen. (Portsmouth), Mr. W. Brooker (Leatherhead), Mr. W. Linter (Swanmore), Miss Joan Wheeler (Bishopstoke), Mrs. Faithfull and Mrs. Brown (St. Mary's, Southampton), Mr. D. C. Williams, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O. (organist and choirmaster, St. Mary's, Southampton), Mr. H. S. Smith (St. Mary's, Southampton), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral), Mr. J. W. Elkins (senior verger, Winchester Cathedral), Mr. G. Preston (Christchurch Priory), Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bayley (Titchfield), Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart (Wimborne Minster), the Rev. C. Phillips (Bournemouth), Mr. W. T. Tucker, Mr. R. C. H. Conolly (St. Nicholas', North Stoneham), Mr. F. Townsend (Poole), Mr. W. Linter (Fareham) and others.

Mr. Leslie Smith presided at the organ, and the choir led the singing of the hymns, 'How bright those glorious spirits shine' and 'Abide with me,' as well as the 23rd Psalm.

The family mourners were the widower, Mrs. A. Scardifield (sister), Mrs. Upsdale (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. V. P. A. G. Scardifield (nephew and niece) and Mr. H. P. Scardifield (nephew).

The committal prayers were said in the presence of the greater portion of the congregation, and the coffin was lowered into the earth with the bright beams of the autumn sunshine pouring over the grave. So we left all that was mortal of a lady who had played a very prominent part in the ringing history of this country; indeed, one can faithfully say, the mother of the lady ringers of the world, for was it not her who in 1892 was the first lady to ring a peal? She led the way for others to traverse, and although in these days many may have outstripped her in the race, yet her memory will be revered by the ladies as the one who showed the way.

There were many beautiful floral tokens to the memory of the deceased lady, and, apart from the personal wreaths, tributes were sent by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; the Southampton District; the Portsmouth District; the Christchurch District; the Ladies' Guild; the ringers of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, etc.

Immediately after the service the ringing friends of the deceased and her husband rang the bells half-muffled as a token of respect, and a touch of Stedman Caters was rung by the following band: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Edmonton (conductor) 1, D. C. Williams (St. Mary's, Southampton) 2, W. Linter (Fareham) 3, W. T. Tucker (North Stoneham) 4, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 5, the Rev. E. Bankes James (Portsea) 6, F. S. Bayley (Titchfield) 7, A. F. Martin-Stewart (Wimborne) 8, G. Preston (Christchurch) 9, E. J. Harding (Portsmouth) 10.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The November meeting was held at Bishop's Cannings. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8.15, with a break at 4.30 for the service, tea and meeting. The Vicar (the Rev. S. S. Sharp) officiated at the service, Miss Wright being the organist.

Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presided at the meeting, at which a short discussion took place as to the best way to help the young ringer and conductor.

Six new members were elected from Christ Church, Bradford.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and organist and carried with acclamation, the Vicar replying. Handbells were then produced, some good touches being rung.

The branch were pleased to welcome Messrs. W. B. Kynaston, C. J. Gardiner and L. Allnatt, from Swindon, also representatives from Bishop's Cannings, Chirton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Rowde, Potterne, Warminster, Seend, Southbroom and Melksham. The methods practised included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

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In addition to the peals rung in various parts of the country in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott, touches were rung in many places. Here are the reports of some of them:—

In the Old Norman Campanile at Chichester Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. Stoveld 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Dolck 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. This quarter-peal contains the twelve 7-4's, twelve 4-6's and twelve 6-7's.

At Chester Cathedral, 1,568 of New Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Lewis 1, R. Sperring 2, J. Griffiths 3, G. Jones 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, S. Jones 7, F. Swindley (conductor) 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the St. Mary's Society, Dover, at the Parish Church: L. Leach (Devonshire Regt.) 1, T. Durham 2, H. J. Saunders 3, H. Whitehead 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, R. T. Clark 6, C. Turner 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

After a peal attempt had failed, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Mary's, Southampton: J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, L. J. Lockyer 3, W. Linter, jun. 4, E. Whiteman 5, Walter Linter 6, W. Houlton 7, F. S. Bayley 8, A. V. Davis 9, E. J. Harding, sen. 10.

At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, J. Best 2, M. Harris 3, T. Griffiths 4, W. Griffiths 5, J. Hayes 6, W. Hopwood (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, E. Price 8.

At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, 504 Grandsire Triples: *A. Scott (age 16) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, *G. Kemp (age 16) 3, *C. Meyer 4, T. Wyatt 5, *P. Carter 6, A. D. Barker (conductor) 7, *R. Kemp 8. * Sunday service ringers.

Twelve hundred of Plain Bob Doubles were rung at St. Andrew's Church, Marlesford, Suffolk, by Louis Carter 1, George R. Finch (conductor) 2, George Berry 3, William Cooper 4, P.C. Henry J. Vince 5.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Mitchell 1, W. A. Kitchenside 2, A. J. Hart 3, A. F. Lewry 4, F. H. Hicks 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8. This was also a birthday compliment to E. Bishop, jun., and was the first quarter of Stedman Triples for treble and third ringers.

On Thursday, November 7th, at St. Michael's Church, Lyme Regis, Dorset, after an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which failed when nearing the half-way, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, O. W. H. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, the Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, F. Blackmore 7, F. Price 8.

At Wrexham Parish Church, on Wednesday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Millington 1, J. Copper 2, P. Cross 3, F. Evans 4, W. Cathrall 5, T. Cathrall 6, A. Lea, jun. (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. Lea, sen. 8.

At Burnham, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples: Miss S. M. S. Fleming (first attempt) 1, G. Gilbert 2, W. Cyster 3, J. Reedy 4, J. E. Taylor (age 14, conductor, first attempt) 5, J. D. Taylor 6, George Limmer 7, C. A. Burgess 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. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Hemel Hempstead, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. A postcard to let me know you are coming would help with arrangements. Everyone given a cordial welcome. Subscriptions are overdue.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Next meeting at Hersham, instead of Weybridge, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1936 must be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All members are earnestly requested to make an effort, and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Felpham on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall, Limner Lane, 4.30. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30. Meeting to follow. — John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone District and the Guild will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George Inn 5 p.m. Plenty of room in the belfry for a large gathering. Please send a card if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton; and P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Upton on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (5) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5 p.m. A whist drive will be held at 6.30 p.m. Charge, 9d., including refreshments. A hearty invitation to all ringers and their wives or friends to attend and enjoy a pleasant evening at Upton. Visitors for tea kindly advise.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Rendezvous Cafe. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 20th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 20th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for same to me, please, by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from Belgrave Gate, or L.M.S., London Road. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 20th? All ringers are cordially invited. Let us have a good meeting in this fine old church.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nov. 23rd, Annual Hitchin meeting. Bells ready 3 p.m. Learners welcome. Handbells also available. Tea arrangements as usual. Shortened evensong 6.30 p.m. Excellent rail and bus services—so no excuse this time! It is hoped that a photograph of the company will be taken, which will doubtless prove a pleasant reminder of our 'Jubilee Year' meeting. Rally round.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, 19th. Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells ready from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30. Anyone who can pull a bell welcomed at this meeting.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—To mark the date of the Guild's foundation, which was on Nov. 23rd, 1907, the next meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. at Chilvers Coton, followed by tea at 4.45 in the Church Hall. Ringing after tea at Nuneaton. It is hoped that everyone will try to attend and thus make this meeting a success; a special invitation is extended to the older members of the Guild.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 20th.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Nov. 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Joint meeting at Whilton held over.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting will be held at Emberton (6) on November 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstoke Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, November 30th. Service 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made, and it is important that those who intend to be present should notify as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, November 26th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godstone on Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Jones' Café to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. M. Mitchell, Rector of Clyst St. George. Tea at 4.45 p.m., free to members. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint meeting will be held at ALDERSHOT on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral Service 5 followed by tea and business meetings in Parish Hall. All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 27th.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NORTH NOTTS.—On Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new tenor bell which has been installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six bells.

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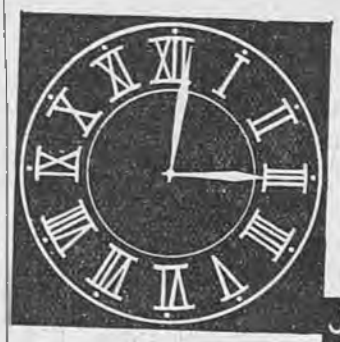

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And here again there is room for some definite understanding. The ringers should be given a definite number of minutes during which their bells should be heard, and what they ring in the way of changes should be carefully fitted into that period, so that the public can hear without interruption, the beginning and the end—from the rounds at the start to set a beat, to the rounds at the end to give a perfect finish. To attempt to ring too long

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7
ALBERT W. COLES	2	*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	8
*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM	3	*CHARLES JEFFS	9
HENRY HODGETTS	4	*WILLIAM NASH	10
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	11
*HAROLD V. FROST	6	*FRANK BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH

* First peal on twelve bells. This is the first peal on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the first peal on twelve tower bells ever rung in the county for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	2	*CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	8
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
WILLIAM T. BEESON	5	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on ten bells as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS	*Treble*	†THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
*WALTER H. RAXTER	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS	8
†SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	FRED HAWKES	9
WILLIAM LEWIS	5	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal together.

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD	*Treble*	†GEORGE ROBINSON	6
CHARLES E. LAWSON	2	FRED HODGSON	7
THOMAS B. KENDALL	3	ALBERT J. HUGHES	8
HERBERT DAVENPORT	4	FREDERICK SEAGER	9
*WILFRED HALLIWELL	5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and first peal of Royal on the bells for upwards of 35 years. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Woodhead.

BANBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, November 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	...Treble	*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	6
*MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	2	*WALTER F. JUDGE	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	*REGINALD W. REX	8
RICHARD A. POST	4	*ERNEST J. TAYLOR	9
*FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5	FRANK E. PERVIN	...Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

N. TOWNSEND	...Treble	A. NORTH	5
R. BROWN	2	F. LUFKIN	6
W. PERRY	3	W. DUDLEY	7
H. T. WILSON	4	G. BACON	...Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by F. LUFKIN.
Rung in memory of W. Judd, with bells open according to his wishes. He died on November 7th. He was a ringer at this church for 35 years.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SPERRING	...Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
GEORGE R. JONES	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD	4	EDWARD PRICE	...Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by R. SPERRING.
Rung to celebrate the royal wedding and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal in the method for all.

SPALDING, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*RICHARD SMITH	...Treble	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	JOHN CURRY	6
*HAROLD BARSLEY	3	ARTHUR J. FARR	7
*JOHN G. AMES	4	*WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal in the method.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE S. SMITH	...Treble	JOHN BLOWER	5
WILLIAM DUDLEY	2	HENRY T. WILSON	6
*FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
*WALTER D. TAYLOR	4	GORDON A. BACON	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.
* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire on the bells since they were recast. This peal was rung as a mark of respect for the late Mr. W. H. Judd, who was the first District Master in the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association. The conductor of the peal was the first district secretary.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK OLDROYD	...Treble	†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5
JOHN H. B. HESSE	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	WILLIAM T. BERSON	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ROBINSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE	...Treble	JAMES BENNETT	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
ALFRED PYE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	...Treble	*RICHARD WALSH	5
*ALBERT MORLEY	2	JAMES HARRISON	6
*FRED YATES	3	†JACKSON PICKUP	7
*FRED LONGWORTH	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON
Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Barnes, a devoted worker at this church, who was interred at Blackburn Cemetery the previous day. * First peal. † First peal in the method. All are service ringers at this church, with the exception of J. Harrison, who kindly took the place of one of the local ringers, who was indisposed.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Treble	JOHN WHEADON	5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
*MISS M. REDPATH	3	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	*HARRY HOVERD	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal in the method. G. V. Murphy has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

JOHN HUTCHINSON	...Treble	†STANLEY RICHARDSON	5
*JOS. W. BROWNRIGG	2	GEORGE W. TEMBY	6
JAS. E. BROWN	3	WILLIAM NORMAN	7
WILLIAM T. HOLMES	4	FRANK BARNES	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NORMAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Triples on the bells. Ringers of treble, 6th and 7th are from Egremont, 2nd and tenor from Keswick, 3rd and 5th from Hensingham and 4th from Cockermouth. Rung in honour of the Royal Jubilee, a previous attempt having come to grief through a rope breaking.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBERT CLARK	*Treble*	†WILLIAM JOHNSON	5
GEORGE CLARK	2	‡ERNEST COOPER	6
FREDERICK CLARK	3	†WILLIAM FAY	7
†HARRY GOODALE	4	†FOORD NEWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. COOPER.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM	5
*ALFRED C. LEVETT	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK WHITE	7
†HERBERT MARKWELL	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in a Surprise method. † 150th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
*ROBERT RILEY	2	*JACK HEAP	6
JAMES ELLIS FOULDS	3	*FRANK HEAP	7
*NORMAN BANK	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. Rung to celebrate the Royal Silver Jubilee and in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by W. A. SIVIER.
First peal in the method as conductor.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE	*Treble*	CHARLES G. GLASS	5
JOHN C. OKE	2	*ERNEST R. WARNER	6
TOM G. BARTLETT	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
THOMAS LAVER	4	ALBERT WEBBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. F. H. Gardner, captain of St. David's band.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY	*Treble*	JOHN R. BREARLEY	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	HAROLD KENT	6
GEORGE LEWIS	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
JESSE J. MOSS	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

HAROLD A. NOBES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BARTON	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT	2	*WALTER L. C. BARLOW	6
HENRY J. TUCKER	3	FREDERICK W. STEMP	7
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD	4	†FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT
* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 11. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOSEPH L. CHARMAN	*Treble*	WALTER CHARMAN	5
JOHN COOK	2	PETER CHARMAN	6
*THOMAS ADAM	3	*EDWARD J. CHARMAN	7
*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.	4	ALFRED CHARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.
* First peal in the method.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
ERNEST W. PYE	3	ERNEST J. BUTLER	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM E. VALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*BERTRAM D. COSTAR	*Treble*	GEORGE BROOKS	5
THOMAS W. BOND	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
FRANCIS E. MAY	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
NOBLE SPINDLOW	4	LESLIE OLIFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First eight-bell peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID EVANS ... ...*Treble*		HUBERT JONES 4	
JAMES HUGHES 2		ARTHUR C. NASON 5	
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3		GEORGE ALLEN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the christening of the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Z. Edwards, of Stokesay.

BATHEASTON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

HORACE D. TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*	JESSE HALLETT 4
*THOMAS F. KING 2	†HUBERT HALLETT 5
JOSEPH MOORE 3	FREDERICK COOMBES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. D. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal with a bob bell. T. F. King has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Rung on the eve of the royal wedding and to commemorate the golden wedding of John G. Taylor, who has been tower master at this church for 38 years.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DIVISION).
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

G. A. PACKHAM ... ...*Treble*	C. WICKENS 3
F. PACKHAM 2	A. NEWSONS 4
E. PACKHAM ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by G. A. PACKHAM.

First peal by all. They are all of the local band. Rung to celebrate His Majesty's Jubilee year and the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb.

*WILLIAM MOUNSEY ... ...*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL 4
HAROLD SMITH 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
†HARRY PARDOW 3	JOHN H. STORES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Scott.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS E. ROBINSON ... ...*Treble*	W. H. SLEMAN 4
*F. HARRIS 2	MISS L. WILLOUGHBY... ... 5
J. SEDGLEY 3	P. WILLIAMS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS L. WILLOUGHBY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in Cornwall conducted by a lady.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BURTON DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN CHANDLER ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON 4
F. GEORGE BAILEY 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD.

* First peal. Arranged and rung for the treble man, who is the first local ringer to accomplish a peal. The band also desire to thank him for his hospitality afterwards.

BICKENHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. EDBURGHA'S SOCIETY.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE H. TAYLOR 4
*JOHN W. PETTIGREW ... 2	WILLIAM C. RHODES 5
JOHN LINDEN 3	JOHN W. MULCOCK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First attempt as conductor. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor come from St. Edburgha's Parish Church, Yardley, Birmingham, 2nd from Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, and 5th from Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN BASS ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST CALCUTT... 4
*WILLIAM HODNETT, JUN. ... 2	PERCY RICHARDS 5
†JOHN H. PAGETT 3	JOHN LLOYD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BASS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' The conductor's 401st peal for the association. Rung as a 21st birthday peal for the ringer of the 2nd.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN FISHER ... ...*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH 4
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
*JAMES BLACKBURN 3	JAMES W. GROUND ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*WILFRED A. SHARP ... ...*Treble*	*ALAN MORGAN 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	WALTER H. RAXTER 5
*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 3	GEORGE E. LARGE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor. Quarterly peal for the branch.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. TOWNES ...	...*Treble*	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	4
*ROGER CADAMY	2	WILLIAM CHALK	5
GEORGE RASHBROOK	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.
* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. W. Chilton, for 20 years Rector of the parish.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*LIONEL SMITH	...*Treble*	ARTHUR HARMER	4
THOMAS PRICE	2	EDWARD PREEDY	5
WILLIAM OVERBERRY ...	3	*KENNETH OVERBERRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.
* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 17th anniversary of Armistice Day.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, November 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

*GILBERT LATTY	...*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
*IDRIS BEVAN	2	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS... ...	5
ALBERT DEVONALD	3	*WYNDHAM LEWIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. BOYCE.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

AUGHTON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)
On Monday, November 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES MARSH	...*Treble*	THOMAS ROTHWELL	4
*JAMES TAYLOR	2	JOHN GARDNER	5
*ROBERT LARKEY...	3	JOHN BROWN...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.
* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells, augmented from four to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They were dedicated on Jubilee Sunday, 1935. All the above are Aughton ringers, four from Christ Church and two from the local company.

FARNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER ...	...*Treble*	STANLEY CLARK	4
LEWIS CORDELL	2	THOMAS JORDAN	5
WALTER PRIOR	3	ISAAC CAVILL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.
The first peal on the bells, and rung in honour of Canon Geare's 50th year as Rector of this parish. He kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

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LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in One Hour and Forty-Six Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 10½ in A flat.

HORACE L. WAITE	1-2	*WALTER AYRE	3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL	5-6		

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 150th peal for this association.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 12 in F.

*HORACE L. WAITE	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	7-8

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	7-8

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
* First peal of Oxford Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Chapman, of Keyston, Hunts.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE RECTORY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	FRED WIGMORE	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

DEDICATION AT BOBBING, KENT.

NEW BAND BEING FORMED.

For the last 20 years the peal of six bells at Bobbing have been silent owing to the unsafe state of the frame, and for about 10 years a fund has been in existence to meet the necessary cost of rehanging. A determined effort has recently been made with this fund, which has resulted in the necessary repairs being put in hand, the work having been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the original founders of the bells.

New supporting beams, of teak, for the bell frame, steel gudgeons to headstocks, new bearings and clapper staples to all the bells, in addition to the recasting of the tenor bell, which was cracked, and other minor repairs, have been carried out at an approximate cost of £215, and the work has been executed in a most satisfactory way.

On Sunday afternoon, November 17th, a dedication service was held, the dedication being performed, in the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Maidstone, by the Rural Dean (Dr. Jones), and in spite of the torrential rain the church was well filled by the village people, who obviously were interested in and anxious to hear their bells once again.

The rope of the tenor bell was handed to the Rural Dean by Mr. A. R. MacDonald, representing the bellfounders, and the Rural Dean held the rope during the dedicatory prayers, subsequent to which the following members of the Kent County Association rang a plain course of Grandsire Doubles: W. Spice (Tunstall), T. Jull (Newington), W. Wood (Queenborough), A. Bear (Milton Regis), E. Dobbie (Sittingbourne) and W. Walker (Upchurch).

After the service touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and, following tea, to which the Vicar and Mrs. Wall kindly entertained the ringers, further ringing took place for the evening service, everyone expressing delight at the go and tone of the bells.

Mr. Tom Jull, of Newington, has been requested by the Vicar of Bobbing, and has consented, to train a band of learners, and the best wishes of the association are extended to him and also to the Vicar in the uphill task which is now before them.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH CONUNDRUMS.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, when ringers attended from Hamer, Milnrow, Bredbury, Prestwich, Pendleton, Didsbury, Gorton, Radcliffe, together with one or two of the unattached worthies of the branch.

Some very useful practice was put in on the bells during the afternoon and evening, and, as is customary at Radcliffe, a good tea was provided, for which 'Bill' had the 'audacity' to ask 6d. per head.

Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of the association, was voted to the chair.

It was suggested that the next quarterly meeting be held, if possible, at Birch-in-Rusholme, on February 15th. The December practice meeting will not this year be held at the Manchester Town Hall. The place of this meeting will be announced later in 'The Ringing World.' The January meeting will be held as usual at the Cathedral.

The meeting confirmed the election of six new members, viz., Messrs. C. Norman Birchall, William Birchall, Harry Birchall, Harold Chapman and Thomas Aldcroft, all of Stretford; and Mr. Mark Lane, Woburn Sands, Bletchley.

It was requested that towers of the diocese send at least one member each to take part in ringing for the diocesan thanksgiving service at the Cathedral on Monday, November 25th. The tower will be open from 6,30 p.m. and after service. Service at 7.30 p.m. It is desired that ringing on this occasion be as representative as possible.

An appeal was made by a member from Prestwich for assistance at their weekly practice, which will be held each Monday evening, 7.30 to 8 p.m., commencing December 2nd, in order to further the efforts of the local band.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Bamber, for the use of the bells and room, to the ladies, and to Mr. W. Emerson and his company for the provision made, concluded the meeting.

Supper was afterwards served at a local 'haunt,' where small collections were made from time to time and until 'Time' intervened and stopped such unauthorised proceedings, with Radcliffe keeping up its reputation for convivial evenings in customary style. The wanderer of the flock once more managed to get lost just at train-time—and with his legal guardian present too. Perhaps, however, he'll return soon.

Information is now sought with regard to the following :—

What caused a certain conductor to become suddenly speechless?

What another member thought of his present when it made known the time of his return home, and who was blamed by still another 'early bird' when he eventually arrived at his 'nest'?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT AND LADIES MEET.

A meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Barrow-on-Humber. Considering the rough weather, quite a good number of Lincoln Guild members turned up, but on the ladies' side the attendance was very disheartening to their energetic hon. secretary, Mrs. R. Richardson. The towers represented were Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Grimsby, Ulceby, Waltham, Thornton Curtis, the local members, together with Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, ringing friends from Hull and Sutton, Lincoln Cathedral and a few ladies from the Lincoln District. The Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Officer) conducted the service and gave a very helpful address. A party of 30 sat down to tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the president of the district (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry) presided, supported by the Vicar.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 7s. 7d. The president informed the members of the great loss Mrs. Bray and family had sustained on the recent death of her sister, and, as a token of sympathy, members stood in silence.

The secretary was asked to convey the members' sympathy to Mrs. Bray and family.

Waltham was chosen for the annual district committee meeting, to be held in January.

Members were very sorry to hear of the illness of their old friend, the Rev. J. H. Park, Vicar of Thornton Curtis, where so many happy gatherings have taken place.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and all those who had helped in the arrangements.

THE EX-SERGEANT'S BIRTHDAY.

PEAL ATTEMPT AT 83.

Eight old personal ringing friends of ex-Sergt. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, journeyed to Barnwood, Gloucester, recently, to honour the Sergeant by attempting a peal on the occasion of his 83rd birthday. All went well for three hours when cramp took the Sergeant in his hands and he was compelled to set his bell, to the great disappointment of all. Those who took part were H. Newman (aged 55) 1, J. Austin (72) 2, J. W. Jones (70), 3, W. Harris (58) 4, J. Hemmings (63) 5, J. W. Davies (67) 6, ex-Sergt. J. Williams (83) 7, J. Clark (72) 8. The average age was thus 67½ years. 'Many happy returns' were expressed at the house of Mr. and Mrs. H. Newman, whose hospitality was much appreciated, and the evening finished up with the party as the guests of the Sergeant.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 25th, when it is hoped the memorial to the late Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, will be unveiled by the Vicar.

The local band at Twineham, Sussex, rang their first peal on the Duke of Gloucester's wedding day. None of them had rung a peal before. It is interesting to note that the fourth bell in this tower is one of the oldest in the county. It is dated 1522 and bears the figure of Henry VIII.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are rehanging the ring of six bells of Uplowman Church, near Tiverton, Devon. The peal has been removed to Loughborough for tuning and refitting, and the bells will be rehung in a new frame.

Many West Country bells cast at Bilbie's foundry at Chew Stoke, in the eighteenth century, were hung by Bush, whose name appears with Bilbie's on some of the bells.

Recently Major Hesse discovered at Wrington, Somerset, the descendants of the bellhanger Bush, who originated from Bristol, whose ancestor was a Bishop of Bristol appointed by Queen Elizabeth. The present descendants are a firm of builders and carpenters in Wrington.

The attention of the Leeds and District Society members is drawn to the place of the November meeting, which is to be held at Birstall and not at St. Michael's, Headingley.

The peal at Bengeo on November 6th was rung at Holy Trinity, and not Christ Church as reported.

The late Mr. W. H. Judd, of Prittlewell, was the first Master of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association, when the county was divided up for administrative purposes. A peal rung in his memory on Saturday at Rayleigh was conducted by Mr. G. Green, the first secretary of the district.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Mottram on November 2nd was Lionel Clough.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

'LEAVE MEN TO DO JUST ONE THING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If it is possible for you to reveal to all College Youths my few remarks, I should be very grateful.

I do not think women realise that men at least sometimes wish to be together. Now there are many ways in which men do get together, and I think the most honourable is the brotherhood of bellringers. There is something wonderful in the fact that six, eight, ten or twelve men each depend on one another and have a personal feeling for one another as brothers (unusual in present times). This personal contact with others seems to be the very essence of living. Exactly the same thing applies with homes, wives and lady friends, or it should do, and each particular connection seems to be worth living for, and so it is in the belfry amongst men.

When a lady steps into a belfry permanently amidst such a company of men as described, things will start to go wrong. The men do not feel the brotherliness that used to be, and the belfry is not so comfortable a place as before. It is not the ladies' fault, but they do not understand what is happening. I do not object to ladies ringing at all, but I do think that they could leave men to do just one thing in harmony together in this world.

A. HAROLD WORBOYS.

Barking, Essex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT MARCH, CAMBS.

Some 30 members of the Ely Diocesan Association met at March on Saturday, only to find that the Rector was seriously ill and no church bells could be rung. Among those present were Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, the late general secretary (the Rev. B. H. T. Drake) with Mrs. Drake, Mr. J. Jutson and Mr. F. Cooke (Peterborough). It was decided to have tea at 4 p.m., after which handbells were brought into use, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, with a course or two of Bob Minor, being rung.

Mr. Cousins, of the Wisbech Branch, treated the company to changes on the piano.

With little else to do, some of those present found opportunity to voice an opinion of 'The Ringing World' and express their likes and dislikes. Mr. Shepherd told the company it was not all honey to be an Editor, especially to all the ringers of England, but if anyone had a real grievance he (Mr. Shepherd) would tell Mr. Editor.

As in fairy tales, it is now hoped that everyone will be happy ever after.

The meeting expressed its sympathy with the Rector in his illness and wished him speedy recovery.

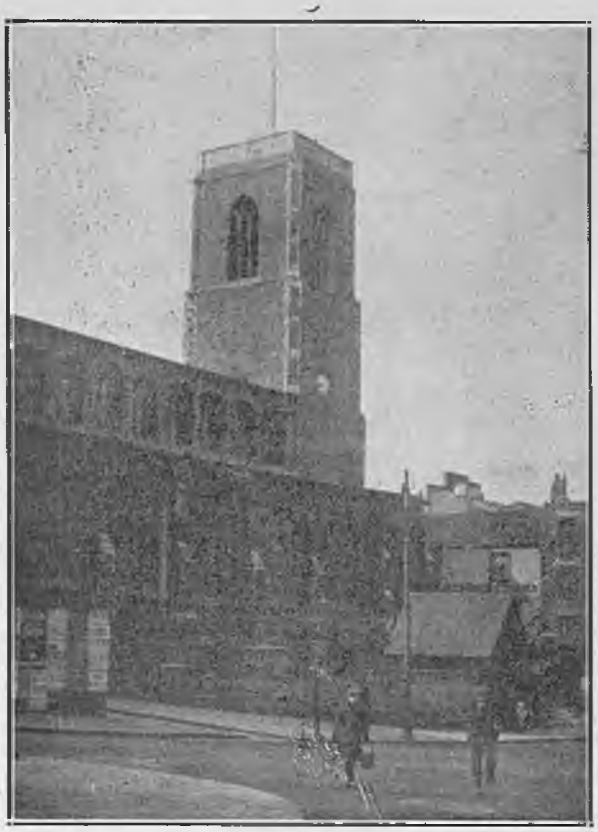
SEVENTY-NINE AND STILL RINGING.

On Sunday, November 17th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung as a 79th birthday anniversary compliment to Mr. W. Berry, the ringer of the 8th: A. Discrens 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. J. King 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. Holman 5, A. Richards 6, R. J. Cousins 7, W. Berry 8, J. G. A. Prior 9, T. W. Taffender 10.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

CENTENARY OF THE FIRST PEAL.

Last Sunday was an interesting anniversary in the annals of change ringing. It was the centenary of the first peal of London Surprise Major ever rung. It was accomplished at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, by the same accomplished band which earlier in the same year had rung a peal of Superlative at St. Giles' Church, the famous Samuel Thurston being the conductor. Henry Hubbard, who later on produced a text book on change ringing, was one of the band.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORWICH,
where the first peal of London Surprise was rung 100 years ago.

In 1816 Shipway wrote of London Surprise in his 'Campanologia,' This method is still more intricate than the preceding (Cambridge), and will be found, in composing, to be equally, if not more, precarious, its in and out of course of changes being still more variable. It seems to have received some partial practice by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was dropped, probably in consequence of its complexity, or because a true peal of 5,000 could not be obtained.'

The first peal is recorded on the same tablet as the Superlative Surprise in St. Giles' Church, Norwich :—

> 'Also, at St. Andrew's in this town, on November 17th, 1835, was rung 5,280 of London Surprise, the most difficult system in the art of Campanologia. This insurmountable task was accomplished in three hours and twenty-four minutes. The bold and regular striking of both peals must ever reflect great credit on the company; they were conducted by S. Thurston, and are the first peals ever rung in the above variations. Geo. Watering, treble; Elijah Mason, 2; Fredk. Watering, 3; Henry Hubbard, 4; James Truman, 5; Robert Burrell, 6; Charles Payne, 7; Samuel Thurston, tenor. Weight of tenor, 18 cwt. Key E.'

The wording of this tablet shows a curious slip, for apparently the ringers surmounted the insurmountable.

The claim to the first peal of Superlative was doubtless justified at the time by the extent of local knowledge, but Benjamin Thackrah, in his 'Art of Ringing,' mentions a peal of 5,152 of Superlative rung at Huddersfield in 1821.

Apparently, therefore, the Norwich peal of Superlative was the second in the method, but there is no question as to the Norwich band being the first to ring a peal of London, and it may be regarded as an epoch making peal.

No other peal in the same method was rung until 1849, when William Banister's band at Woolwich rang 5,600, and there is no further record of a peal of London being rung until 1870, when 6,048 was achieved by Squire Proctor's famous band at Benington, Herts.

VICAR WITH TWO CHURCHES.

RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION OF BELLS IN BOTH.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Marshfield on Saturday last, a very fair number of ringers attending.

The bells, a light ring of eight, by Warner, were kept busy during the afternoon. The Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Stanley) officiated at the service, his opening remarks being a cordial welcome to the parish.

Through the Vicar's efforts, the bells were restored at both his churches, namely, Marshfield and Peterstone. In each case the condition of the bells was deplorable, both peals being unringable. This has now been remedied by recasting and augmenting from six to eight at each church.

Following the service, tea was kindly provided by the church authorities. The business meeting followed, the curate of the parish, the Rev. T. Jones-Evans, taking the chair. The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) read the letter he had received in regard to the proposed memorial to the late Mr. W. Pye, and followed this by giving an account of his ringing career.—The sum of one guinea was voted to the proposed memorial.

The arranging of the next quarterly meeting was deferred until the annual meeting, to be held at Newport on Boxing Day.

It was announced that the whole of the newly-formed band at Penarth would become members of the association at the annual meeting.

After the usual vote of thanks, the meeting closed and the tower again visited, bringing to a close a pleasant meeting.

AN ANCIENT AND INTERESTING BELL FRAME.

PRESERVED IN STOKE-BY-CLARE RESTORATION.

On Saturday, November 9th, the Suffolk Guild, as briefly mentioned in our last week's issue, held a very successful meeting at Stoke-by-Clare, over forty sitting down to tea provided by Mrs. Barnes and other ladies of the village.

At the meeting which followed, it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Arthur Symonds, the 'father' of the Guild, in his serious illness.

Reference was made to the double report which was coming out in the New Year, and which the secretary (the Rev. H. Drake) said would be the last he would be able to compile.

In replying to the usual votes of thanks, the Rector (the Rev. Frederick Barnes) expressed the great gratitude they all felt towards the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (who was in the chair) for his kindness in defraying the cost of restoring the bells.

At the ringing in the tower two lady visitors from Essex were among the most skilful performers. Not only were the more advanced methods brought round, but the local ringers, who had made an excellent start in the last few months, were enabled to add to their achievements.

The bells, a most musical ring of six, cast by the famous Osborne in 1786, have been most efficiently restored by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Whereas before it was impossible to ring them, they now go perfectly. The bellhanger has succeeded in effecting this without discarding any part of the ancient and interesting bell frame. While for the last few centuries bells have been hung in a rectangular frame, the bearings resting on triangular struts, this older frame is quite different. Each bell is suspended between a pair of concentric arches on each side. The semi-circular baulks, of great strength, are as sound as they must have been when the return was made in the year 1553, 'Great Bells V.'—only that another bell was added, in or before 1786. Above the tower, against the sky, still hangs the pre-Reformation clock bell, while the equally old clock, with its single hand, still tells the time to this interesting and beautiful village.

DEATH OF AN OLD BRIGHTON RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. George B. Bleach, of Brighton, who passed away on Sunday, November 10th. He was for 43 years verger of St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, and had been a Sunday School scholar, choirboy and one of the band of ringers. He was a very old member of the Sussex Artillery Volunteers and rose to the rank of sergeant-major.

Striking tributes were paid to him at the funeral on Thursday, November 14th, when St. Nicholas' Church was filled with members of the congregation, officials of the church, former colleagues and members of the R.G.A. Old Comrades' Association.

The Bishop of Lewes, the Right Rev. Hugh M. Horden, conducted the service both in the church and the cemetery.

The ringers rang a muffled peal as the cortege left the church for the cemetery, and also again in the evening.

The deceased rang his first peal in 1893.

PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to withdraw the peal in 23 methods rung at Butterwick on Saturday, October 26th. It has since been found to be false by Mr. A. G. Driver in the '720' Single Oxford, Hereward, Plain and Double Bob. VERNON TAYLOR.

Melton Mowbray.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT STALYBRIDGE.

The final meeting of the year of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, on Saturday, November 16th, when about 45 members and friends were present. Several touches were brought round before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address. A point which he made was that, although we, as ringers, may think that we are forgotten and out of the limelight in the belfry, we may comfort ourselves with the thought that our Lord at his humble carpenter's bench was out of the limelight, but learning lessons which He afterwards used to great effect in His parables. We, too, have our lessons to learn, and many lessons learnt in the belfry could well be extended to our daily lives.

The singing of the hymns was accompanied on the fine organ, of which the church is justly proud.

After the service, tea was served in the schools by the local ringers and their ladies. Then followed the business meeting under the very able chairmanship of the Vicar, and the dates of the meetings for 1936 were fixed as follows, subject to the approval of the authorities concerned: January 25th, annual meeting at Norbury; April 19th at Taxal; June 27th at Rostherne; September 26th at Mottram, and November 28th at Denton.

There being little other business, the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, school, etc., the local ringers and the ladies who assisted with the tea, and to the organist for his services.

A return was made to the tower, where the following methods were rung until 8.45, when the bells were lowered in peal: Bob Minor and Major, Kingston Treble Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Improvements are being considered to reduce the amount of noise in the ringing chamber, as at present the bells are exceedingly noisy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO THE VICAR OF WOLVEY.

A special meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Wolvey on Saturday, October 26th, to bid farewell to the Rev. Stanley Morris. Mr. Morris, who has been Vicar of Wolvey for the last 13 years, is leaving to take charge of the living of Bilton. The towers represented were Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry, Bulkington, Shilton and Monk's Kirby, together with the local band and visitors from Barwell, Leicester and Melton Mowbray. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by tea in the schoolroom, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, who gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and said how sorry he was that he would not be able to welcome them to Wolvey again. Although there were only five bells at the church where he was going, he would be very pleased to receive the Warwickshire Guild any time they would care to come.

On behalf of the local band, Mr. J. Beale made a presentation to the Vicar, in token of his valuable services and the friendly spirit he had always shown towards the local band. He was always willing, Mr. Beale said, to fill a gap in the belfry should one occur, and a kind spirit of Christian fellowship always existed between the ringers and the Vicar. They were very sorry to lose him from Wolvey.

The gift took the form of a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell. In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Morris said how great a surprise it was to him to receive such a lovely token from the ringers of Wolvey, and he thanked them most heartily. He would put it on the desk of his new study; he would use it daily and would not forget the people who had thought so kindly of him in the past (applause).

On behalf of the Warwickshire Guild, the Master (Mr. J. H. W. White) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the welcome he had given them, and wished him the 'best of luck' in his new parish of Bilton.—Mr. Perrens seconded the vote and endorsed everything the proposer had said. Mr. Morris' place would be hard to fill (applause).

A short service followed the tea, when the Vicar gave an address and spoke of the relations which should exist between the ringers and the rest of the church. Afterwards a return was made to the belfry and the bells were kept going until 8.15, when the ringers adjourned for light refreshments and tune and change ringing on handbells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A special evening meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held recently at St. Lawrence Jewry, with the specific object of practising Double Norwich and Bob Major. An attendance of round about 25 members enabled this to be carried out very effectively, and the usefulness of such a meeting was demonstrated by the fact that several people rang their first course of Double Norwich. The association wishes to tender its thanks to the Rev. Lombardini (the Rector) and to Mr. A. A. Hughes and the local company for the use of the bells.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For the patronal festival of St. Deny's Church, at evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: William Goadby 1, Cecil Verey 2, H. Ball 3, Sidney Munton (conductor) 4, William Atkins 5, Raymond Tonks 6. All are members of the local band excepting conductor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

BOB MAKING.

A fortnight ago we wrote in this column that Beginners did not take advantage of our offer to let us know of their difficulties so that we can, if possible, assist them. Well, here, apparently, is the explanation, and it is a gratifying one to us, for it shows that what we try to put before beginners is proving helpful. This is what our correspondent says: 'Personally, I find this page a great help, especially with regard to conducting methods. If we study this page week by week, as you publish it, we shall have very few difficulties to write to you about.'

We hope that those who are struggling with the beginnings of the art, whether in mastering the elementary stages of method ringing or conducting, will spend a little time over these articles. Merely to read them is not sufficient; to make the best use of them, they need a certain amount of study and the use of pencil and paper.

The beginner who thinks he can master change ringing merely by going into a tower and trying to do what someone may tell him is not taking the most efficient or the quickest way of learning. Study at home is very essential to progress in the tower, and it is as a help towards this home-study that we offer these hints.

There are many ringers who do not know the reason why bobs are made in different ways in different methods. They ring the methods and make the bobs when they are called, but they do not always know why in one method the change of work affects the bells in front and in another it affects the bells behind.

It is the method itself and not the whim of its author that in most cases, and particularly in even-bell methods, dictates the form of the bob. For some simple examples, let us take plain Minor methods, but what is characteristic of them is characteristic also of the Treble Bob methods.

Minor, with the treble as a hunt bell, is divided into leads, five of which make up the plain course. A lead contains the whole work of the method, except the link that connects one lead with the next, and this link must be made when the treble is doing its whole pull in front. Whenever, in Minor, one bell lies a whole pull in any position, some other bell is compelled to do the same thing elsewhere. When the treble leads, therefore, another bell is compelled at the same time to make two consecutive blows (or a whole pull) in one place, and if the remaining bells are to change places in pairs, there are only three positions in which this other bell can make this 'place,' as such a whole pull is called. It must either be in 2nd's, so that 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 can change; or in 4th's, so that 2 and 3, and 5 and 6 can change; or in 6th's, so that 2 and 3, and 4 and 5 can change.

If you take any 'regular' method, as orthodox methods are called—and only orthodox methods are rung in the best circles these days—you can only produce the five leads necessary to the plain course by making a place in 2nd's, when the treble leads, or in 6th's, and this compels all bobs to be made by substituting 4th's place for whichever of the other two is used in a plain lead.

In either case, the bob transposes the work of three bells. If it is a method constructed with 2nd's place when the treble leads, 2nd's place has got to give way to 4th's at a bob. If it is constructed with 6th's place when the treble leads, 6th's place has got to give way to 4th's at a bob.

Look again, for a moment, at the three methods printed in the Beginners' article last week. A is a method with 6th's place; B and C are methods with 2nd's place as the link between the leads. The bob is made in all of them in 4th's (the only possible) place. In A this means a transposition of the work of the three back bells; in B and C a transposition of the work of the three front bells. You cannot transpose the work of the three front bells in A; or of the three back bells in B and C. The construction of the method, therefore, compels the form of bob employed, and when you are given a new method of Minor to learn, you can always know how the bob should be made.

If it is a method with 2nd's place, then the three front bells will make the bob; if it is a method with 6th's place, the three back bells will make the bob.

In eight-bell methods the conditions are very similar, but with more bells there is greater scope and consequently the conditions are not quite so self-compelling. Speaking generally, the bobs in methods with 2nd's place, when the treble leads, are made by the bells in 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's, and in methods with 8th's place, by the bells in 8th's, 7th's and 8th's, although in some, like Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, a bob affects the work of all the bells from 4th's place upwards.

DEATH OF MRS. HARRY WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, widow of the late Mr. Harry Williams, of Headingley, Leeds, died on October 27th, at Barnetby-le-Wold Vicarage, Lincolnshire, where she had been living with her daughter and son-in-law (the Rev. Henry Thackray) since Mr. Williams' death in 1929. Mrs. Williams was 73 years of age.

Mr. Williams, it will be remembered, was for more than 30 years conductor of the St. Michael's, Headingley, band of ringers, and was a well-known and much respected member of the Yorkshire Association.

Mrs. Williams' funeral took place on October 29th, at Barnetby, the service being read by the Archdeacon of Lindsey, the Venerable H. T. Parry, assisted by the Rev. Henry Thackray, Vicar of Barnetby-le-Wold.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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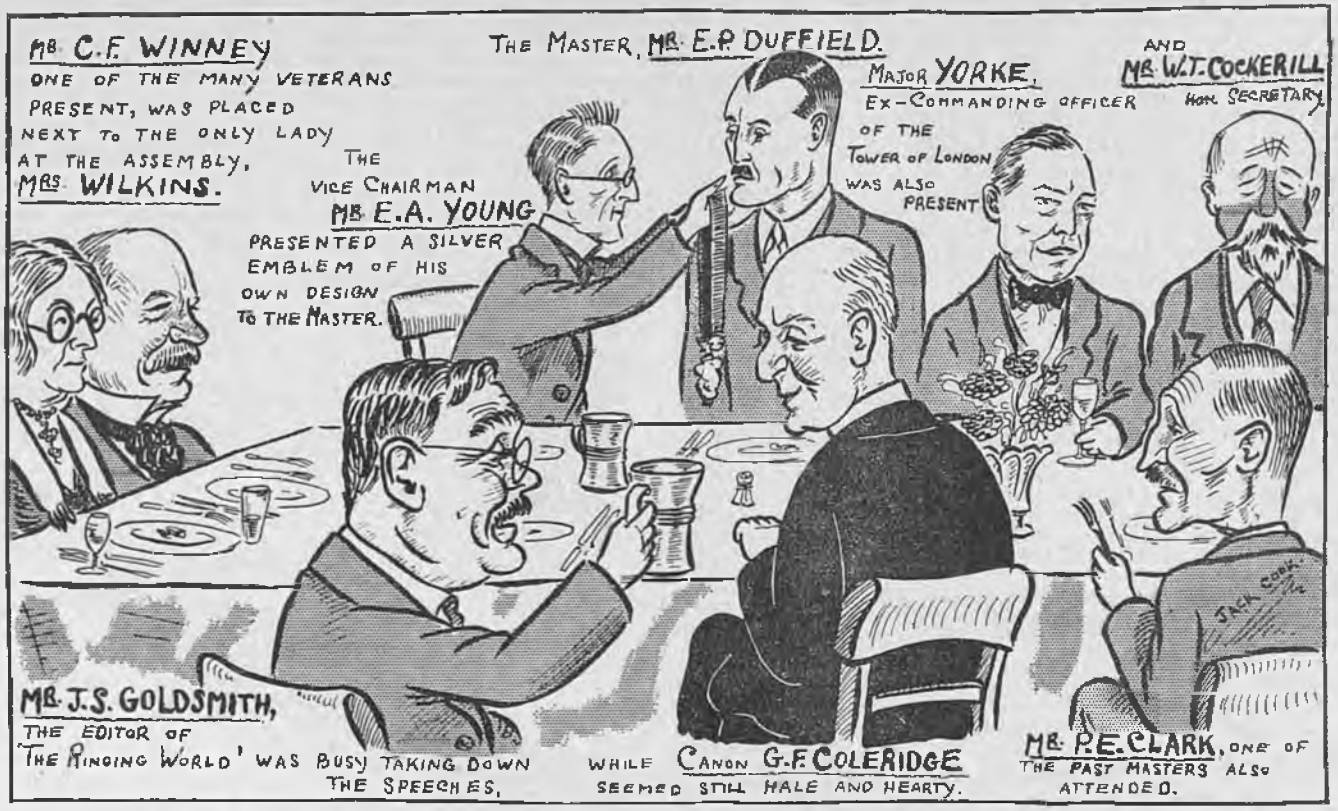
FAMOUS ARCHITECT'S VIEWS ON BELLHANGING.

Central Council President and Broadcasting.

Mr. W. D. Caroe, in responding to the toast of 'The Visitors' at the College Youths' annual dinner on Saturday week, said in the course of his professional duties he had had to do with many of the towers of England in connection with the bells, and he had not always been in full unison, either with the bellhanger or, sometimes, with the bellringers. The misfortune which he found in visiting and looking after towers was that he so seldom met the bellringers. When he did meet them it was a great pleasure, and it was also a great pleasure to hear them discuss various matters from a definitely practical point of view. His own interest, he continued, in bellringing began a good many years ago at a very charming old church in Lancashire where he was baptised, Sefton. It had six bells, four of them cast by Henry Oldfield in 1601, and two added in 1815 to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo. He learned to ring on those six bells, when there was a very old oak frame, in which they seemed to go very well. The last time he was there, however, he found a wrought iron and steel frame. Whether that would last or not was another question, but in that he was on dangerous ground, for they had already heard from the Master that there were some things on which he did not always agree with the architects (laughter). He had had the privilege that night, continued the speaker, of sitting between two distinguished ringers, both of whom had contributed chapters to Sir Arthur Heywood's very interesting book on bell towers. One was Mr. E. H. Lewis, who wrote a most interesting mathematical treatise on the dynamics of bells, and the other Major Hesse, who wrote on the advantages of metal frames over wood. There, again, he was on dangerous ground, but he recalled two instances in his own experience of the use of wooden frames, which were put up by his friend, Mr. Hughes. One was in St. David's Cathedral, the other at Elveden in Suffolk, a tower for which he was the architect. They were both fairly heavy rings of eight bells, with a tenor of about a ton. The frames were of a very hard Burmese wood, but in the case both of the twelfth century tower of St. David's and of the new tower at Elveden, they could stand on the top of the tower when the bells were going and would not feel a tremor. If they wanted any sort of proof that a timber frame could be made absolutely rigid, there they had it. He had never come across any other two examples of wood frames that were so admirably constructed and which gave such results; at the same time, he was bound to say that if they could produce a concrete bell frame—he had hoped once to do so, but found it would be too expensive—or a cast iron frame, he was willing at once to admit it was quite satisfactory, but they must not put in a single bit of wrought iron, which was a material that rusted away rapidly, and whatever good results were got from it at first, it did not follow that they would continue. Wrought iron was an inferior material for this purpose, and if the bells put up in Stedman's time had been put in in wrought iron frames, there would not have been a single one of them left to them to-day. Rigidity was what they required. It was amazing how much extra stress or strain was set up by a bell if the gudgeons moved one way or the other. The amount could very soon reach to twelve times the weight of the bells. Continuing, Mr. Caroe quoted the opinion of the famous organ builder, Lewis, that to obtain a true bell tone the hum note should not be a true octave below the tap note, but the major seventh flattened by a quarter of a semi-tone. That was the essential that made a bell musical. In Canon Simpson's principle they hollowed out the crown of the bell to get a true octave, and that ruined the bell for bell music and turned it into an inferior musical instrument. Many of them, Mr. Caroe added, would probably criticise this remark, but it was a subject to which he had given great study. He had been interested in bellringing ever since he was a boy, and he only gave up ringing when he was 21 years old, because he had never had time to stick to it.



SOME OF THOSE PRESENT AT THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER, AS SEEN BY A CARTOONIST.

In proposing 'Kindred Societies,' Mr. E. Alex Young referred to the good fellowship that existed between all those who followed the art of ringing. Their brothers of the belfry all round the country were represented by that gathering, and through that toast the College Youths extended to them their good wishes. It was a very wide toast, for it covered the whole country of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland and even extended to ringers overseas, wherever a few ringers were gathered together, and he reminded them that all the societies were drawn together into one whole through that great parliament of theirs, the Central Council, whose president, Mr. Lewis, was to respond to the toast.

GOOD SHOW OF COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Mr. Lewis said that day the Lord Mayor's Show had taken place, and he had heard that the particular feature of the procession was the show of country produce. That night they had a very good show of country produce in that room (laughter and applause). They had members and friends there from all over the country, he had seen some from as far away as Lancashire and Yorkshire, and there was one present from Hobart, Tasmania (applause). The country mem-

bers greatly appreciated that opportunity to visit the society at its annual dinner. They sometimes criticised the society a bit when they thought, perhaps, it was a little bit 'sticky' (laughter) by not going in for more methods, for some of the country members went in for a great number of fancy Surprise methods, the diagrams of which looked like a jig-saw puzzle. Mr. Lewis, amid laughter, reminded his hearers that the jig-saw puzzle was originated by an Aberdonian who accidentally dropped a pound note into a mincing machine. Continuing, Mr. Lewis uttered a word of warning with regard to noisy towers. He said he sympathised with people who lived in the neighbourhood of bells where they were unduly noisy, and there was no doubt there were a lot of towers where the bells were far too noisy outside. Difficulties might arise if proper steps were not taken to modify the sound. He would suggest that those who had not already heard them should visit the new peal at Chislehurst. In this instance the architect, before beginning work, consulted Canon Coleridge, and arrangements had been made whereby the sound was allowed to escape only through the roof. It was possible to carry on a quiet conversation with every comfort in the immediate neighbourhood of the tower, and half a mile away they could appreciate the full beauty of the bells.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S NEXT VISIT TO LONDON.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he did not want to say much about the Central Council that night or to make apologies for its existence. He thought the time for that had passed, but he would remind them that next year the Council would meet again in London, when it was hoped the London societies would once more be as kind to them as they were three years ago in the way they looked after the social arrangements. Indeed, they were looked after so well that it made one almost regret that there could not be some similar arrangements of a permanent character made, whereby country ringers would know exactly where to go and where to find out about the ringing they might get during their stay. As they knew, said Mr. Lewis, the Council had a committee that looked after the interest of bells in broadcasting. That committee had done a lot of good. They still had to suffer St. Martin's, but he thought with patience they might be able to reduce the amount of that noise and to hear more proper ringing. He thought the B.B.C. were getting kinder to ringing. He had only once had the privilege of taking part in a broadcast, and on that occasion the complete touch of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. The announcing did not start until the bells had come into rounds. He thought if they handled the B.B.C. properly they would get more results of that kind. He thought they ought to be very careful and tactful in their dealings with the B.B.C. By all means write letters to them, but do not attempt to dictate, but try and offer advice in a humble way. Referring to the construction of bell frames, which had been dealt with by Mr. Caroe, Mr. Lewis said there was a cast iron frame put in at St. Luke's, Liverpool, nearly a hundred years ago, and it was standing up as well as ever. He hoped that, in time, reinforced concrete would be used for bell frames. It was an excellent material for the supports for frames, and he instanced the case of Boston Stump, where the bell frame rested entirely on a concrete floor built on reinforced concrete walls entirely separate from the tower and carried up ten or twelve feet from a reinforced concrete corbel course running right round inside the tower. He thought they would get more examples of that kind in future.

Mr. C. W. Roberts proposed the toast of 'The Press,' and said ringers should be thankful for the fact that they had a paper devoted to their interests, and grateful to the Editor for the way in which from a large amount of contributions sent to him he managed to make an interesting and attractive paper with the comparatively small amount of space at his disposal. Mr. Roberts referred to 'the splendid series of articles for young ringers' which is now appearing in 'The Ringing World.' By their aid, he said, the mysteries of change ringing became plain, and all young ringers should read and study them carefully. He appealed to members of the society to support 'The Ringing World,' so that its circulation might increase by leaps and bounds (applause). He referred to the fact that the Editor of the paper was absent from the last gathering of the College Youths, as he was in Australia helping to stir up interest in change ringing in that country. That night they welcomed him home again (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded to the toast, and the proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was admirably rung by Messrs. A. B. Peck, F. Perrens, H. Pasmore, H. Langdon, A. Walker and F. E. Haynes, songs were sung by Mr. Wilfred Simpson, and Mrs. Hughes once more delighted the company with her handbell solos. She first played 'I hear you calling me' and 'Rose in the bud,' and, in response to the undeniable encore, played 'Solveig's Song' and, by request, 'Land of Hope and Glory.' After her performance, the Master, on behalf of the society, presented her with a bouquet of chrysanthemums and carnations, which Mrs. Hughes gracefully acknowledged.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. E. P. Duffield was reinstalled as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths when the election of officers took place on November 12th. Mr. E. H. Lewis was elected Senior Steward and Mr. L. Porter Junior Steward. The other officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. A. Hughes, hon. treasurer; Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton, trustees, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUPPORT FOR ACTION WITH B.B.C.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Brentford on Saturday week. Gas works, soap works, narrow streets and mean houses, it is not, perhaps, an attractive place to visit. The Vicar of St. Lawrence's Church appreciates bellringing, however, and the warmth of his welcome dispelled to a large extent one's aversion to the town.

During the service he addressed a few remarks to the congregation about his love of bells and also developed in a very original manner the theme of ringers who do not stay to service. He regretted he was without a band of ringers, and, because of this, it appeared that there was to be a break in the continuity of Armistice Day ringing for the first time. Later, however, at the business meeting, a call for volunteers to attend St. Lawrence's and carry on the good work met with a satisfactory response, and the bells paid their tribute as usual.

During the business meeting a discussion took place on the B.B.C.'s practice of superimposing the voice of the announcer on the sound of the bells before a service. The hon. secretary was instructed to approach the B.B.C., and, while expressing appreciation of the broadcasting of service ringing, to put forward the ringers' case as recently outlined in 'The Ringing World.'

It was decided to visit St. Mary's, Ealing, in December (probably on the 14th), while notice was given of the annual supper at Heston on January 4th, and the district annual meeting at Twickenham, provisionally fixed for February 1st.

The usual thanks to those who helped in arranging the meeting concluded the business.

The six bells, tenor 14 cwt., were rung to many methods during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. G. M. Kilby.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

THIRD LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	84	2	6
Mr. Edwin H. Lewis	3	3	0
Helmingham, Suffolk, Ringers		10	0
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Romney Marsh and District Guild		10	0
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Mr. C. W. Roberts		5	0
Mr. F. Digby		5	0
Mr. James George		10	0
	£297	3	6

Further donations should be sent to any of the undersigned, who gratefully acknowledge the above sums.

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A LONDON GUILD

The 12th annual meeting of St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn, was held on Saturday, November 3rd. Tea, served in the Court House, was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Bedford and, needless to say, very much enjoyed by the members present.

The Rector opened the business meeting by thanking the ringers for their services as Sunday service ringers and for their help given on various occasions. The cash statement was adopted, and the election of officers resulted as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. F. G. Cole; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton.

After the business meeting music and song followed. The Rector gave a reading, and songs were contributed by Messrs. W. R. Dennis, E. Brett, E. Pryor and H. Alford. Handbell ringing also took place by Messrs. F. G. Cole, Wilfred Williams, A. C. Darnell and T. Langdon.

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MR. HARRY CHAPMAN'S BIRTHDAY.

A KEYSTON CELEBRATION.

On Friday, November 15th, a party of ringers representing Raunds, Rushden and Higham Ferrers visited the village of Keyston, Hunts, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman on the fine old peal of five bells (which, by the way, could do with modernising!). The occasion was the 72nd birthday of Mr. Harry Chapman, who, since leaving Manchester, has resided in the village, and, needless to say, the party did not disperse without drinking Mr. Chapman's health and wishing him many more years of peaceful retirement.

The visitors were Messrs. W. Wilby, G. Smith, W. Martin and D. Newell (Higham), W. Whitmore (Raunds) and G. D. Deighton (Rushden), also Mr. R. F. Deal (of London, temporarily domiciled at Rushden), who took part in much ringing with Mr. Chapman in the Manchester district some years ago.

Mr. Chapman has recently spent some months in Canada, where he has been spending a holiday with members of his family.

Keyston is one of the fortunate places where traffic lights are not yet a necessity, and the inhabitants can still cross the roads in safety without the aid of 'beacons.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT SUNDERLAND.

A happy and successful meeting of the Eastern District took place at Sunderland on Saturday, November 2nd, members being present from West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street, Darlington, Gateshead, Jarrow and Headingley, as well as from the local towers.

A short service was held. After tea a meeting, at which Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, was in the chair, took place. He said he was pleased to see such a good number present, and he welcomed Mr. Sherwood, of Headingley, a member of the Yorkshire Association. He again advised all ringers to take 'The Ringing World,' especially the younger members, who would find it very helpful.

Mr. W. Sheraton moved a vote of thanks to the respective Rectors for the use of the bells, viz., Bishopswearmouth and St. Ignatius', and Mr. J. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the substantial tea. He said the ringers were grateful to the ladies for the great interest they showed at these meetings.

Mr. Sherwood thanked the chairman and members for giving him such a hearty welcome, and he was delighted to be present at the meeting. He had seen the notice in 'The Ringing World' whilst he was in the district (another splendid reason for taking the paper).

The next meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 4th.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DRAYTON PARSLOW, BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—The bells will be dedicated by the Rev. J. R. C. Forrest, R.D., to-day (Friday, Nov. 22nd) at 7.30 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Rendezvous Cafe. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — The mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Frequent buses from Belgrave Gate, or L.M.S., London Road.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited. Let us have a good meeting in this fine old church. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nov. 23rd, Annual Hitchin meeting. Bells ready 3 p.m. Learners welcome. Handbells also available. Tea arrangements as usual. Shortened evensong 6.30 p.m. Excellent rail and bus services—so no excuse this time! It is hoped that a photograph of the company will be taken, which will doubtless prove a pleasant reminder of our 'Jubilee Year' meeting. Rally round.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells ready from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30. Anyone who can pull a bell welcomed at this meeting.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—To mark the date of the Guild's foundation, which was on Nov. 23rd, 1907, the next meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. at Chilvers Coton, followed by tea at 4.45 in the Church Hall. Ringing after tea at Nuneaton. A social evening from 8 p.m. at the Bull Hotel. It is hoped that everyone will try to attend and thus make this meeting a success; a special invitation is extended to the older members of the Guild.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—A meeting will be held at Emberton (6) on November 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstoke Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—The two trebles, added to the present ring of 6 bells, by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bodmin on Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, November 30th. Service 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made, and it is important that those who intend to be present should notify as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, November 26th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godstone on Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Jones' Café to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Green Man Inn. —C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m. Anyone requiring tea please let me know not later than the 26th. The bells have recently been put in good order.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. M. Mitchell, Rector of Clyst St. George. Tea at 4.45 p.m., free to members. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD) Farnham District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint meeting will be held at ALDERSHOT on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral Service 5, followed by tea and business meetings in Parish Hall. All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 27th.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting willl be held at Birstall on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Nov. 27th. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The annual business meeitng will be held at St. Werburgh's Church, Mina Road, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 27th inst. Bus No. 139 from Old Market every 15 minutes.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collinwood, Knighthorpe Road, Loughborough.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—Re-opening service at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30th; preacher, the Rev. A. Rust, President of the Beds. Association. All ringers come. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Arnold, Hazelmere, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, on account of tea arrangements? The ring of 10 bells has been tuned and rehung by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NORTH NOTTS.—On Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new tenor bell which has been installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The meeting arranged for Nov. 23rd at All Souls', Bolton, has been postponed to Dec. 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. Kay, 37, Cloister Street, Bolton, by Thursday. A special effort is requested to make this meeting a success. Meeting arranged Dec. 14th, at St. Bartholomew's, cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, free to members. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 2nd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Battle Axes. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle, by Thursday morning, Dec. 5th?—H. W. Shradrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, by Dec. 5th, for same. — F. Clark and M. Wilson, Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The district annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Those requiring tea, price 6d. per head, please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Reports to hand. All ringers are welcomed. This is a good tower and most methods will be rung.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Wynmondham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at Underwood's at 4.45. Please give notice of your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

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It takes all sorts of people to make a world, and there are some who, in the sacred name of progress and modernisation, would tear down everything that our predecessors built up, merely for the sake of change. We do not desire to attach importance to the letter of a correspondent, which appears in another column, because, to begin with, we are sure he is one of a very small minority, even if he is not the only one, who would like to see the titles of some of our old societies brought 'up-to-date.' It is not for that reason that we refer to it here. Mr. Amos shows a very confused idea — we might even go further and say complete ignorance—of the origin and status of the societies he particularly singles out, but we refer to the subject because it gives opportunity to remind ringers, and particularly young ringers, that in these titles history is writ large. To those who have studied ringing history there is a world of meaning in the titles of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and even of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. The two former have come down to us unchanged from the early days of ringing, the last named perpetuates a connection which for nearly two hundred years has centred round the church that is still the core of the organisation which a few years ago was expanded to take in ringers in the diocese of Birmingham. To students of the past and to the majority of lovers of the present, a change would be unthinkable. The College Youths and the Cumberlands retain their ancient organisation and the former much of the ritual that has marked their proceedings for cen-

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turies. 'St. Martin's' implies a whole volume of ringing history to those who know. Among the many diocesan and territorial societies that have grown up in the last half century or so, there are not the same traditions to be maintained, but the Exercise would lose one of its most precious possessions if, for the sake of mere modernisation, the identity of these old societies were lost in new-fangled names. Even if our correspondent's arguments had any real foundation—which they have not, they are only misapprehensions—there would still be no reason why these names, which link us with the past — even with the foundations of our art — should be cast aside just because they do not fit to-day's circumstances. There are many parallels which we could quote, but the preservation of these old names needs no justification.

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CHARLES T. COLES	2	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	7
BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	JAMES BENNETT	8
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George, a few days before his 82nd birthday, which occurred on November 27th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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

ERIC G. BENNETT	*Treble*	GEORGE ARCHER	5
*WALTER ELSEY	2	ALBERT G. HARRISON	6
*FREDERICK R. ROPER ...	3	CLEMENT J. MORE	7
WILLIAM MUSE	4	WILLIAM STEGGALL	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC G. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

ALTON, HANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

PERCY J. DYKE	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PULLEN	5
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
MISS STELLA DAVIS	3	HARRY W. SMITH	7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

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

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

JAMES PARR	*Treble*	FRED HINDLE	5
WILLIE AARON	2	*FRED READ	6
CHARLES SHARPLES	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
ISAAC WHALLEY	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

WOODFORD, LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

CHARLES A. HUGHES	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. COUSINS	5
ARTHUR D. BARKER	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	6
JACK A. WAUGH	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
ALFRED PRIOR	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Bert W. Brighty, of the local company. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	JOHN FORD	5
*WALTER MARTIN	2	JOHN J. CREASY	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM LAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT G. LEWIS	*Treble*	GEORGE TOMLINSON	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	GEORGE ELLIOTT	6
THOMAS HURD	3	*ANDREW THOMPSON	7
HARRY CARNWELL	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

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

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	*JOHN W. TAYLOR	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE	6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	3	ERNEST STONE	7
*HUGH C. BURT	4	WILLIAM STOTE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ERYRI MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	FRANCIS KIRK	5
HENRY HODGETTS	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	6
WALTER AYRE	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* 100th peal. This is the first peal in the method, which is an enlargement of Bristol Surprise, the treble having a double-dodging hunt. A birthday peal for the daughter of W. Ayre.

LINGFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	5
KEITH HART	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
GEORGE OLLIVER	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TWYFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
*FRED HAYES	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
†GORDON CROSS	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise. † First attempt for a peal of Major and first touch in a Surprise method. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of the christening of the son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD SHAW	*Treble*	BERTIN RAISEY	5
WILLIAM A. WOOLLER	2	J. ALBERT HELLIWELL	6
VICTOR C. COPLEY	3	JOHN R. BREARLEY	7
FRANK WADSWORTH	4	JOHN A. BREARLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by P. O. BIXBY. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Charles Reginald Andrews, B.A., the new Vicar of Wortley, who was inducted on October 15th, 1935.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	*HAROLD V. COOPER	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Potter, a member of the local band.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER	*Treble*	†JAMES G. POWELL	5
RICHARD A. CONSTANT	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
†WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. J. BEER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mr. F. Draper, a member of the local band.

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CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CLAYBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE *Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE 5
KENNETH A. ROE... 2	JOSEPH S. CARTER 6
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT... 7
EDWIN LLOYD 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

The first peal in the method. This method is by Joseph S. Carter. Rung as a birthday compliment to the donor of the bells.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*JACK PARISH ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE L. PERKINS 5
FRANK WARRINGTON... ... 2	FRANK W. LACK 6
ELLIS CLARKE 3	JOHN PERKINS 7
HENRY J. PARKER 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal on eight bells. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. The composition, an uneven five-part with the 2nd never in sixth's, is now rung for the first time.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JOHN BASS ... ...*Tenor*

Witness—FREDERICK MOLINEUX.

This peal was rung 'silent' and is the first 'silent' peal rung for the association. A birthday compliment to C. Skidmore.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
WILLIAM DYER 3	GEORGE A. KING 7
DENIS R. MORRIS 4	CHARLES CAMM ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS ... ...*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH... ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (122). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of Norbury Sunday Schools. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD HOUSON ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
THOMAS HURD 2	*JAMES WILLIAMS 6
ROBERT G. LEWIS 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 7
*MATTHEW BUCKLEY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal and first attempt in the method.

GREAT YARMOUTH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 30¼ cwt. in C sharp.

HENRY TOOKE ... ...*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	*ALFRED J. MOY 6
ARTHUR G. KING 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal of Double Norwich. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur King, of Royston, father of the ringer of the third.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	HARRY KILBY 6
*J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	WILFRED G. WILSON ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. B. LATES. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

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

THAME, OXON.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... ...*Treble*	FRANCIS KIRK 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Being four six-scores of Stedman, eight of Old, ten of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 22 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb. in B.

RONALD G. BECK... ... ...*Treble*	*EDWIN H. NASH 4
WILLIAM SHERBORNE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... 5
DAVID MACKAY 3	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal.

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CHATTERIS, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*ALFRED R. PAUL	...Treble	STANLEY MURPHY	4
PERCY A. SMITH	2	WILFRED E. YOUNG	5
WILLIAM SEEKINGS	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	...Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.
* First peal. It is 25 years since Mr. P. A. Smith rang his last peal.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BANBURY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 6¾ cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE CUSS	...Treble	†THOMAS KIRBY	4
*HARRY ADAMS, JUN.	2	FREDERICK W. PRITCHETT	5
*HERBERT ADAMS	3	*ERNEST SHERWOOD	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. PRITCHETT.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

SANDY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*SYDNEY W. FOX	...Treble	JOHN CHURCH	4
*EDWARD J. PRESSLAND	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
CHARLIE BALL	3	HERBERT SHERMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.
* First peal and first attempt.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob with different callings.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	...Treble	*JACK STEED	4
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	HARRY D. LISTER	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal in five methods. A. Grimwood has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. STOKES	...Treble	MOSES BILLINGS	4
MISS ADELINE A. STOKES	2	HARRY CARTER	5
WALTER TOMLINSON	3	JOHN WALDEN	...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

T. REGINALD DENNIS	...Treble	FRANCIS GLEAVES	4
BERRY WAYMAN	2	*HARRY MARTIN	5
CHARLES W. COOK	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging, the 'go' being excellent.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM D. MURRELL	...Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
WILFRED BOOTH	2	ARTHUR J. HART	5
FRANK H. HICKS	3	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	...Tenor

Conducted by A. F. LEWRY.
* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble and tenor ringers, and to Mr. A. E. Edwards, of Brightling, Sussex. It was also rung to celebrate the 33rd wedding anniversary of the conductor's mother and father. First peal as conductor.

CLYRO, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, November 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Twenty-one different 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS BEAVER	...Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE	3
ERNEST SALMOND	2	ALBERT E. JONES	4
JAMES P. HYETT	...Tenor		

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven spliced extents, viz.: (1) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (2) London and Cunecastre; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich; (4) Surfleet and Beverley; (5) York and Durham; (6) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT	...Treble	DAVID MACKAY	4
E. JOHN TARGETT	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
LEONARD DUNFORD	3	FREDERICK A. TARGETT	...Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells.

IDE, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, November 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IDA.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALBERT COLLEY	...Treble	†EDWARD W. BIFFEN	4
*CECIL CLARKE	2	ARTHUR TRUMAN	5
WILLIAM H. HOWE	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES HUNT	...Treble	WALTER H. POOLE	4
*JOHN BRISTOW	2	ARTHUR H. REED	5
*STANLEY N. BRISTOW	3	*CHARLES J. ALDERMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by A. H. REED.
* First peal and members of the local band. First peal on the bells.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS	...Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
*RICHARD D. DIVALL	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
ERNEST J. LADD	3	ARTHUR J. HART	...Tenor

Conducted by A. F. LEWRY.
* First peal of Minor.

YALDING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. H. BAKER	*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	4
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
HARRY BAKER	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal of all Treble Bob on these fine bells, and the third peal rung. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Richards, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Chester and Munden; (2) Northumberland and Carlisle; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) Durham and York; (5) Norfolk and Primrose; (6) Ispwich and Cambridge; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	*Treble*	*THOMAS A. COOPER	4
ROGER W. DANIELS	2	HORACE M. DAY	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* Fiftieth peal. Arranged for Mr. Daniels, of Birmingham.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and one of Kent and Oxford Spliced. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JOSEPH SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. DAVIES ...	4
WILLIAM WILCOX	2	SMITH WOOD	5
†ERIC GILBERT	3	JAMES F. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WILCOX.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor and the ringer of the fifth are aged 72 and 68 respectively. Rung by a local band, with the exception of Mr. Wilcox, who recently retired from active ringing.

STOKE PRIOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's and sixteen 240's, with 26 callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	JOHN H. THOMAS	3
JAMES P. HYETT	2	VICTOR C. PREECE	4

JOHN J. WEBB ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

WRITING OUT METHODS.

Many beginners, we are afraid, do not do as much pencil and paper work out of the belfry as they ought to do if they want to master the first stages of change ringing. This is a mistake. You cannot do too much study at home, and a careful examination of changes expressed in figures is of immense assistance when it comes to practical application in the tower. An instructor may be as lucid as you will in his explanations, but all he tells you by word of mouth you have to try and imagine in your brain, unless you can write it down. To do this or that when you begin change ringing on verbal instructions alone is not as simple as following directions given by word of mouth when you seek to walk the countryside from village to village. This is not always an easy thing, unless you have been plainly directed, but to attempt to find your way through a maze of 'paths' in a method, with little more than split seconds in which to make up your mind which step to take next, is to be asked to perform a very difficult task, unless you have investigated your 'route' on a 'map' beforehand.

For this reason every beginner should be made to study a method before he is allowed to take a bell in it in the tower. His instructor should insist upon a pencil and paper lesson first. We have known beginners attempt to ring changes week after week with nothing to go upon but the perfunctory explanations given them in the tower on practice night. They have struggled valiantly but vainly, and have failed to 'see daylight.' We are convinced that the secret of the failure has been lack of study outside the tower.

A beginner may need some help in his first attempts on paper, just as he may need assistance when he comes to the practical application, but he will understand the subject best if he makes an effort unaided to build up the method he wants to ring. Here is a way in which he may set about it.

Let him first begin with changes on three bells. If he writes out the figures 1.2.3 and is told that he may only change adjoining bells, he will realise that, when he starts, his first change must be either 2.1.3 or 1,3,2, and, again, he will at once see, or else he will immediately find out, that whichever pair (the front or the back) he first changes, he cannot change them next time, or he will be back where he started. Therefore, the next step demands that the opposite pair shall be changed, and if he started with 2.1.3, he must next have 2.3.1. If he began with 1.3.2 he must next have 3.1.2, and so on, until, after six changes, he returns again to 1.2.3.

The basis of 'changes' is to change each time as many pairs of adjoining bells as possible. When you have only three bells, there is only one pair that can be changed at a time. If you have four bells, there are two pairs which can be changed the first time, but if you change two pairs of adjoining bells the next time, you will return to your starting point. Therefore, when writing out changes on four bells, they have to be formed by changing two pairs and one pair alternately. You can see this in the following figures:—

1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
4 3 2 1

If you continue to follow that plan, the eighth change will take you back to rounds, 1.2.3.4.

But there are 24 possible changes on four bells. How are we to get the rest? At every eighth change, instead of moving the middle pair, one or other of the other pairs is moved, and the two remaining bells, as it were, stand still. If we continue the figures above, we shall have after 4.3.2.1 the following:— 3 4 1 2
3 1 4 2
1 3 2 4

Then, instead of changing 3.2, which would bring us back to rounds, we change 2.4, and leave 1.3 as they are, thus:—

1 3 4 2

And from that point you can continue to change the bells first with two pairs and then with one pair, until at the eighth change again you change the back pair only. Pursue this course and the bells come round at the extent of the changes, that is 24.

You can write out this 'course' if you like, but also try your hand at some of the other ways of arranging them. For instance, if at the fourth change, instead of the eighth, you change either the front or the back pair and allow the other two to 'lie still,' as it is technically termed, then, by repeating this at every eighth change succeeding, you can still get 24 true changes. Moreover, it need not be the fourth or the eighth change for the first of these 'shunting' operations. It can just as well be done at the second or the sixth. As long as the succeeding places are eight changes apart, rounds will turn up satisfactorily at the 24th change.

Now, try the experiment, will you, on paper, and see in how many ways you can get the 24 changes? It may prove the foundation of quite a lot of knowledge.

RAYNE.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. Carder (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Reason 2, J. Gentry 3, R. Suckling 4, E. J. Claydon 5, H. C. Reason (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE LATE SECRETARY.

The November meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Worksop, when a large number of ringers attended. When the business meeting opened, the members stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late secretary, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, who met his death in a motor accident.

The Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, referred to Mr. Stockdale's good work for the association.

It was decided that the assistant secretary, Mr. C. R. Smith, should take up full secretarial duties until the annual meeting.

The following new members were elected: J. W. Raithley, Newark; F. Vernon, Balderton; R. Harvey, T. Vessey, Miss K. Vessey and Miss D. Vessey, Barnby.

Mr. Baker, Gainsborough, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. A. Johnson for making the arrangements for tea, said that he felt he must thank the chairman for his interesting address at Nottingham on the previous Saturday.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

The loss of their secretary is very much felt by all the members of the association. His genial nature and enthusiasm had made a wide circle of friends among ringers. He had great natural ability, which enabled him to do things thoroughly and well. He was a capable ringer and conductor, and was always anxious to encourage any band of learners. He would travel miles to draw another tower into the association. His peal record was as follows: Minor 16, Bob Major 3, Little Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Royal 1, total 23 (conducted 18), in 8 towers.

BELLS THAT NEED OVERHAULING.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AT FELPHAM.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Felpham on Saturday, November 16th. There was a fair attendance considering what an 'out of the way' place Felpham is and the 'go' of the bells, which are sadly in need of overhauling and guides for the ropes. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A short service was held, at which an address was given by the Rev. D. Manners.

Tea was provided by the parishioners, and the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who gave the members a welcome.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. G. Bull, of Bognor Regis.

Mr. F. C. Merritt proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

HAVE WE ALL DONE OUR BIT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed, through the medium of your valuable paper, to make an appeal? We are nearing the end of a momentous year in the history of our great Empire, and ringing has taken its share in that history in no small measure. It is usual for us to begin to overhaul our doings at this time of year, both in our occupations and our arts or sports, etc., and check up our faults and see what remedies we can apply in readiness for the coming year, and when the New Year arrives we make all sorts of good resolutions. Sometimes these materialise, but more often they are forgotten or broken. So much for the frailness of human nature. May I suggest we do something original, not wait for the New Year, but start right now with our overhauls and remedies in the great art of bellringing? Let us examine ourselves and ask ourselves, 'Have I done my bit?' and I venture to say our conscience will answer, 'No.' The great leaders will probably find some flaw in their duties in the various high offices which they hold, the ringer who has almost reached the top of the ladder, may pause, and ask himself, 'Have I helped my more humble brother one step up this ladder or gone to any trouble to help the nearby struggling band? The learner and more humble ringer can ask himself, 'Have I done my bit in attending practice, Sunday service ringing and home study?'

The captain and conductor can ask themselves, 'Have I done my job well; have I given the keen and studious ringer a chance to call a touch or to ring his first peal or the first in the new method he is keen on?' And I venture to say we shall discover some shortcomings. Well, presuming we find that, why not start now to try and do better? To quote the words of a great ringing master, 'Be ready' for 1936; bury the hatchet of 1935 and make up our minds never to dig it up; foster the spirit of brotherhood and friendship and let the year 1936 be unique in the annals of bellringing.

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Donnington, Newbury.

QUARTER-PEAL OF DOUBLES IN 11 METHODS.

At Evershot, Dorset, on Sunday, November 24th, for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 60 changes of Original and 120 each of St. Dunstan's, St. Bartholomew's, Reading, St. Simon's, New Doubles, Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Bob Doubles, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire: H. Groves 1, H. Smith 2, H. C. R. Vine 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, W. Groves 6. First touch in 11 methods by all, who are all members of the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. James George was 82 on Wednesday last, and he will receive the congratulations of his hosts of friends upon the greatest achievement of his life. He has never been 82 before!

But you wouldn't believe it, after the way in which he rang the 9th at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, in a 'birthday' peal on Saturday. He rang it as if he had been 22 all his life.

Joking apart, however, his performance shows how wonderfully preserved, mentally and physically, he is for his great age, and everyone will wish him still many years of health to enjoy the art of which he is so fond, and of which he is still so able an exponent.

Ladies and gentlemen, the toast is: 'Many happy returns of the day to Mr. James George!'

Fifty years ago, on November 16th, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon died aged 41. He was not only the founder of the Yorkshire Association, but his work for the art of ringing has laid the foundation of the knowledge of thousands of ringers who have succeeded him. He was buried in Ilkley Churchyard, and in the church a stained glass window is the memorial of the ringers of England.

Shalford Church bells, Surrey, will shortly be removed to Loughborough for recasting and augmenting to a ring of eight bells by John Taylor and Co. The six are to be turned into an octave with a lighter tenor.

Last week, for the first time, a peal of Major was rung in a method on the Bristol plan, in which the treble has a double dodging hunt—a course of Bristol stretched out half as long again.

But why 'Eryri' for a title? It may be good Greek, or Welsh, or Arabic, for all we know, or is it one of the Rev. E. B. James' little jokes? We hope he will enlighten us.

Mr. Pat Cannon, who rang the tenor to a peal at Yalding, Kent, on Saturday, has now rung the four heaviest six-bell tenors in Kent to a peal.

The first peal on the bells was rung at Ashbrittle, Somerset, on Saturday. This tower is in the extreme west of the county, eight miles from any railway station. Three of the local band took part and rang their first peal.

After 18 years' leadership of Hilperton tower, Wilts, Mr. W. J. Mees has resigned through ill-health. He has been a ringer for 61 years, and last Saturday a peal was rung in his honour.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Hagley, Worcestershire, last Saturday. There were some good old 'war horses' in the band, but the performance, all the same, is one upon which they may well be congratulated.

The bells of St. John's Church, Croydon, are being broadcast next Sunday morning, December 1st, for the 9.30 a.m. service (on the National long wavelength only). This is a regular broadcast from Croydon on the first Sunday in each month.

The death of Mr. R. Bevan, an old member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, has occurred this week. The burial will take place at Highgate Cemetery on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 2 p.m. following upon the service to be held at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

A WHITSUNTIDE OPENING?

The fund for the William Pye Memorial is mounting up and has now topped the first £100.

It would be an excellent arrangement if the memorial bells could be opened and the tablet dedicated on the Saturday before next Whitsun, for, with the Central Council meeting in London on the following Tuesday, representative ringers from all parts of the country would have a better opportunity of attending the ceremony.

If, however, the scheme is to be completed thus early, there is much to be done in the meantime, and subscribers must send their donations promptly. Approximately another £150 is needed, and it is hoped that those who intend to contribute will do so at an early date.

The hon. treasurer of the fund is Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Street, Chiswick, W.4.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

USEFUL WORK OF REFERENCE.

This useful publication is now in the printer's hands and will soon be available to ringers. The forthcoming edition is enlarged to some 160 pages, and contains, in addition to the 1,600 names and addresses of ringers, a mass of information concerning ringing organisations and church bells. It is a book which will prove indispensable to members of the Exercise.

Although it is now too late to add names and addresses to the personal directory, there is still time for others, who wish to secure a copy, to do so. The price is only one shilling, and this should be sent without delay to Mr. Edgar Guise, hon. secretary of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, which is responsible for the publication. His address and further details about the directory will be found in our notice columns.

This handy work of reference should receive widespread support if only as an encouragement to the enterprise of the B.U.R.G., but it ought to be in the hands of every ringer on its merits. More subscribers are needed if it is not to be published at a loss.

A BAND OF RECORD BREAKERS.

HELMINGHAM RINGERS' FINE ACHIEVEMENT.

The brilliant company who ring at Helmingham, Suffolk, recently scored a peal of Dunwich Surprise Major. It is the thirtieth in which they have rung a peal at their own tower. For an eight-bell performance this must be a record for any company or tower.

This photograph is of the Helmingham ringers who have shared in the honour of this achievement, and with them should be mentioned the late Mr. Ernest E. Lanham, who died in July, 1934, and whose death created a great loss in the company.

The ringers in the picture are, left to right:—Back row: G. Whiting, G. Bennett, L. G. Brett, J. Bennett, A. E. Whiting. Front row: T. W. Last, W. G. Whiting, G. Pryke, L. C. Wightman.

SEFTON BELL FRAME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We see it is reported in your issue of November 22nd that Mr. W. E. Caroe, in his speech at the College Youths' dinner, stated that the last time he was at Sefton Church, Lancs, he found a wrought-iron and steel frame.

As the bellhangers who carried out the rehanging of this peal in 1933, we beg to point out that Mr. Caroe must be under some misapprehension as to the material of which the frame is constructed. We provided a *cast-iron* framework, which material, apparently, Mr. Caroe approves of in the construction of a bell frame.

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IRON IN BELL FRAMES.

Dear Sir,—Some 18 months ago I went round Bunbury (Cheshire) Church with a London architect, who was interested in antiquarian matters, and had come to see some stone coffin lids placed in that church.

In the chancel is the tomb of Sir Hugh Calveley (period Edward III.) surrounded by some ancient wrought iron railings, which were, if I remember rightly, unpainted. I remarked how well preserved they were, and my companion said the reason was because 'wrought iron resisted corrosion much better than cast iron.'

As Mr. W. D. Caroe, speaking at the College Youths' dinner, took another view, I should like to hear what any metallurgical expert in the Exercise has to say about iron as it applies to bell frames.

W. C. RHODES.

Birmingham.

OLD BELLS IN SUSSEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the Twineham band on ringing their first peal. I see that in your Belfry Gossip you say, 'It is interesting to note that the fourth bell in this tower is one of the oldest in the county. It is dated 1522.' That statement is hardly accurate, as there are between 60 or 70 bells older than 1522. The oldest was cast about 1250. There is at Beeding Church a peal of eight of which the 7th and 8th were cast about 1340.

G. P. ELPHICK.

Lewes.

WAR-TIME RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. J. H. Wilson, who rang at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, during the war, when members of the regular band were at the Front, died last week, and on Sunday, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: J. Lowden (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Brownrigg 2, F. Grisedale 3, A. Dawson 4, T. Wilson 5, F. Barnes 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, H. Just 8.

ALRESFORD BELL RESTORATION.

The following subscriptions towards the restoration work of Alresford bells have been collected by the secretaries of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Lord Bishop of Portsmouth, 10s. 6d.; Lord Bishop of Southampton, 10s. 6d.; Sir John Shelley Rolls, Bart., 10s.; the Mayor of Winchester (Councillor J. O. Hodder), 5s.; the Rev. Canon G. T. Andrewes, 2s. 6d.; Col. W. E. Briggs, 5s.; Mr. F. S. Bayley, 2s. 6d.; Twyford ringers, 14s.; Wonston Church Council, 5s.; Mr. W. Linter, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. C. H. Connolly, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Robson, 2s. 6d.; the Rev. Canon Goodman, 2s. 6d.; Hursley ringers, 3s.; Barton Stacey Church Council, 5s.; Barton Stacey ringers, 5s.; Mrs. Moody, 2s. 6d.; Stockbridge ringers, 7s. 6d.; the Misses Lock, 2s. 6d.; G. and Miss Noice, 2s. 6d.; Anonymous, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Gunner, 2s. 6d.; the Rev. H. W. C. Geldart, 2s. 6d.; Mr. G. Pullinger, 5s.; Major T. E. Baring, 10s.; Major A. N. Lovell, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. Jacob and Johnson, 5s.; Anonymous, 3s.; Miss Sclater, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Barrow Simonds, 5s.; Mr. H. J. Salwey, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Paine, 2s. 6d.; total £7 16s. Further contributions would be gratefully acknowledged by the district secretaries, G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

APPLETON'S VETERAN RINGER BEREAVED.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

The sympathy of ringers will go out to the veteran Appleton ringer, Mr. George Holifield, sen., in the bereavement he has sustained by the death of his wife. Mrs. Holifield passed away on Monday at the age of 70 years.

Mrs. Holifield was known to many ringers who had visited the old Berkshire village, and, as the wife and mother of ringers, had a special interest in all that happened in the famous belfry, where many ringing records have been made. In most of them her husband shared.

The funeral took place at Appleton yesterday afternoon.

DEATH OF MR. E. E. RICHARDS, GREENWICH.

A FORMER MASTER OF ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

The death took place on November 18th at St. Alfege Hospital, Greenwich, of Mr. Edward Edmund Richards, at the age of 71 years, after a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Rev. John Richards, of Winlaton, Northumberland, and took up change ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, in 1885. A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. James' Society (London), he served as Master of the latter several years ago. For the past nine years he was in charge of the tower and bells of the Parish Church of St. Alfege, Greenwich, where, alas! half-pull ringing has ceased to be.

Mr. Richards had rung 93 peals in the Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob methods, and had called Holt's Original upon a few occasions. It is also upon record that he composed a three-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung once only, conducted by the late Mr. F. Cullum, sen., at Erith, Kent.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

MR. HAROLD WORBOYS BRINGS A HORNETS' NEST ABOUT HIS HEAD.

The letter written by Mr. Harold Worboys, of Barking, which appeared in our last issue, in the course of which he appealed to the ladies to 'leave men to do just one thing in harmony together in this world' has brought a veritable nest of hornets about his head. There are some spirited replies from the ladies themselves in the letters we print below:—

'ELIZA HAS COME TO STAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read two or three times your correspondent's letter re ladies in the belfry, I must confess I cannot understand his object in 'revealing his remarks to all College Youths.' What is the connection between the two, and what does he expect the College Youths to do in the matter?

What he reveals to the ladies is most enlightening. There is nothing wonderful in the brotherliness (?) of six to twelve men which disappears immediately a lady comes into the belfry, especially as we are told 'it is not the ladies' fault.'

The belfry is part of the church and not a social club, exclusively for men. If Mr. Worboys desires the company of men, I would refer him to the C.E.M.S. or one of the many other organisations where men get together.

I fail to see what good such a letter can do. While such a spirit of selfishness exists there can be no harmony whether ladies are present or not.

Anyway, Mr. Wa(o)rboys is barking up the wrong tree. Eliza has come to stay, and neither he nor the College Youths can prevent her.

The report of the Ladies' Guild just published fully justifies our existence, and we mean to go forward. Therefore, brethren, let us dwell together in unity.

Wherever there is a ladies' meeting in progress, in the Northern District at any rate (and I feel sure the same applies in other districts), gentlemen ringers will always find a welcome, and our sisterly regard for one another will not suffer by their presence. We have had several joint meetings and always found them helpful and enjoyable, and hope we may have many more.

I. B. THOMPSON,
Joint Hon. Sec., Northern District, Ladies' Guild.

A REPLY TO THE 'HE-MEN.'

Dear Sir,—While sympathising with the point of view of your ringer correspondent from Essex on the subject of 'Ladies in the belfry,' I think it would be uncharitable to leave him in ignorance of the other side of the question.

Can the team spirit—which he appears to advocate—not exist in a mixed band of ringers equally as strongly as it does in other walks of life where men and women co-operate with each other? For instance—serving on committees, dramatic societies, sports clubs, etc.

Why single out bellringing as an art to be reserved exclusively for men? Is it fair to the weaker sex to say, 'Thank you for doing our work during the war. We know you became fascinated with the art in the process, but kindly retire into the background now and graciously act as stop-gaps'? Surely a ringer holds the position because of efficiency and not gender.

With reference to the remark implying that a woman in the belfry is a refined form of torture to thorough-going he-men bellringers, if it were not for a personal dislike of rudeness, I might retort that there are members of the male species little more than a 'pain in the neck' to their fellow-workers both male and female.

Nevertheless, joking apart, I know of nothing more likely to produce a sense of pleasure in one another's company than the ability to bring a well-struck touch to a successful conclusion. I trust that your correspondent may be converted to a more tolerant attitude towards genuine churchworkers.

MABEL A. WELTON.

Bagshot, Surrey.

WHY NOT A MEN'S GUILD?

Dear Sir,—No doubt others shared my amusement on reading Harold Worboys' letter in 'The Ringing World.'

Does Mr. Worboys stop to think how often women are, directly or indirectly, the donors of the bells on which he rings? Has he ever realised that many of his own sex have women to thank for introducing them to the belfry and teaching them to ring?

If Mr. Worboys is so averse to women's presence in the belfry, why has he not followed their example and formed a 'Men's Guild'? Perhaps the trouble is that their abilities make him feel uncomfortable?

Sorry, Mr. Worboys, but it would be as funny for us to ask the men to stay away, and just as rightful. If you want to be alone, why not take up a man's pastime such as Rugby or Association football? Women don't intrude on these because they recognise them as men's pastimes.

In concluding, I must state that I have the gentlemen ringers at Mr. Worboys' local church to thank for many invitations to be present at their meetings during a stay in that district.

E. DORICE TURNER.

Sheffield.

TAKEN AS A CHALLENGE.

Dear Sir,—Being a lady bellringer and reader of 'The Ringing World,' I take Mr. Worboys' column as a challenge.

In analysing it I take the first line, about realising that men wish to be together. We do realise it, but why should it be a belfry? And why should it appear wonderful for six, eight, etc., *men* to get together?

I think it would be more wonderful still if five men got together in a six-bell tower and could not ring Doubles until a lady came along to make up the number and make ringing possible, which happens to be the case in the tower where I ring. I might add that the men there are still brotherly one towards the other, do things in harmony and are quite satisfied.

I should like to put forward a suggestion to Mr. Harold Worboys, that if he would like to be with his own sex to do things in 'harmony in this world' without a lady making him feel as if things go wrong, why not join the Boy Scouts, or, if it's the exercise he needs, a good men's club where football is indulged in.

The belfry, from my point of view, is a place where ringers meet with one aim, to ring as 'the call to prayer,' and not to satisfy a mere whim of doing just one thing together as brothers.

Brotherliness is a natural faculty and needs no seeking.

'A LADY OF THE BELFRY.'

Bristol.

'A SPOT OF BOTHER.'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Worboys' (very apt name) letter is calculated to cause a spot of bother and serves no other purpose. If the ladies treat it with the contempt it deserves, they, at least, will be upholding that harmony that can be obtained only by pure unselfishness.

A. COPPOCK.

Nottingham.

NO CAUSE OF FRICTION.

Dear Sir,—I would flatly contradict Mr. Worboys' assertion that wherever ladies permanently step into the belfry trouble follows. Were this the case, it certainly would not reflect credit on the men or the boys of that band. I have in mind St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where ladies have formed part of the band since the Great War, and I have never heard they caused the slightest friction.

When I have rung there for service they have taken ropes that otherwise would have been idle. It often is my privilege to ring with the St. Mary-le-Tower band at Ipswich, and I am quite certain there is not a single member of that talented band that would wish their lady member, Miss Tillett, to resign so that they could be alone. And to say there is less brotherliness or that the belfry is less comfortable is all nonsense. One goes there to ring, not to spin yarns.

I have rung in other towers where ladies form part of the band, and have never heard of a case where friction arose through it. More often one meets shorthanded without them.

ERNEST F. POPPY.

Eye, Suffolk.

'COLLEGE YOUTHS FOR YOUTHS ONLY.'

Dear Sir,—I hope some day to be a member of that great society, the College Youths, and think it should be 'youths' only. However, to bar ladies from the belfry, 'No, a thousand times no.' Surely Mr. Worboys does not want to stop lady ringers altogether, and, as for feeling uncomfortable when a lady steps in, it should be just the opposite. In my humble opinion, a lot of—may I call it trash?—is cut out. No, Mr. Worboys, we cannot do without the ladies. Are you shy? I am.

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

IN VERSE.

Mr. Worboys' letter was discussed last Saturday by some of the Bright Young People when they met at Bray. It has caused one of them to lapse into verse:—

We are the Bright Young People,
Happy girls and boys;
When we go up into the steeple
There's no room for 'crusty' people.
We don't want your Harold Worboys,
He must realise
A 'touch' of 'rounds' or 'spliced Surprise,'
A 'fall in peal' to ope' your eyes,
All go to strengthen friendship ties,
Of Bright Young Girls and Boys.

ERYRI.

FIRST PEAL IN METHOD ON UNUSUAL PLAN.

The first peal of a method with the strange looking name of Eryri was rung last week at Bushey. It is a kind of expansion of Bristol Surprise by substituting a double dodging hunt by the treble for a Treble Bob hunt. The result is a course 336 changes long.

We print the figures of a lead below, but we are not sure that this is the first time the method has been published, although there is little doubt that the performance at Bushey is the first peal in a method on these lines. We believe the method itself was published in 'The Bell News' many years ago by another composer.

THE METHOD.

By the Rev. E. Bankes James.

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A PEAL OF 5,136 CHANGES.

By H. G. Cashmore.

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Rung at Bushey, Herts, on November 19th, 1935, conducted by the composer.

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TITLES.

MR. AMOS WANTS TO CHANGE OLD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—During recent years there have been a number of change ringing guilds whose titles, having been thought to be rather out of date, have been changed to something more fitting with modern times. I have often wondered as the years roll by why this action has not been applied to the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose present title seems to me ridiculous, and is thought to be curious by people outside ringing when asking what the society consists of, and being given the answer that it is made up of ringers of all ages, in all parts of the country, and that its headquarters are in London. They ask, as I do, why use the word 'College' when not 5 per cent. of its members have ever been to a college, and why 'Youths' when it consists of men of all ages, some of them over 80 years of age? Similarly they ask of the Cumberland Youths, why 'Youths' and why 'Cumberland' if the society has no connection with Cumberland?

The 'St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham' is another whose title seems obsolete and ridiculous. Why 'St. Martin's' Guild if St. Martin's is not the Cathedral Church? Would not 'The Birmingham Diocesan Guild' sound much better? Five years ago it was suggested splitting the Midland Counties Association up into diocesan guilds. Who, then, would have suggested naming the Leicester Diocese 'The St. Margaret's Guild for the Diocese of Leicester,' or the Derby Diocese 'The St. Andrew's Guild for the Diocese of Derby'? Why, then, 'St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham'?

Northampton. P. AMOS.

Believing that Mr. Amos would like to know the feeling of the College Youths about his suggestion that the title of the Ancient Society should be changed, we showed his letter to one of its members and this was the part of the comment which came within the permitted scope of cold print :—

'There are many things in ringing besides the title of the Ancient Society of College Youths which have seemed ridiculous to Mr. Percy Amos, and many other things in it thought to be curious by people outside the Exercise. How they like to poke fun at us over our "Grandsires" and "Bob Majors," as they love to style them!

'But why should Mr. Amos think the title of the College Youths so ridiculous? Presumably he has read the history of it—or hasn't he? And, after all, is it so much of a misnomer as he wants to think it—is it any more a misnomer, for instance, than his own name? He is not one of the prophets—the real prophets, I mean—but no one says his name is ridiculous.

'Let us, however, just look at this title of "Ancient Society of College Youths." Seeing that the society is almost three hundred years old, you cannot get away from the fact that it is "ancient," can you? And most of the members to-day are youths; some are youths in years, some are youths in spirit, and still entitled, I think, to call themselves by that description. But what about that word College? That is where, I think, Mr. Amos has slipped up rather badly. I do not imagine that those who gave the society its name had any intention of limiting the membership to college students or graduates. No, Mr. Amos has got hold of the wrong end of the stick. The society derived its name from the College of the Holy Ghost and Hospital of God's House, founded by Dick Whittington in 1424. This College was situated upon the east side of College Hill, in the city of London, and adjoining it was the Church of St. Martin, where the College Youths first practised. This church was swept away in the Great Fire. There is no College now on College Hill, but the thoroughfare retains its name, and so have the College Youths, with as much justification as the city authorities retain the name of the street.

'But even if all this did not justify the retention of the old name of the society, it would still be an act of great presumption, if not impertinence, on the part of Mr. Amos to suggest that such a famous old title should be discarded.

'And the same may be said of his criticism of other societies. Mr. Amos should read their history. The Cumberland Youths were never associated with the county of that name. The title of "Cumberland" was conferred on the society as an act of favour by the Duke of Cumberland.

'As to St. Martin's Guild, the members can be left to deal with Mr. Amos. If they do, the men of Birmingham can be trusted not to put too fine a point upon their language. St. Martin's has been the centre of ringing in Birmingham for nearly 200 years, and the real trouble, if any, which Mr. Amos should seek to put right is not to change the title of the Guild, but to get the ecclesiastical authorities to change the Cathedral. It should be St. Martin's and not St. Philip's.

'What a wonderful world we should have, if Mr. Amos had his way!'

BIRTHDAY.

On Saturday, November 23rd, at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, 720 Bob Minor was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. R. C. Williams, the secretary for the Truro District of the Truro Diocesan Guild : E. Sanders 1, W. H. Southeard 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 4, C. E. Lanxon 5, F. E. Collins (conductor) 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Bocking on Saturday week, when, despite the inclement weather, 61 ringers and friends attended, including Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Association, and Mr. L. J. Clark (general secretary), the following 22 towers being represented: Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Braintree, Bocking, Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Rayne, Sible Hedingham, Colchester, Wickham St. Paul's, Brentwood, Maldon (All Saints'), Chelmsford, Springfield, Kelvedon, Witham, Great Tey, Pebmarsh, Colne Engaine, Halstead, Ford End and Sawbridgeworth. The ringers attended service, at which the address was given by the Dean (the Very Rev. E. Rogers, O.B.E.), and a collection on behalf of the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 16s. 9d.

Tea was partaken of at the Workmen's Hall, kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Courtauld. The arrangements for this had been made by local ladies. Dean Rogers presided.

At the business meeting which followed Mr. F. Ridgwell (district secretary) read his report on the activities in the district during the past year. Five meetings had, he said, been held, viz., at Finchingfield, Kelvedon, Pebmarsh, Greenstead Green and that at Bocking, there having been an average attendance of 43. Thirty-five peals had been rung in the division, and four honorary members, seven ringing members and three probationers had been elected. Mr. Ridgwell thanked all for their attendance at the meetings, which helped to make the gatherings so successful, and he especially thanked the correspondent of each company for the assistance rendered by collecting subscriptions and forwarding them.

Mr. Duffield spoke of the pleasure it gave him to visit the Northern Division. He did not know of any division where there was more unity and activity; it was, indeed, a really live division. They were fortunate in having two centres like Earls Colne and Braintree, where high standard methods were rung and there was excellent striking. He referred to the indisposition of Mr. Keeble, of Feering, and suggested that greetings be sent to him from that meeting, a suggestion which was unanimously agreed to.

The election of officers followed. Mr. A. A. Saunders (Greenstead Green) was re-elected District Master and Mr. F. Ridgwell (Earls Colne) district secretary, and both returned thanks.

Three new ringing members were elected. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Coggeshall about January 25th next.

On the proposition of the District Master, thanks were passed to the Dean for the use of the bells and his excellent address.—Mr. Duffield moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for having prepared so enjoyable a tea, and Mr. L. W. Wiffen expressed thanks to the Master and general secretary for their attendance.—The Dean, responding, said he would convey to Mr. Courtauld the thanks of the meeting for the use of the hall.

The following methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening: Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge, Belgrave, Bristol and London Surprise.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT BENHILTON.

The last meeting of the year of the Southern District was held at All Saints', Benhilton, on Saturday, and proved one of the most enjoyable that the district has held. About 45 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Chelsea, Croydon, Epsom, Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham, Shoreham-on-Sea and Uckfield.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock and a good variety of methods was practised throughout the afternoon. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. Willis, curate at All Saints', Benhilton (who is himself a ringer). He gave a very interesting address, and it was a pity that those people who complain about bellringing were not there to hear it.

Mr. Poole, the organist (another local ringer), presided at the organ, and the assistance of the choirboys made the service all the more enjoyable.

Tea was served at the Rendezvous Cafe, 36 sitting down to a very enjoyable meal.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. Willis being voted to the chair. The District Master expressed his desire to resign from office at the end of the year.

The secretary notified the members that the next meeting is the annual district meeting, to be held at Mitcham on Saturday, January 25th.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to all at Benhilton who contributed to making the gathering such a success.

The tower was again open for ringing, and the bells were kept going in methods to suit all tastes until about 9.15 p.m., when ringing closed with a finely struck touch of Spliced Surprise Major and the eight bells lowered in peal.

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BRAY TENOR UNCONQUERED.

Although there was plenty of water about, it did not prevent any of the forty smiling faces from meeting at Bray for the 'usual monthly practice' of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

There were several who wished to 'conquer' the tenor, but, whatever they think, the bell is still there. Rounds (plenty of them), Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise were all rung. A 'tit-bit' from Amersham was tried, Spliced Cambridge, Norwich and London, but it came to grief in the last lead.

Thanks are due to David B. Hart for his arrangements, although it is hoped that he gets a few more bells for the next meeting.

A SUNDAY IN NORTHANTS.

A very pleasant, though very wet, afternoon was spent on Sunday, November 17th, by a band of the N.U.T.S., visiting four towers near Northampton. The party, which included Mr. A. P. Cannon, of London, were shepherded by Mr. P. Amos, whose excellent arrangements satisfied everyone. A start was made at Cogenhoe (six, tenor 8¾ cwt.), and on an exceptionally good-going peal 720 Bob Minor was rung by S. Corby (first touch of Minor) 1, P. Amos 2, F. C. Tysoe 3, D. Cockings 4, P. Jones (first 720 of Minor) 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. Tea was very kindly provided by Mr. S. Corby at his house, and a move made to Whiston. On this grand-toned peal of five (tenor 17 cwt.) several 120's of Doubles were rung. The bells go very well, considering the 70ft. of rope and no guides!

Ecton was the next tower on the list, but owing to a head-wind and driving rain the party arrived too late for a 720, and contented themselves with 120's of Bob Minor. The tenor weighs 18½ cwt., and the bells are of medium tone. In the tower is an old wall painting of ringers, recently mentioned in 'The Ringing World.' The last tower on the list was Mears Ashby (tenor 11½ cwt.). The six bells have a medium draught, go well and are of excellent tone. After the service touches of Doubles were rung. The rain had now ceased, thank goodness, and it is presumed everyone had a safe journey home, tired but happy.

ARMISTICE RINGING.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Helens, Lancs, with four covering bells: W. Lynn 1, P. Case 2, W. Johnson 3, H. Grundy 4, C. Blackburn (conductor) 5, S. Burrows 6, W. Parr 7, J. Hurst 8, J. Scott 10.

On Monday, November 11th, at Wroxham, with the bells half-muffled, 720 London Surprise Minor: S. Nun 1, E. A. Stevenson 2, V. M. Ormerod 3, A. F. Boyce 4, H. C. Read 5, G. Bailey (conductor) 6.

On Armistice Day, at St. Edmund's Church, Warkton, with half-muffled clappers, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Lawrence 1, H. T. Eastbrook 2, Miss D. J. Moir 3, L. G. Toseland 4, A. S. Toseland (first 720 as conductor) 5.

On Monday, November 11th, at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Parker's Twelve-part: E. D. Poole 1, W. Saunders (conductor) 2, G. F. D. Pratt 3, W. Lago 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, J. Hanley 6, B. L. Jones 7, A. Garbett 8.

On Sunday, November 10th, for Armistice service at Cadoxton, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Williams 1, J. E. Bloxham (first quarter-peal of Kent as conductor) 2, D. Rees 3, E. Phillips 4, A. Devonald 5, G. I. Lewis 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 24th, for the special jubilee service of the Southampton Football Club, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,296 changes): J. W. Faithfull 1, H. Smith 2, W. Squires 3, R. Curtis 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, F. Murseil 6, R. Brown 7, H. Reeves 8, N. Curtis (first touch as conductor on ten bells) 9, Raymond Curtis 10.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 47 mins.: B. O'Neill (age 14) 1, J. E. Taylor (age 14) 2, W. A. Cyster (age 15) 3, G. Gilbert 4, J. D. Taylor (age 15) (first attempt as conductor) 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, C. A. Burgess (age 17) 8. J. D. Taylor is the fourth member of this young band to conduct a quarter-peal of Triples.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: Miss I. Simpson 1, Mrs. A. Disney 2, R. S. W. Smith 3, E. H. Hutton 4, A. Disney 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, I. J. Wade 7, Miss E. H. Cufflin (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 5 and 6. Mr. R. F. Elkington kindly stood out for the visiting conductor at short notice.

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NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godstone on Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Jones' Café to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Green Man Inn.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD) Farnham District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint meeting will be held at ALDERSHOT on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral Service 5, followed by tea and business meetings in Parish Hall. All welcome. — H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—Re-opening service at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30th; preacher, the Rev. A. Rust, President of the Beds. Association. All ringers welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Arnold, Hazelmere, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, on account of tea arrangements? The ring of 10 bells has been tuned and rehung by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Conisborough meeting, due to have been held on Saturday, Nov. 30th, is postponed till further notice.—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector (Rev. E. C. Harris). Tea in the Church House at 5.15.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—December meetings: Dec. 1st, Sunday morning service, ringing at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 10 a.m.; Dec. 9th and 23rd, practices, St. Clement's, 7.30 p.m.; Dec. 22nd, service ringing, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m.; Dec. 31st, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 8 p.m. All welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NORTH NOTTS.—On Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new tenor bell which has been installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild. — A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times 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. 5th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th, St. Michael's on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting of the above will be held at Buckland (8 bells) on Thursday, Dec. 5th, at 6 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The meeting arranged for Nov. 23rd at All Souls', Bolton, has been postponed to Dec. 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. A special effort is requested to make this meeting a success. Meeting arranged Dec. 14th, at St. Bartholomew's, cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Battle Axes. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle, by Thursday morning, Dec. 5th?—H. W. Shradrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, by Dec. 5th, for same. — F. Clark and M. Wilson, Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The district annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Those requiring tea, price 6d. per head, please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Reports to hand. All ringers will be welcomed. This is a good tower and most methods will be rung.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Wynmondham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at Underwood's at 4.45. Please give notice of your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Holt bells available from 7 o'clock.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch will take place at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Canon Edgar Neale). Business meeting 6 p.m. Will all those intending being present for tea please let me know by Dec. 4th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform me by Thursday, Dec. 5th.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Greyhound Hotel 5.15. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsbury (6). Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 5th to allow arrangements for tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several members of the district still owing subscriptions for this year. I should be very pleased if they would kindly forward the same before the year is up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Teas will be provided for all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Davenport, Spring View, Walsden, not later than Dec. 5th at 1s. per head. Please make this a good meeting by turning up. This means *you!* — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 7th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock. Tea to follow, at the Christine Café, 1s. per head. All will be heartily welcome. May we have a good attendance? — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let us finish with a bumper meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Whissendine on Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Everyone will be given a cordial welcome. Kindly notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at the Institute 6 p.m. Usual meeting after. Tower open till 8.45. Coaches stop close to church. Cheap tickets from all parts: rail or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Will all attending please make their own arrangements for tea. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday. Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come to our last meeting of the year and make it a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. There are buses from the Britannia, Shrewsbury, at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Return 5.45, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service and tea as usual. Please notify in good time those requiring tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — The dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. — A combined practice will be held at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnington on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please write by Dec. 5th to Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Deanery.—A meeting will be held at Beckford on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday. — H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea, 5.30, for all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Dec. 5th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service at 4.30 and tea after in the Church Room. The bells have just been overhauled. Please send numbers for tea to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Cradley, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, *not the 7th as previously arranged.* Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Dec. 10th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Reports to hand. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Steyning (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 2d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare, 3rd class return, allowed to this meeting. —S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. P. Lewis) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Thursday, Dec. 12th?—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Kindly notify me of your intention to be present by Dec. 11th.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. —Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 10th. — Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, Tewkesbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Bramley, Leeds. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Apply Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warrel's Avenue, Bramley, Leeds, on or before Dec. 11th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me at their earliest convenience.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, usual terms, in The Good Shepherd Hall, at 5.30. Service at 7.30 and business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please advise me by previous Wednesday. All ringers welcomed. Nearest station, Clapton (L. & N.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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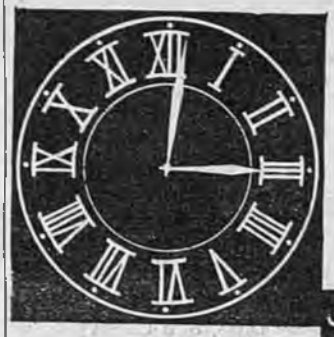

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* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor for his 72nd birthday.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED JAINE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	5
*ERNEST SALMON	2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE	6
FRANK DOWNES	3	HENRY J. TAYLOR	7
GEORGE H. GIBLIN	4	CHARLES H. SPARKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. TAYLOR.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers from Hereford Cathedral except F. Jaine, a local man, who stood in at the last minute.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, November 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Fiv Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ROGER W. DANIELS	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	C. HOWARD STANLEY	6
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
Specially arranged and rung in honour of the 82nd birthday of Mr. James George. Quickest peal on the bells.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Monday, November 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	*Treble*	JOHN ARBURY	5
WILLIAM H. HOWE	2	A. GEORGE BETTS	6
*JOHN H. GODFREY	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7
†CHARLES J. TURNER	4	†EDWARD H. MARKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 24. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD	*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	WALTER WALLACE	6
J. CHARLES DICKEN	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JOHN CURTIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
Rung for Mr. James George's 82nd birthday, it being his 1,200th peal on tower bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24¾ cwt. in D.

CHARLES BUTCHER	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. WEST	5
WILLIAM LOUD	2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	6
JESSE FRANCIS	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4	WILLIAM R. BAXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. R. BAXTER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Baxter. First peal in the method as conductor.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

ARTHUR J. FARR	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
CYRIL R. BURRELL	2	JOHN CURRY	6
GEORGE LADD	3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. George Ladd.

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On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
*EDWARD S. T. FARR	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD	3	FRANK CORKE	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. E. S. T. Farr had not previously struck a blow in 'London.' First peal in the method as conductor. L. Stilwell has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

LESLIE W. KEY	*Treble*	HAROLD SMITH	5
KENNETH I. PARDOE	2	*STANLEY J. MASON	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	NORMAN G. LEECH	7
DOUGLAS W. TURNER	4	†ERNEST S. BUSHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. G. LEECH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt. A 21st birthday compliment to K. I. Pardoe. The conductor's 40th peal.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HERBERT KNIGHT	*Treble*	DAVID HINGLEY	5
GEORGE BUTLER	2	†CHRISTOPER WALLATER	6
DENNIS HOLDEN	3	BERT HORTON	7
*HOWARD HOWELL	4	†ARTHUR REED	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

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

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN BOOTH	5
JOHN CHARNOCK	2	WILLIAM SHARPLES	6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER	3	WILFRED HELLIWELL	7
HAROLD WALMSLEY	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

The first peal on the bells.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES CAMM	*Treble*	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	5
*ALLEN MORGAN	2	DENIS R. MORRIS	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS	7
WILLIAM RANFORD	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

FREDERICK MOLINEUX	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
THOMAS HEMMING	3	CYRIL CHAMBERS	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	ALFRED MOLINEUX	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the opening peal on the bells by the St. Martin's Guild—Thurstans' Five-part peal of Stedman Triples, on Saturday, November 28th, 1885.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Five Hours,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 9760 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	JACK BAILEY	6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	3	HORACE MOULT	7
FREDERICK A. SALTER	4	PERCIVAL PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Longest peal yet rung without bobs. This composition has 400 singles and the 126 course ends.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	STEPHEN H. HOARE	5
FRANCIS KIRK	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	6
WALTER AYRE	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method (Lindoff's No. 30), and was rung without previous practice. The figures of this method were published on August 22nd, 1930.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN H. ARBON	*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
PHILLIS E. TILLETT	2	GEORGE BENNETT	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. E. S. POWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	5
REV. E. S. POWELL	2	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
*JOHN A. GREEN	3	*ALBERT J. GREEN	7
*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS	4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by the ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.

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(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*ERIC GILBERT ... ...*Treble*	†GEORGE LEDSHAM 4
JOHN COLLINGWOOD 2	JOHN BAYLEY 5
FREDERICK DAVIS 3	FRANK VARTY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First in five methods for all. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Norfolk and Primrose; (2) Cambridge and Ipswich; (3) Surfleet and Beverley; (4) York and Durham; (5) London and Wells; (6) Wearmouth; (7) Lightfoot. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM SHERBORNE... ...*Treble*	HARRY J. SANGER 4
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	KENNETH FORD 5
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in 12 Surprise methods by all and on the bells. Thirty-six changes of method.

HARLOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with 6-8 covering. Tenor 21 cwt.

E. ELLIOTT ... ...*Treble*	F. WILLSMORE 5
R. SPRINGHAM 2	W. SAMUEL 6
J. SMITH 3	H. ELLIOTT, SEN. 7
W. GILBEY 4	H. ELLIOTT, JUN.... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. ELLIOTT, SEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. N. Wood and Mr. C. H. Tucker, captain of the band. First peal by all the ringers.

HILPERTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

JESSE FRANCIS ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST F. WHITE 4
PERCY HARDING... 2	FRANK GREEN 5
*NORMAN G. KNEE 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. W. J. Mees, who has resigned the leadership of this tower through ill-health after 18 years. He has been a servant of the church as a ringer for 61 years. The thanks of the band are due to him for entertaining them after the peal.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, with tenor covering. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS ROBINSON ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS HESKETH 4
JOHN ROBINSON 2	HERBERT LUDKIN... 5
*JAMES DUNBAVIN 3	JAMES W. GARDNER 6

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. First peal of Minor in three methods by all except the conductor. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Major.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings).

*HARRY PARDOW... ... ...*Treble*	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD 4
HAROLD SMITH 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	JOHN H. STOKES... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal in two methods.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and thirty six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

CHARLES PICKEN... ... ...*Treble*	RICHARD INSTON 4
FRANK MOLE... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
ALBERT WOODVINE 3	JOHN W. TRANTER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Barnfield, of Stockton Grange, on the occasion of her 95th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Inston, parents of the 4th ringer, kindly entertained the band to supper after the peal.

ALFORD, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 27 methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury and Reverse Bob; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Sandal and Kingston Treble Bob; (4) Wath and Carisbrooke Delights; (5) Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate, Taxal and Marple Delights; (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ...*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY C. BURRELL 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... ...*Tenor*

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 135 changes of method. First peal in 27 methods by all.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWERY 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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FOR BEGINNERS.

BUILDING UP DOUBLES.

Let us continue our lesson of last week on the subject of writing out methods, and see how it applies to Doubles, which is the usual starting point for practical ringing. When we had only four bells we produced our 'changes' by alternately changing two pairs and one pair. If we had changed two pairs twice in succession we should at once be taken back to our starting point, because the pairs which we change must always consist of adjoining bells: 1 and 2, 3 and 4, if you are starting from rounds. It cannot be 1 and 3, 2 and 4, or anything of that kind, which would necessitate 'jumping' over a place.

When we come to five bells we find that the number enables us to change two pairs of bells every time; and it is this succession of double changes which gives us the name 'Doubles,' applied to all methods rung on five bells.

We began with rounds: 1.2.3.4.5, and there are three ways in which we can effect the first double change. We can change the first and second pairs, to make 2.1.4.3.5, or the first and last pairs to make 2.1.3.5.4, or we can move the last two pairs and have 1.3.2.5.4; the fact that this last is not made as the first change in general practice does not signify for our purpose. Having got your first change, you can then proceed by changing any *other* two pairs.

A	B	C	D	E	F
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21354	21354	13254	13254
24153	12453	23145	12534	31524	31245

If you had changed the same pairs the second time, you would have returned to 12345. We made progress by changing different pairs, and if you want to build up any method of Doubles, you must proceed in that way, by changing two different pairs each time.

Although our scheme on four bells enabled us to get all the possible changes on that number, as soon as you get above it and use more bells, you cannot by any recognised plan produce all the changes, without the use of certain variations in your procedure, which may be either 'bobs' or 'singles,' which are used for the purpose of diverting the otherwise systematic run, or 'course' of the bells and preventing them from coming round or producing some other repetition.

As you know, the number of changes possible on five bells is 120. For a reason which we need not go into now, it is only possible to produce half that number by changing the bells two pairs at a time. Can you build up the 60 changes in the two following ways?— Begin with our first example (A) by changing alternately the two front and two back pairs. If you do this without any 'bobs,' you will be back where you started from in ten changes. Well, do it, and see what it looks like.

Now start again, but when you come to the seventh change, instead of moving the two front pairs, move the front and back pairs, and let the bell in the middle stay where it is; i.e., 'make 3rd's place,' as we say.

When you come to the tenth change, draw a line under it for convenience and go on again changing the bells in pairs, but when you reach the fifth change, make a 3rd's place by changing the front and back pairs and do the same again at the seventh change. When you get to the end of this section of ten changes your figures should read 23145. Now continue this process, and in alternate sections, make 3rd's place (which in this method is the 'bob') at the seventh change in one, and 3rd's place at both the fifth and the seventh changes in the next. That, if properly written out, will give you your 60 changes, in the method called 'Original.'

Next take the third example (C) given above; in which the first change is obtained by changing the front and back pairs, and the subsequent changes by changing the two back pairs and the two front pairs alternately. Draw a line under the tenth change, and repeat the process, making the 3rd's place at the start. This 3rd's place, however, is not a 'bob'; it is part of the method, but we cannot get our 60 changes without bobs in this method any more than in 'Original,' and the first of these is made in the second section (or to give it its correct name, second 'lead') by making 3rd's place at the ninth change, instead of changing the two front pairs. When you have completed the tenth change below the first line, it should read 13425, and you draw another line. These lines are not essential, but they *do* help.

Having got things right thus far, go on with the process, always making a 3rd's place at the first change of each lead, and making a 'bob' at the ninth change of alternate leads. When you have done this, you will have written out half the extent of Grandsire Doubles.

Draw a continuous line over the figure 1, through all the 60 changes, and study the figures to see how all the other bells, in varying order, pass across it.

Before passing on, we ought, perhaps to explain that if no bobs were made, and the only 3rd's place inserted was at the first change in each lead, the bells would come round in three leads, or 30 changes, forming the 'plain course,' that is a course without any 'bobs.'

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Sunday, November 17th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Shaw (conductor) 1, J. Cowley 2, G. Saint 3, W. Bagley 4, J. W. Hall 5, S. Cadwallender 6.

ERYRI.

AN ANCIENT WELSH NAME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You ask me to enlighten you on the name 'Eryri.' As you say in your last editorial, 'What's in a name?' Sometimes there is a great deal, and why not in 'Eryri'? You ask 'Why Eryri?' I retort, 'Why London? Why Duffield? Why Pudsey?' All the old and many new methods are named after places, and the rule seems to be the older the place the more veneration there is for the name.

Now the name Eryri was in use in these islands centuries before Julius Cæsar landed here or London was founded. It is the old Welsh name for that district of Caernarvonshire that is now commonly called 'Snowdonia.' So when I wanted a name I took it from that district that I most love.

As you say, the method has been published before. I published it in 'The Bell News,' either in 1909 or 1910, I forget which.

I had been having a long correspondence on the method with Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who was much interested in it, and, as we failed to get a peal with a fourth's place bob, I published one with the bob in sixth's. There the matter rested until Mr. Cashmore showed me a very clever composition, in which he used one bob when the treble was behind. He afterwards parted the tenors and produced the peal that was rung at Bushey. May I take this opportunity of congratulating him and the company who rang it?

While writing to you, may I take the opportunity to say that Bristol Surprise was first produced in Cambridge in 1890, and that the Gonville and Granta variations are also my work. Composed in Cambridge on January 17th, 1921, the first peal was conducted by E. M. Atkins on the same evening.

E. BANKES JAMES.

'WORTH SURPRISE MAJOR.'

A method with a double dodging treble hunt and all the places made at hand and back was published by Mr. Fred Dench many years ago and named after his birthplace, Worth. A peal in this method can be got with tenors together.

DEATH OF MR. W. GILLINGHAM.

PORTISHEAD RINGER WHO TAUGHT MANY LADIES.

Despite the very inclement weather, a large congregation assembled at Portishead Parish Church on Friday last to pay their last respects to Mr. William Gillingham, who was from 1915 to 1930 a member of the local Urban Council, and was for many years one of the assistant overseers of Portishead. He was also captain of the Portishead ringers for 45 years, and it was mainly through his efforts that two extra bells were added to the peal in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. No one encouraged ladies in the belfry more than William Gillingham, and probably none have taught more to ring. Two peals have been rung on the bells of Portishead wholly by ladies attached to the tower, the first on January 30th, 1915.

The funeral service was choral, and while the mourners were assembling the organist played 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' and 'O rest in the Lord,' and also Chopin's 'Marche Funebre' as the cortege was leaving the church. The hymns sung were 'Hark, on high the joyful music' and 'Abide with me.' Unfortunately, a very heavy storm of rain persisted during the actual committal at the graveside, which forced the proceedings to be rather hurried.

Prebendary H. W. Jukes officiated at the service and was assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs and the Rev. V. R. B. Milton. In addition to the ringers present, representatives of the Church Council and Portishead Urban Council and School Managers attended. After the service the bells were raised and Grandsire Triples were rung by the following: A. E. Colbourn, E. Goldstone, A. L. Sale, A. Lane, R. Williams, J. Nisbett, W. S. Watts and Miss Orchard. Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) was also present at the church and graveside.

FOUR GENERATIONS

BROXBOURNE RINGER'S 'JUBILEE.'

On Sunday evening, at the Parish Church, Broxbourne, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) was rung by members of the local band: W. Pedder 1, C. Gouldsmith 2, Miss N. Radley 3, E. Gouldsmith 4, D. Hammond 5, A. Radley 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, J. Luxom 8.

This quarter-peal was specially rung in honour of the completion by Mr. C. Gouldsmith of 50 years' service as a ringer at Broxbourne Church. The band congratulated him and wished him health and strength to continue his work for the church for a great many years.

Mr. Gouldsmith has always been regular and punctual at practice and service ringing. His grandfather and father were both ringers before him at the same church, and his son has also taken up the art, making four successive generations of ringers in one family.

MUFFLED BELLS.

As a last token of respect to the memory of Sir Francis Bingham, who had a distinguished military career, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, was rung with the bells half-muffled at Burnham on November 7th when the funeral took place: B. O'Neil 1, G. H. Limmer 3, J. E. Taylor 4, J. D. Taylor 5, B. T. Harrison (first 720) 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, C. A. Burgess 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT SHREWTON.

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch on Saturday last. The meeting was at Shrewton, but ringers coming from Salisbury stopped at South Newton on the way out and had a short touch on the bells there.

At Shrewton members arrived from Hindon, Wilton, Amesbury, Wylye, Shrewton, Longbridge Deverill, Warminster, Tisbury, Britford, Winterbourne Earls, Breamore and Salisbury (St. Martin's). The Guild service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Robins). He gave a short address and apologised for his inability to attend the meeting afterwards.

Tea followed at the Plume of Feathers, and there was a brief business meeting, at which the branch chairman (Mr. E. Caple) presided, supported by the Rev. W. J. F. Groves (Rector of Wylye), the Rev. H. Moxon (Amesbury) and Mr. F. W. Romaine (branch secretary).

The Rev. W. J. F. Groves, who was until recently Rector of Pembroke, Bermuda, was elected an hon. member of the branch, and expressed his appreciation of the honour bestowed upon him. He said that on his return to England it was very good to hear bells rung again. In his church at Bermuda he merely had a chime of bells, played from a clavier by one performer.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, Mr. E. F. White, chairman of the Devizes Branch, and the other ringers from Warminster and Longbridge Deverill.—Mr. White, replying, said how much he enjoyed his visit, and looked forward to seeing some of the Salisbury ringers at their branch meetings.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the meeting, and to the organist for her good offices.

Some of the members then journeyed to Amesbury at the invitation of the Rev. H. Moxon and set the excellent ring of six going to the various methods and also to call changes.

THE HELMINGHAM RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like, through your valued paper, to congratulate the Helmingham band on their excellent performances. In their modesty they omitted to state that they reside in four parishes, so that each time they meet many miles are covered. The peals, also, were conducted by four of the band. This shows that no jealousy exists. As I have heard one at least of their peals this year, I can testify to their good striking.

'PLAIN BOB.'

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN THE NEWBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 23rd, with almost a record attendance of ringers, over 80 being present. Nearly all the towers in the branch were represented, and visitors attended from Abingdon, Beenham, Basingstoke, Taunton, Aldermaston, Twyford, Reading, St. Mary Bourne, Launton, Swindon and Wallingford. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch), and an excellent address given by the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master).

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, 72 sitting down to tea.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided.

Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary and treasurer, reported good progress. Six meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40, and six peals had been rung in the branch. The branch now had 19 honorary members and 157 ringing members. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £21 10s. 9d. Good reports were received from most of the towers.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman, Mr. H. W. Curtis hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. S. Quintin, T. Curtis, F. J. Owen and A. Smith as representatives on the General Committee.

Six new members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Shaw in February, and the spring meeting for Peasemore in April, the dates being left for the secretary to arrange.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Deputy Master, the chairman, Miss Love (organist), Mrs. Curtis and her helpers, which was carried with applause.

The Deputy Master congratulated the branch on its continued progress.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, urged all those present to work together for the Guild, and congratulated the branch on its report.

The tower was again visited, and various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung until 9 o'clock.

PEAL TABLET DEDICATED.

At St. Mary's Church, Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, for evensong, on Sunday, November 24th, on the occasion of the dedication of the first peal tablet to be erected in the tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, in 10 callings): Miss V. Marsh 1, L. H. Pink 2, H. W. Saunders 3, Dr. A. M. Cunningham (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 4, F. G. Blake (conductor) 5, M. Martin 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung, and, indeed, the first for a good many years, was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, on Saturday week.

Restorations at Pinner Church, Middlesex, are now complete, and ringing will take place on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and practice will be on Wednesdays (instead of Mondays as formerly) at 7.30 p.m. Ringing began last Sunday.

An interesting peal was rung at Billingshurst, Sussex, on Sunday. It was the first peal by a local band at this church for 38 years. Mr. Albert Feist, who rang the 2nd, took part in the first peal on the bells.

Two more Devon peals are shortly to be taken in hand by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., viz., the rings of six of Christow, near Exeter, and East Buckland, near Barnstaple. Both peals are to be removed to the Loughborough Foundry for tuning and refitting prior to being rehung in new frames. John Taylor and Co. are also adding a new treble to make six at East Anstey Church, Devon.

The same firm are also busy in Cornwall, completing the ring of eight of Tuckingmill (Roskear), near Camborne, by the addition of two new trebles, also rehanging the rings of six of St. Veep and Landulph Churches with new fittings in new frames.

A jubilee peal, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells, was rung at Hagley, Worcestershire, on Thursday last week. All the members of the peal rung in 1885 have passed away.

The ringers in that peal were J. Buffery, S. Reeves (conductor), H. Bastable, T. Reynolds, W. R. Small (whose 50th peal it was), H. Johnson, jun., and F. H. James.

Mr. M. J. Exeter, captain of the local band at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, rang a peal on Saturday, his first after a lapse of more than 25 years! After the peal the ringers enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Vicar and members of the local company, whom they wish to thank.

With 135 changes of method, a peal in 27 Minor methods was rung at Alford, Lincs, on Saturday.

'The Topographical Quarterly' for November contains an interesting article on British Bellfounders, together with a chronological list of all known founders with dates of their existence and places of residence, from 1282 down to the present time. This work is from the pen of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who has recently had his latest book published, 'Legends o' the Bells.' The latter has had a splendid reception and many fine congratulatory Press notices.

A peal of 9,760 Bob Major, reported elsewhere, was rung at Loughborough Bellfoundry on Saturday last. This had 400 singles and no bobs!

In the report of a peal of Cambridge Surprise rung at Thame on November 23rd, it was stated that it was believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells. The first Surprise peal rung there, however, was a peal of Cambridge, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on September 29th, 1904, conducted by George Williams.

The claim to the first peal on the bells at Ashbrittle, Somerset, made in a report last week, will also not stand. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung there on April 18th, 1920, conducted by A. Tout.

Another correspondent tells us that the statement sent to us that Ashbrittle is eight miles from a railway station is not true. There are three stations, neither of which is eight miles distant: Venn Cross 3, Binleycombe 4, Wellington 7.

Councillor Arthur Payne, M.B.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, gave a highly appreciated lecture on 'Church bells and change ringing,' attended by about 200 people, at Gateshead, on Wednesday week. The lecture was illustrated by over 80 lantern slides, demonstrations were given on handbells by St. Nicholas' Cathedral Guild, Newcastle, and copies of 'The Ringing World' were distributed.

The report of a peal of Doubles rung at St. Helens, Lancs, has been sent without the date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. George Williams wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to all ringers and friends who sent their very kind expressions of sympathy to him in the loss of his wife; also for the many beautiful wreaths and attendance in such large numbers of ringers and friends from far and near at the funeral at North Stoneham Church. He hopes to acknowledge all letters personally in due course.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S 82nd BIRTHDAY.

Mr. James George rang no fewer than four peals in celebration of his 82nd birthday, and all within eight days. In addition to the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus', London, recorded last week, he rang in peals of Stedman Triples at Birmingham, Stedman Triples at Overseal, and Stedman Caters at Derby. What a record!

He rang 21 peals between his 81st and 82nd birthdays, made up of Stedman Cinques 3, Caters 5, Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Yorkshire Surprise Royal (with treble) 1, Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Bob Major 1, and Cambridge Surprise Major 1.

His peal at Overseal was his 1,200th on tower bells, and his total now is 1,247.

B.B.C. AND BELL BROADCASTS.

REPLY TO MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIONS.

A 'Standard Practice.'

As a result of a resolution passed recently at a meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, regarding the B.B.C. practice of superimposing announcements over the broadcast of bells when rung for broadcast services, the following letter was sent to the B.B.C. by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow):—

'At a meeting of the above association held at Brentford on Saturday last, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

'"That while appreciative of the broadcasting of service ringing by the B.B.C., this meeting desires to express its protest at the prolonged and unnecessary announcements made during such broadcasts. The practice is unfair to the ringers concerned and to those members of the listening public interested in the art of bellringing."

'In bringing this matter to your notice, I would add that arising out of the discussion on the above resolution it was considered unnecessary to announce the precise order of the service at the expense of the bells. The bells are rung to the glory of God and have a definite message to convey. That they are appreciated by the majority of the public is evidenced in many ways, and not least by their ready support of bell restorations, etc., undertaken by church authorities.

'I plead, therefore, for broadcast ringing free from interruption. In addition, where a service is broadcast from a church possessing a ring of bells, cannot the music of those bells be included as a prelude to the service? Sunday by Sunday, this custom has been carried out for years, in many cases centuries.

'I place these views before you as representing the opinion of a body of ringers and churchmen numbering several hundred. Your observations are awaited with interest.'

In reply to this communication, the hon. secretary received the following from the Religion Executive of the B.B.C.:—

'Our standard practice, when we broadcast bells before a service, is now to begin with five minutes' ringing; about half-way through, the bells are faded down, and an announcement of the service is superimposed; the bells are then faded up again until the service begins. We want to emphasise that the ringing should always be quite audible behind the announcement, and that the announcement is normally very brief. We hope that in future you will have no cause for complaint.'

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A CELEBRATION MEETING.

An enjoyable time was spent by members of the Warwickshire Guild at a meeting held at Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton on Saturday, November 23rd. This meeting was arranged to celebrate the foundation of the Guild 28 years previously. The foundation meeting was held at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick, on November 23rd, 1907. At that meeting it was pointed out that the need of a Guild for the county had become a necessity; Warwickshire (with the exception of that part in the Diocese of Birmingham which is covered by the St. Martin's Guild) was the only county in England having no county guild or association for change ringers.

The majority of the affiliated towers in the Guild were represented at the meeting on Saturday week, members being present from Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Erdington, Lillington, Rugby, Stoke, Bedworth and Wolvey. The following were among those present: The Rev. J. A. B. Davies (president), Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master), Mr. M. Melville (secretary), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker and Mr. Frank Haynes (St. Martin's, Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin and Mr. T. W. Chapman. Apologies were received from Messrs. Edward H. Adams (the first Ringing Master), J. B. Fenton, J. F. Smallwood, and James George, who was celebrating his 82nd birthday in London.

Nearly fifty ringers and their friends sat down to an excellent tea in Chilvers Coton Church Hall, prepared by Mrs. Lewis. In spite of a severe cold, the president of the Guild very kindly joined the party after tea, when two presentations were made. These presentations took the form of emblems of the peal rung at Crayford by youthful members of the Exercise; they were the gift of Mr. Dawe to Percy Stone and had been framed by the Guild. One was presented by the Ringing Master to the president, who accepted it for Chilvers Coton belfry; the other was presented by Mr. Dawe, the organiser of the peal, to Percy Stone, who was one of the ringers in the peal.

After tea a move was made to the tower of St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Afterwards a pleasant two hours were spent in the Bull Hotel. Under the able direction of Mr. Stone, a varied and entertaining programme was got through. The artistes included Mr. Swain (piano), Mr. Price (violin) and Messrs. Barnett and J. Smith (songs). Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung by Messrs. A. Walker, F. Haynes, F. Pervin, J. White, A. Beamish, F. Dawe and D. Argyle, while tunes on the handbells were given by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish and Mr. C. H. Webb.

Altogether a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent, and thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. M. M.

MANY LADIES AT JOINT MEETING.

GENTLEMEN WELCOME THEIR PRESENCE AT ALDERSHOT.

All the circumstances attending a meeting at Aldershot on Saturday seemed to belie the attitude taken up by the correspondent in these columns, who regrets the presence of ladies in the belfry and wants ringing left to the men. There were 21 ladies present in a gathering of just over 50 ringers, and they did their share in giving 'joie de vivre' to the proceedings. They helped with the ringing, they prepared and served the tea, and, as far as one could see, did just what the men told them. The 'mere males' did not appear to suffer from any suppressed complex, and if any of them thought the belfry was 'no place for ladies,' at least when men are about, they didn't show it. Does it depend on the charm and grace of the ladies? There were neither 'frumpy' women, nor 'crusty' men at the Aldershot gathering, which was a joint meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

A meeting at Aldershot can always be depended upon to produce a satisfactory attendance, and, despite inclement weather, ringers came to the gathering from Aldershot, Bagshot, Bentley, Basingstoke, Blackmoor, Croydon, Claygate, Farnham, Frensham, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Seale, Stourbridge (Worcestershire), Worplesdon and Wokingham. St. Michael's, Aldershot, prides itself on its choir as well as its ringers—indeed, both these branches of churchworkers are well intermixed—and the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Le Fleming), was inspiring. A dozen choirboys, in addition to some of the choirmen, led the singing, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Wokingham.

The Vicar, who preached, drew lessons from the character of St. Andrew, one of whose traits was to share what he had with others. The mark of ringers, he said, was fellowship. Again and again he saw how men and women, and in the case of his own tower boys and girls, were brought into a fellowship, in which there must be something much more than the interesting study of bellringing, delightful as that must be. They were brought into a fellowship of real Christian folk, and through it kept in close touch with the true life of the Church. The old idea that ringers belonged to the tower and not to the church was breaking down. The tower was now one of the ways leading directly into the House of God, and the ringing fellowship was a part of real worship and real Christian life. That was why it was such a joy to him to meet and join with them in such a service as that.

The Vicar continued that most of them would be sorry to be without the music of the bells, but he had read that in one modern church it had been suggested that a hooter should be installed instead of bells. 'There is an emotion within us,' he added, 'that cries out against that sort of thing.' No one can tell what effect bells have in stirring up a spiritual emotion in those who hear them and helping them back to God. The bells might stir the first impulse to bring them back, and as they rang the ringers should feel that they were doing something which might have real spiritual effect.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the meeting of the Guildford Guild which followed the tea, admirably served by the Aldershot lady ringers and presided over by the Vicar, Mr. W. A. Dollimore (an honorary member) was voted to the chair, the Vicar having to return to the church for another service.

An apology was received from the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), who had been detained at Hayling Island for a month through sickness, and a message of greeting and good wishes was sent to him.

The retiring officers for the district were all renominated, except that Mr. Dollimore was nominated as the representative of the hon. members on the Executive Committee in the place of Mr. L. A. Muddell (resigned).

Members were reminded of the annual dinner of the Guild, which is to take place at Guildford on Saturday, January 11th.

It was announced that the committee had decided that collecting boxes should be placed in all towers in aid of the Benevolent Fund. It was hoped that not only would 'odd coppers' be placed in the box, but that ringers would make a point of giving a periodical sum. It was suggested, too, that where ringers had a 'Christmas share-out,' they might allocate at least 5 per cent. to the fund.

A retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 9s.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the organist, the choir, Mr. Dollimore and the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Some of the gentlemen tried handbell ringing in another room while the ladies held their meeting, and afterwards, as in the afternoon, the light peal of eight were busily employed, ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise methods.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kingsbury, on Friday evening, November 29th, in the new tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for service in the old church: Miss E. Lakin 1, Miss M. T. Barrett 2, R. G. Spears (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. H. Kilby 4, G. M. Kilby 5, J. H. Riding 6, F. Barrett (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. B. Hartley 8.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

MR. WORBOYS SUPPORTED.

Some 'Ordinary Young Men' Reply.

Following upon the many letters which we published in our last issue on the subject of 'Ladies in the Belfry,' a further batch of letters has been received this week, among them the following, some of which support the views of Mr. Worboys, who replies to his critics:—

MR. WORBOYS REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the leader of this paper on November 15th it was suggested that ladies might be made 'associates' of the Ancient Society of College Youths. My letter, published on November 22nd, was either not plain enough or the critics have read other thoughts into it. The letter, as far as I am concerned, was written in a purely *psychological strain*. My whole point is this, that I do not think it necessary for ladies to join towers that have had for years complete bands of College Youth ringers, and I think this is what would happen if ladies were made associates. I do not object to lady ringers, as I said before, and if at any tower it was impossible to get a complete band of men, and ladies stepped in to fill the gaps, I should esteem it a very noble act on their part.

In reply to Miss I. B. Thompson, may I say that my letter was not a general epistle against lady ringers, but against the suggestion in the leader of November 15th. I myself am just as pleased to ring with ladies as with men, and am very pleased to stand in touches rung to assist a lady learner, although I am in the same stage myself.

In reply to Miss E. D. Turner, I am not averse to ladies in the belfry, as you will have seen above. May I correct Miss Turner when she says ladies recognise man's pastime? Perhaps she does not know that there are international games of Association football played by women; in addition to which is cricket. In reply to 'A Lady of the Belfry, Bristol,' I agree with her second paragraph, but it would be slightly different entering as a regular ringer into a tower where ladies had not rung before. The existing spirit in the tower would have to be broken and a new spirit grow, incorporating both ladies and gentlemen.

In reply to Mr. E. F. Poppy, may I say that I, as he, have yet to meet friction in a belfry, but I was only treating *one* question of ladies entering new belfries, and then I fully understand that any change would be psychological and not practical.

By this time, Mr. Warrington must surely see that I do not wish to keep all ladies from all belfries. That is ridiculous. I am not shy.

In reply to Verse, I am, I hope, also bright and I should like to meet the author about the 'crusty' part. I should hope to bring him out of his temporary lapse.

Lastly, I hope all will understand what I mean about psychological trouble, the breaking down of one spirit and the building of another. I am, in fact, a post-war 'modern,' who would like to see this very ancient but strong society stand by all its principles at its tercentenary. If you do not agree with me, the matter must be left in that position, as this is only a matter of personal opinion. May I give you to understand that I have collaborated with no other person? I now leave the front line 'unstung' and 'unshifted' to any other 'warrior' who would like the position.

A. H. WORBOYS.

Barking, Essex.

'A STORM OF CONTROVERSY.'

Sir,—I have carefully perused the various letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' anent 'Ladies in the belfry,' and it seems to me that your leading article of two or three weeks ago, in which you advocate the admission of the ladies to membership of the College Youths, has raised a storm of controversy, which, to my mind, can cause nothing but bad feeling, and, as I have already discovered for myself, a certain amount of somewhat acrimonious discussion. It is my opinion that the sooner the correspondence on the subject is brought to a conclusion, the better it will be for the Exercise.

Whether we menfolk like it or not, let us quickly realise that the fair sex have firmly entrenched themselves, and no amount of argument, verbal or written, will shift them from the positions in the Exercise which a very select few of them occupy so ably.

It is a matter for the Ancient Society to decide if ladies are to be admitted to membership, and the decision can well be left to them.

Let us, then, carry on and do what we can to further the art, and even if some of us men do not approve of lady ringers, let us at least tolerate their now inevitable participation in our activities. I am sure it will be to the ultimate advantage of our grand old science if we do so.

JAMES G. A. PRIOR.

VIEWS OF A 'FEW ORDINARY YOUNG MEN.'

Dear Sir,—One cannot help feeling sorry for Mr. Worboys, whose perfectly reasonable letter has brought down such a storm of protest and abuse on his head. His views are the views of many, and we hasten to associate ourselves with his quite understandable opinions. As a first step, may we point out to your other correspondents on this subject that they appear rather to have jumped to conclusions. No one is suggesting that women should give up ringing altogether—certainly not Mr. Worboys. All he suggests is that they leave efficient male companies alone.

It is quite obvious that there are, and must be, exceptions, but it is our opinion that, as a rule, the introduction of one or more women into a band of men does more harm than good. There is no question of clubs or socials or dart-rooms or any improper use of the belfry in this direction; it is merely the question of the upsetting of the even tenor of an efficiently operating unit. No one will wish to use such an absurdly strong expression as 'refined mental torture' or 'pain in the neck,' rather can it be described as causing a relaxation of that feeling of interest and determination which is so invaluable to the continued progress of any voluntary organisation. It would also be as well to remember that ringing differs greatly from committees, dramatic societies, etc., in one important respect, namely, that it was, until recently, essentially a men's preserve, so that what may pass unnoticed in the latter case may be very much an intrusion in the former.

So much for the several sound and reasonable arguments advanced in last Friday's letters, but some of the other statements made therein are, to say the least of them, wild; whilst others are the merest expressions of opinion. It seems to us, for instance, that 'trash' in the tower is rather enhanced when women enter, and we fail utterly to see what possible connection the donors of the bells can have with this question. We further consider that the number of young people who have women to thank for introduction to, and instruction in, the art must be very small—the merest fraction, in fact, of those taught by the 'mere male.' Let it be realised, also, that there *is* a men's guild in existence in the shape of the world's foremost ringing organisation, and, unless we are grievously mistaken, it was the question of the introduction of females into this last stronghold which was the original cause of all this furore—seemingly even a 'pukka' men's guild would not be safe.

As lovers of good striking, we readily agree that *some* ladies' ringing abilities make us feel uncomfortable, and we have yet to be convinced that any pastime involving a ball is more of a man's job than turning in St. Paul's tenor to a peal of Cambridge Maximus. Seemingly, also, the existence of lady footballers could be more generally known.

Here, then, are the views of a few ordinary young men, not bright young things, or gay little skylarks, or anything else unusual—just plain young men, and neither Eliza nor twenty Ladies' Guilds can make us alter them.

J. A. WAUGH.
F. W. CORNEY.
S. F. WEBB.
J. CORNEY.
C. E. TAYLOR.
BERTRAM W. BRIGHTY.
RAYMOND G. COUSINS.

'A GROSS INSULT.'

Dear Sir,—I hope that you will allow me a small space in 'The Ringing World' in which to reply to the letter under the heading of 'Ladies in the Belfry.' The heading is so very definite that I, for one, cannot let it pass without comment.

The letter I consider is a gross insult to all lady ringers—and there are quite a few of us in the country to-day. More than once 'The Ringing World' has urged bands to obtain lady recruits, so evidently Mr. Worboys is speaking only for himself, and not for the majority of ringers.

I have been a regular member of a tower for the past ten years, and am the only lady member of the band. Instead of having a depressing effect on the other members of the band, I am told that the belfry is not the same when I am away. I have not expected, and most certainly have never received any treatment different from an ordinary member of our band. Mr. Worboys mentions brotherliness amongst ringers—well, from my experience, the presence of ladies has curbed (at least temporarily) a few exhibitions of 'brotherliness' which had developed into rather nasty arguments. The correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' also contribute ample evidence of that feeling of brotherliness.

Another remarkable thing is, when we ladies hold a ladies' meeting, what an enormous gathering of men attend. Evidently we are not as repugnant as Mr. Worboys would have us believe. If he has the 'Garbo' instinct, and wishes to be alone, then surely an annual reunion of ringers is not the place for him.

No, Mr. Worboys, lady ringers have just as much right to attend an association's annual dinner as the men, and are certainly just as competent ringers as many of the men. We ladies do not become ringers because we enjoy the company of men so very much—it is the art of ringing to which we are attracted. It would appear that this is what Mr. Worboys has overlooked.

'INSULTED.'

A SHAFT FROM ALDERSHOT.

Sir,—Surely Mr. Worboys' letter on 'Ladies in the Belfry' must be a joke! If it is, we can safely ignore it. On the other hand, if Mr. Worboys is serious, it will be necessary to enlighten him

There are towers where ladies are welcomed, and not only do they keep the atmosphere cheerful, but are invaluable when it comes to sociability and keeping the men up to the mark.

As regards recruiting, there are not many young men who prefer an all male band, and when a young man 'acquires' a young lady, surely the best plan is for the young lady to be introduced into the band and so increase the membership of the tower? This also affects the attendance at ringing meetings, for what better Saturday afternoon outing can be had than attending a meeting at another tower?

In fact, the ladies are a decided addition to tinging, and are appreciated by the majority of ringers.

Although Mr. Worboys' letter was for the College Youths, many comments have been made on it, and it is surely any man's duty and pleasure to defend the ladies from undeserved attacks.

'THE LADS OF ALDERSHOT.'

LADIES ALLOWED MORE LATITUDE.

Dear Sir,—Judging by the correspondence which has followed Mr. Worboys' letter, he appears to be alone in his opinion, but I believe this to be just the opposite, and I think that he has a lot more support than he imagines.

First of all, I think we must admit that many of these ladies, by their ringing ability, put some of us poor men in the shade; also that their presence adds colour to the belfry, but to say that the presence of a charming young lady in the belfry has no psychological effect on the men is untrue.

As Mr. Worboys writes, when the lady is a permanent member of the band, trouble is likely to occur, and this is due to her being allowed more latitude than the other members of the company.

Personally, I think that the belfry is for men, but others think differently, and there always will be towers where women will be allowed to join.

Providing that the ladies are treated exactly as the rest of the band, all will be well. But, frankly, is this possible?

Benhilton, Surrey. W. CYRIL SMITH.

WHAT THE MOUSE OVERHEARD.

Sir,—Last Saturday there were great things doing in the Church Hall where I live, and I thought you might like to know something about what I overheard. First of all, a great tea was spread for such a lot of people—more than I could count—and there were a lot of small boys among them who seemed to be so hungry that they did not leave off eating for a long time. How I envied them!

Then some men got up and talked and quickly went away. Afterwards I heard bells ringing in another room—the very room where the tea had been prepared and which I specially wanted to visit, to get my supper. As I was afraid to go in, I had to stop in the hall and remain very quiet for fear of frightening a lot of ladies who sat round a long table and kept on talking.

Apparently they had got a grievance. Someone had written to your paper to say that they—the ladies I mean—*would* go where they were not wanted and they seemed very cross about it. One lady said the letter ought never to have been printed. The Editor must be a bad man to allow anyone to say the things that the other man had said about them, but I noticed that the ladies chuckled over what other ladies had written about the other man. They evidently thought the other man had 'got it in the neck.' I can't remember all they said about him, and if I did perhaps you couldn't publish it. Afterwards they all got serious, and with very straight faces they agreed that they would take no notice of what the other man had said and would treat it with the utmost contempt.

And then they ran off to ring with the other men who didn't think that ladies ought not to ring with the lords of creation, for fear of disturbing their equanimity.

When they had gone I was able to hunt for my supper.

'MICKEY MOUSE II.'

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

ADDED INTEREST AMONG YOUNG MEMBERS.

The annual report of the Ladies' Guild has just been issued.

'In reviewing the past year,' it says, 'there certainly seems to be added interest in the Guild in most districts, especially among the younger members, but in some there is still room for improvement. We expressed a hope in our last report that at our meeting in London we should be able to say that all outstanding subscriptions had been paid, but this we are unable to do. The great trouble about the whole matter is that we are unable to say definitely what our membership is, because the people in arrears do not definitely resign from the Guild, but just "simply fade away." We do appeal to members who join to be prompt with their subscriptions, as the matter is of real concern to the district secretaries.

'The district meetings have, on the whole, been well attended and the joint meetings have been a great success. One peal has been rung, viz., a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Crayford, the first in the method for the Guild. This was rung at the first attempt.

'In the Northern District, the secretary (Miss N. Cawthorne) has resigned, and Miss Dorice Turner has been elected. We thank Miss Cawthorne for her work in the past, and wish the new secretary every success.

'Both the Central Council representatives attended the Shrewsbury meeting. Here the Australian tourists were welcomed and entertained, two of our members, Mrs. and Miss Richardson, being of the company. We should like to add our welcome home and express our pleasure that the Guild was represented on this great adventure.

'We are now in the 23rd year of our existence, and it is gratifying to see the numbers being maintained, but we should like to see them increase a little faster, which would happen if old members kept their subscriptions paid. Members will bear in mind that after three years they cease to remain in the Guild if their subscriptions have not been paid.

'We much regret to record the death of Mrs. George Williams, of Eastleigh, Hants, a foundation member of the Guild, and the first lady to ring a peal, which she accomplished "in hand" in 1892.'

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, November 23rd, when about 50 people attended. The service was conducted by the curate, who also officiated at the organ.

At the Schoolroom an ample tea had been provided by Mrs. E. M. Atkins and the local ladies.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mrs. Deal.

Six new members were elected, i.e.: Mrs. McCombie, Leytonstone, and Miss E. G. Oakden, Oxon, hon. members; Miss Joan Wheeler, Bishopstoke; Miss Lydia Cornes, Kilburn, Miss Mary Rawlings, Beckenham, and Miss Marie Goodship, Wealdstone, ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edmonton in February, the date to be fixed later.

Members were reminded that the next south-of-the-river meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on December 14th.

Miss Bradford drew the attention of the members to the amount of work Mrs. Fletcher had done in producing the latest reports.

Mrs. Deal expressed the pleasure of the members at having with them that afternoon three welcome visitors, i.e., Miss E. Steel (president), Mrs. F. Boulton (vice-president, Northampton District) and Miss H. Mills (secretary, Southern District).

The business concluded after a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Atkins for making all the necessary arrangements for an enjoyable meeting.

MEETING AT ALDERSHOT.

Mrs. Bruce presided at the business meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held at Aldershot on Saturday.

Three new members were elected, viz., Miss Irene Tuck and Miss Margaret Hill, of Aldershot, and Miss Lena Miles, of Bramley, Hants.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Leatherhead in February, 1936.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Fletcher (general secretary) for the work put into the annual report.

Mention was made of the recent letter in 'The Ringing World' with reference to 'Ladies in the belfry,' but those present thought it was not of sufficient consequence to discuss.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Bruce for presiding, and a welcome was extended to Mrs. Park and Mrs. Massey, of the Central District.

Twenty-one members of the Guild were present.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds was held on Saturday. Mr. H. Knight (Wrington) succeeded to the office of chairman, and Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester) was elected vice-chairman.

All the other officers and stewards were re-elected. Mr. S. Riches and Miss Scofield were added to the stewards' list.

The profit on the year's working amounted to 2s. 5d.

TITLES.

We have received another long letter from Mr. P. Amos on the subject of changing the titles of some of the old ringing societies. He says he knows all about their history, which makes his first letter all the more surprising.

The best he can think of by way of change seems to be the following: Instead of the Ancient Society of College Youths, 'The Holy Cross Society of Change Ringers'; instead of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, 'The Duke of Cumberland Society of Change Ringers (if,' he adds, 'no better name could be found)'; instead of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, 'St. Martin's, Birmingham, and District Guilds.'

We do not wish to be unkind, but if this is the best contribution Mr. Amos can make in the name of 'truth' and 'progress,' to which he refers in his letter, we suggest that he should save the time and mental effort required in penning such effusions.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

About sixty ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District of the Herts County Association at Hitchin on Saturday week. Ringers were present from London, Baldock, Aston, Tempsford, Northill, Bedford, Bromham, Ravensden, Heanor (Derbyshire), Shillington, Royston, Stevenage, Newmarket, Sawston, St. Paul's, Walden, Meppershall, Little Munden, St. Albans, Luton, Cambridge, Northchurch, Apsley, Henlow, Barley, and one ringer, Mr. Taylor, from Ohio, U.S.A.

Tea in the Church House was followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. W. Ayre, of Leverstock Green (president of the association) presided. Messrs. S. Herbert, E. Winters, W. R. Dennis, K. Perry and Brown were elected members of the association. Ashwell was decided upon as the next meeting place, with St. Ippolyts as an alternative.

A good deal of time was spent in collecting subscriptions, said Mr. G. E. Debenham, who urged the members to pay their subscriptions more promptly.

Mr. Don Mears, the hon. district secretary, thanked the Vicar, the Rev. Reginald Routh, for the use of the bells at St. Mary's Church, and also the ladies for preparing tea. The Vicar suitably replied.

After the meeting, evensong was conducted in the Trinity Chapel of St. Mary's by the Vicar, after which ringing was resumed, and included Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Bristol Surprise and Superlative Surprise.

Copies of the photograph taken in the tower can be had 1s. 1d. post free from 'Pictorial' Offices, Bancroft, Hitchin.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The November meeting was held at St. Peter's, Birstall, on Saturday, instead of at St. Michael's, Headingley. The change of tower may have had something to do with the poor attendance before tea. The ringers were invited to tea and to the sale of work which was being held in the Church Schools, and were welcomed by the Vicar.

Ringing was continued until the business meeting, which was held in the tower at 7 p.m. The president occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Elland, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Liversedge, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Ripon, Rothwell, Sherburn and the local company.

Two new members, Messrs. R. H. Dove, of St. Michael's, Headingley, and C. White, of Ossett, were elected, and the election of Messrs. H. Devonport and W. Helliwell, who were made members of the society before a peal during the month, was confirmed.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, and mentioned that Birstall company should be specially thanked for accepting this meeting at short notice.—Mr. J. Hey seconded the motion, and Mr. H. Peel replied for the local company.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the ladies who attended at the tea tables.

There will be no meeting during December, and members are asked to watch the columns of 'The Ringing World' for the date of the next meeting, which is due to be held at Pudsey.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church for morning service on Sunday, November 23rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Bennett 1, R. Hurst 2, W. Waylen (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, W. C. Shute 4, E. T. Griffin 5, Miss M. White 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times 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 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th, St. Michaels on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting after.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The meeting arranged for Nov. 23rd at All Souls', Bolton, has been postponed to Dec. 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. A special effort is requested to make this meeting a success. Meeting arranged Dec. 14th, at St. Bartholomew's, cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited —F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.— The annual meeting of this division will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — H. W. Shradrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., 1s. each.—F. Clark and M. Wilson, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Reports to hand. All ringers will be welcomed. This is a good tower and most methods will be rung.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Holt bells available from 7 o'clock.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch will take place at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Canon Edgar Neale). Business meeting 6 p.m.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Please make this a good meeting by turning up. This means *you!*—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5.15 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Greyhound Hotel 5.15. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsbury (6).—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several members of the district still owing subscriptions for this year. I should be very pleased if they would kindly forward the same before the year is up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 7th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock. Tea to follow, at the Christine Café, 1s. per head. All will be heartily welcome. May we have a good attendance? — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let us finish with a bumper meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Rd., Higham-on-the-Hill, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

BUSHEY, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at the Institute 6. Business meeting, etc. Bells available till 8.45. Coaches stop at church. Rail services from all parts to Bushey Station. Cheap tickets.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road. Tel. City 4270.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday. Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come to our last meeting of the year and make it a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. — A combined practice will be held at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. There are buses from the Britannia, Shrewsbury, at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Return 5.45, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Will all attending please make their own arrangements for tea. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — The dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service and tea as usual. Please notify in good time those requiring tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service at 4.30 and tea after in the Church Room. The bells have just been overhauled. Please send numbers for tea to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Delayed November meeting on Dec. 7th at St. George's-in-the-Borough. Bells at 3. Tea at nearby Lyons 5.15. Business and ringing to follow.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

FRESHFORD, near Bath, Somerset.—The new treble bell, making a ring of five, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bath on Sunday next, December 8th, at 3 p.m. The new bell is by Taylor & Co., Loughborough, who have also rehung the other four bells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Special Northern District meetings: Sunday, Dec. 8th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, at 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Wednesday, Dec. 11th, elementary 12-bell meeting at St. Mary-le-Bow, at 7.30 p.m. Speciality, Caters and rounds on 12. All good handlers are particularly invited, whether they have handled 12 before or not.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Reports to hand. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Steyning (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 2d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare, 3rd class return, allowed to this meeting. —S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. P. Lewis) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Thursday, Dec. 12th?—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Kindly notify me of your intention to be present by Dec. 11th.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. —Western Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 10th. — Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, Tewkesbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Bramley, Leeds. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Apply Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warrel's Avenue, Bramley, Leeds, on or before Dec. 11th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me at their earliest convenience.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, usual terms, in The Good Shepherd Hall, at 5.30. Service at 7.30 and business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please advise me by previous Wednesday. All ringers welcomed. Nearest station, Clapton (L. & N.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, Liverpool, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th. — H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. All Saints' tower open from 6 o'clock. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Dec. 11th?—C. R. Smith, 53, West Carr Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints', near King's Lynn, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Bell Inn. All ringers welcome. — Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30. Service, conducted by the Vicar, at 4.30. Tea, at 5 p.m., to those who notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcomed.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Millom on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Swindon (Christ Church) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. A card re tea will oblige.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough and Northampton Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at Spratton (5 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretaries for tea by Tuesday previous.—G. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby, J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton, Hon. Branch Secs.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Dec. 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 11th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Watermoor bells (8) open 3 o'clock. Tea, 4.45, Viner's Restaurant. Service, 6 o'clock, in Parish Church. Bells (12) after service. Please advise for tea by Dec. 10th.—W. H. Hayward, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Oxford and District Branch will be held at Holywell (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names in by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—R. A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Marsh Gibbon on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (5) 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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tea will be provided by the Rector at 6d. each to those who notify him at the Rectory, Ruskington, Sleaford, by Thursday, Dec. 12th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting of the Wiral Branch will be held at Wallasey, St. Hilary's (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Parish Hall.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne Abbey on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Other local towers open. All ringers welcome. — J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery. — Dec. 14th, at North Crawley Begin 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Bryce. Business meeting to follow. Ladies invited. Roll up and let us have a bumper meeting for the last of 1935. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Dec. 11th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

REPTON, DERBY.—On Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the two new trebles. The ring of six has been rehung and the peal augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HINDERCLAY, near Diss, Norfolk.—Special service for the re-opening of the bells on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me before Dec. 14th. — H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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In the notice of a meeting held last Saturday, the secretary of one of the branches of the Lancashire Association said: 'Please make this a good meeting by turning up. This means *you.*' Such a pointed invitation was not, we hope, without effect, in the district to which it was specially directed, but it could be applied with equal reason, we imagine, in many other associations, and in relation to many other things in ringing besides district meetings. Ringers, as a body, are notoriously apathetic and yet they expect others to be up and doing in order to keep the flag flying and the organisation in proper trim. It is probable that in many areas not half the members attend a district meeting throughout the year, and the consistent loyalty of a small proportion saves many meetings from being a complete failure. It is true that the regular support of the stalwarts is a thing well worth having; it is the power which keeps the machine moving, and the loyal backing of these members makes any effort worth while, but the lukewarm ringers often fill the officials with dismay. Even the payment of an annual subscription ought not, in itself, to be considered a full discharge of one's obligations. What is of more value is a personal interest in the society's affairs, and support of its various activities.

But there are other directions in which a similar appeal might well be made to a large body of the ringers throughout the country. What about the Sunday service ringing, that has got slack, because of *your* unpunctuality? What about the neglected practices, which, for want of *your* attendance, wears down the enthusiasm of others, prevents their progress, and may even lead to abandonment of these weekly practices altogether? What about that fresh method which the others would like to ring, but which is impossible because of *your* indifference? And to get beyond your own tower, what about the work which is entailed upon honorary secretaries, because *your* subscription to the association is not promptly paid? Or, the inconvenience that may be caused when, if you do attend a meeting, *you* fail to send the postcard that would facilitate the tea arrangements? And, if you are not a member of an association because you think *you* will not get anything out of it, have you ever thought that there is nothing worth having to be got out of anything unless you put something into it? 'This means *you*' is an excellent text for a sermon, and we hope that there are many ringers who will ponder upon it in its application to their own attitude to their own tower and association. We are quite sure that a little thought will show how much more successful both a local band and an association could be, if the apathetic ringers shed some of their lethargy and indifference.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28¾ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT	...*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	7
EDWARD J. BEER	2	JAMES H. RIDING...	8
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	GEORGE STEERE	9
JOHN H. CHRESMAN	4	HORACE BELCHER	10
EDWIN F. PIKE	5	REUBEN SANDERS	11
THOMAS NEWMAN	6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD..	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Princess Victoria, who was interred this day at Windsor, and to the memory of Richard Bevan, an old member of the Royal Cumberland Society and the above association. Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 are Royal Cumberlands, and 1, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 12 are College Youths, and the band includes the Masters of both societies.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT J. HUBBLE ...	...*Treble*	DENNIS J. HOLDEN	5
HOWARD HOWELL	2	DAVID HINGLEY	6
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY... ...	3	HAROLD SMITH	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	NORMAN BERRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. SMITH.

A compliment to A. J. Hubble and Mrs. Hubble on their fifth wedding anniversary. First peal as conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JACK RIDGEWELL ...	...*Treble*	*VICTOR GLASS	5
WILLIAM S. BUTLER... ...	2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6
*BASIL RAWLINSON	3	*WILLIAM BUTLER	7
WILLIAM MELLIN	4	ERNEST BRIGHT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the division. W. S. Butler has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*REG C. H. CONNOLLY	...*Treble*	JOSIAH D. HARRIS	5
†GEORGE PULLINGER... ...	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ...	3	†GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal with a Treble Bob hunt. † 100th peal together. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Queenie Browning, of Sherfield Manor, and Mr. Tom Noble, of Rowdens Farm, Sherfield English, Romsey, which was solemnised at the above church prior to the peal. The band were entertained to a sumptuous repast after the peal at the Village Hall.

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On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH FORD	*Treble*	HARRY J. SANGER	5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... ...	3	RONALD G. BECK...	7
DAVID MACKAY	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late William Gillingham, of Portishead, who died on November 25th. First peal in the method on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
JAMES W. WILKINS	2	A. REGINALD BLABY	6
*CHARLIE BOND	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS... ...	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ...	*Treble*	GEORGE OLLIVER...	5
WALTER CLAYDON	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
NELSON ELLIOTT...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER WOOD	*Treble*	†WALTER WICKS	5
ALBERT FRIST	2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	6
*CECIL H. WOOD...	3	RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. ...	7
THOMAS ADAMS	4	‡ERNEST HOWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First peal for 38 years by a local band. All are Sunday service ringers. The ringer of the second took part in the first peal on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

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MISS DORIS DOBBIE	2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	6
LEONARD MANNERING... ...	3	LOUIS HEAD	7
WALTER H. DOBBIE	4	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. I. Porter and Miss Ivy Baum, who were married at Minster (Sheppey) the previous day.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
HARRY HOSKINS	2	JOHN W. EUSTON...	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JOSEPH MARES	7
ERNEST BRETT	4	REUBEN SANDERS...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BROMLEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM GRACE	*Treble*	JOHN E. LYDDIARD	5
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ...	2	ALLISON PURDOM	6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ...	3	EDMUND MOUNTER	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	*HAROLD S. BLACKETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD S. BLACKETT.

* First peal. 51st peal and a birthday peal for the ringer of the 5th.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

FRANK A. SLINGSBY	*Treble*	GORDON WEBB	5
WILLIAM BIDNELL	2	*LIONEL H. LEACH	6
WILLIAM J. BIDNELL	3	CHARLES TURNER	7
ALEC WEBB	4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), and to F. A. Slingsby.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD	*Treble*	JOHN CURRY...	5
*FRANK RICHARDSON	2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	3	HAROLD BARSLEY	7
†JOHN W. CARTER	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	EDWARD S. T. FARR	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Adapted from J. REEVES. Conducted by A. R. PINK.

The first peal rung in the method, which was named as a compliment to St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia. Rung with the bells half-muffled owing to the death of H.R.H. the Princess Victoria.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE ...	...*Treble*	*FRANCIS J. TOMPKINS ...	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	6
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ...	3	*HERBERT GATES...	7
*HORACE L. WAITE	4	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. 100th tower-bell peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled for H.R.H. Princess Victoria.

PINCHBECK, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
HORACE M. DAY	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN
First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	...*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
*THOMAS J. LOCK	2	*ALFRED G. HILL	6
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
*JOHN G. NASH	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Audsley, parents of the conductor, on the 57th anniversary of their wedding.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

HENRY W. GAYTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM COPPERWHEAT ...	5
DONALD COCKING	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	6
GEORGE H. ROBERTS	3	HARRY PETTIT	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ..	4	DENNIS G. DEIGHTON...	...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.
Rung as a compliment to G. H. Roberts and A. H. Martin, the esteemed towerkeeper at the above church, on the occasion of their 71st birthdays.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	5
*GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ...	2	*THOMAS J. ELTON	6
RICHARD C. INGRAM	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
FRED PRICE...	4	ALLAN SHORT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* First peal together for 40 years.

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CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	DAVID MACKAY	5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... ...	6
HARRY J. SANGER	3	RONALD G. BECK...	7
JOHN E. METCALFE	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by R. G. BECK.
First peal in the method as conductor.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

EDGAR HANCOX	...*Treble*	PERCY E. JONES	5
*MISS EDNA F. BEDFORD ...	2	WILLIAM HONER	6
GEORGE H GUTTERIDGE ...	3	FRANK CORKE	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to H.R.H. Princess Victoria

RHYL.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

R. SPERRING	...*Treble*	S. D. EDWARDS	5
*J EVANS	2	*J. H. FULLER	6
†E. ATKINSON	3	P. SWINDLEY	7
†T. TURNER	4	A. E. PEGLAR, SEN. ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. E. PEGLAR.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

PERCY WEBB	...*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	5
BERRY WAYMAN...	2	†GORDON LILLEY...	6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... ...	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
*SIDNEY BROWN	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method. T. R. Dennis' 150th peal and F. Warrington's 200th.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

BENJAMIN J. TOBY ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT	6
GEORGE POPNELL	3	D. REES JAMES	7
FRANK ROWSELL	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY
First peal on the bells, cast in 1722. They were recently rehung by John Taylor and Co. The peal was especially rung as a birthday peal for Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the above association) for his 70th birthday.

MALDEN, ESSEX. — At St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening, October 6th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Mansfield 1, R. Bird 2, F. Lewis 3, Miss A. E. Waldock 4, F. White (first 720 in the method) 5, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 6. There is a young band at this church, which has recently shown much keenness.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WHITING	...*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	... 5
*MISS PHYLLIS TILLETT	... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ...	... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST	... 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
* First peal in the method.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	*Treble*	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	... 5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE	... 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY	... 7
JOHN P. PELLOE ...	... 4	HARRY WINGROVE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
Rung to mark the seventh anniversary of the reopening of the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*JOHN POLLARD ...	.. *Treble*	JAMES OSBORN	... 4
JOHN W. LAKE ...	... 2	†ALBERT T. ALLEN	... 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	... 3	†FREDERICK W. FRENCH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

KELSTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	...*Treble*	*SAMUEL HECTOR	... 4
*ALEXANDER EVANS	... 2	FRANK S. MERRETT	... 5
SEALY WOODBURN	... 3	*HERBERT J. MERRETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK S. MERRETT.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Samuel Hector, who hails from Trowbridge, Wilts, has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. This peal was a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

*P. CASE	...*Treble*	†A. HAYES	... 4
*H. GRUNDY ...	... 2	C. BLACKBURN	... 5
*W. JOHNSON	... 3	†W. LYNN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. BLACKBURN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung in honour of the 47th anniversary of the Men's Bible Class.

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FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*ROLAND W. RANDAL...	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. SCOTT	... 4
JAMES H. MUSSON	... 2	CHARLES WILKINSON	... 5
HORACE M. DAY	... 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY
* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the patronal festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and thirty of Grandsire (ten callings), with six changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*PETER V. SPACKMAN	...*Treble*	HAROLD E. BROWN	... 4
†NEIL ALLNATT ...	... 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	... 5
CHARLES E. J. WATT	... 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Cecil Brown), who is leaving for Heanton Punchardon, Devonshire.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND	...*Treble*	†NORMAN SOMMERHAYES	... 4
*MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON	2	JAMES E. BAILEY	... 5
JOHN WHEADON ...	... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor and first peal in the method. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Councillor and Mrs. F. W. Humphrey, of Northfleet, a former ringer of this church. The band would like to couple the name of Joseph H. Wicks with the peal, as he was unable to stand in owing to a recent illness.

MINSTER, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's.

*GEORGE BROOKER	...*Treble*	CHARLES SAUNDERS	... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ...	... 2	GEORGE KENWARD	... 5
MICHAEL J. EXETER	... 3	LUTHER J. HONESS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.
* First peal. A birthday peal for T. Saunders and arranged specially for M. J. Exeter, this being his first attempt for a peal for over 25 years. He is captain of the local band.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*HUGH MACKINDER	...*Treble*	*HARRY HOVERD...	... 4
†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	... 2	*EDWIN A. BARNETT	... 5
*MISS MOLLIE REDPATH	... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. CANNON
* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Kent Minor, also on the bells. First peal of Kent Minor as conductor. Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, late general secretary of the association. This is the 50th tenor the conductor has 'turned in' to a 720 of Minor. Mr. H. Hoverd has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

FRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of St. Clement's, and two each of Plain and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*OLIVER J. KIDBY	...Treble	*PERCY K. PARKER	4
WALTER E. LAYZELL	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
†CECIL H. ALDHOUS	3	EDWIN C. SIMPSON	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

DARFIELD, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and London Surprise, Abbeville, Crowland, St. Werburg, Vale Royal and Combermere Delights.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM	...Treble	ERNEST BROOKES	4
WILLIAM GREEN	2	HAROLD CHART	5
ARTHUR PANTHER	3	DANIEL SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE A. TRENDALL	...Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY	4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS	2	ALEC M. GENERY	5
CLAUD SNOWDEN	3	GEORGE R. TOWNES	...Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

* First peal of Surprise.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

E. A. STEVENSON	...Treble	A. F. BOYCE	4
G. MAYERS	2	H. C. READ	5
V. M. ORMEROD	3	G. BAILEY	...Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. M. Davies, headmaster of Wroxham School for 35 years.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. C. PEARCE	...Treble	*FREDERICK GOSLING	4
HENRY LAWRENSON	2	JAMES W. BERRY	5
*WILLIAM J. JAMES	3	CYRIL PEARCE	...Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. BERRY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church with the exception of the ringers of 2 and 5.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

GILBERT GWATKIN	...Treble	ERNEST SALMONS	4
*JOSEPH W. DOWNES	2	WILLIAM DUGGAN	5
ALBERT HURCOMBE	3	FRANK DOWNES	...Tenor

Conducted by F. DOWNES.

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

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	...1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	...5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK	...3-4	PETER LAFLIN	...7-8
HAROLD JACKSON	...9-10		

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Barnes and P. Laflin.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

IN REMEMBRANCE

ARMISTICE-TIDE TOUCHES.

With the bells half-muffled, on Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mark's, Worsley: W. Grundy 1, K. Welsby 2, R. Allred 3, W. Jones 4, B. T. Allred 5, Eric Yates 6, Fred Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, R. Jones 10. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells. First quarter-peal by all except the 9th ringer. All are local ringers.

At Stoke, Coventry, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. F. Rouse 1, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 2, E. H. Johnson 3, D. F. Ellender 4, W. Maund 5, J. Taylor 6, E. Sibley 7, C. Hayne (first quarter-peal) 8.

At Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on November 11th, in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Great War and as a token to Mr. C. F. Dupen, who had been connected with St. Michael's Church for 41 years and whose interment took place in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with half-muffled clappers: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. M. White 2, F. Springham 3, W. T. Prior 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

At St. Andrew's Church, Heckington, Lincolnshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Jackson 1, H. Connel 2, H. Warrington 3, J. Clark (conductor) 4, J. W. Woods 5, W. Asher 6, N. Asher 7, J. Woods 8. First quarter-peal by treble, 3rd and tenor ringers.

At Cosgrove, Northants, 1,260 Doubles (600 New Grandsire, 660 Grandsire): E. R. Lambert 1, J. Higgins 2, F. Tustain 3, J. May 4, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5. Longest length by treble and third.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,440 changes): W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. G. Townsend 2, H. W. Bishop 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, G. Townsend 5, S. Palmer 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, T. Townsend 9, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 10.

At St. Matthew's Church, Oxhey, Herts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Rosson (age 13) (first quarter-peal) 1, A. F. Bowyer (first 'inside') 2, F. A. J. Steward 3, P. Bishop 4, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 5, G. H. Atkins 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of remembrance for those of Oxhey who fell in the war.

A quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung at All Saints', Hoole, Cheshire, with the bells half-muffled, for the service of remembrance, also as a mark of respect to the late verger, Mr. S. Erlam: E. Preastner 1, P. Swindley 2, J. Benyon 3, H. Cousons 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun. 6.

At St. George's Church, Benenden, Kent, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, rung on the middle six, with clappers half-muffled: G. Burt 1, A. Stevenson 2, G. Sims 3, B. Goldsmith 4, J. Avery 5, H. Pope 6, J. Powell (conductor) 7, R. Weller 8.

PEAL ITEMS.

Mr. W. Short, Master of the Worcestershire Association, writes with reference the footnote to the 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, rung on November 23rd, 1935, that the association had rung a 'silent' peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells at Worcester and one on tower bells at Hagley, both in 1904. The footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples should, therefore, have been, 'First silent peal in the method for the association.'

The peal at Rhyl on Saturday was rung to mark the one hundredth 'birthday' of the Parish Church, Holy Trinity. The church is in the same churchyard as St. Thomas', St. Thomas' being the English church and Holy Trinity the Welsh. The peal was also a birthday compliment to A. E. Peglar, jun., and to E. Sperring, who is 78 years of age. The band tender their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Diss, Norfolk, was rung on November 19th, not the 12th as stated.

The name of the ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Stedman Caters at Liverpool on November 30th was James Marsh, not James White as published. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Ticehurst was A. F. Lewry, not Lewery.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT GODSTONE.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Godstone on Saturday, November 30th, and was one of the best attended of the year, 40 members sitting down to tea, kindly provided by Mr. Hoare, jun., and Mrs. Hoare, of South Godstone. Ringers were present from Reigate, Redhill, Merstham, Horley, Bletchingley, Limpsfield Chart, Lingfield, Buckland and the local band, with visitors from Crawley, Beddington, Croydon, Brasted, Hayes and East Grinstead. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. O. H. Hunt, of Godstone.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the Rev. O. H. Hunt presided. The secretary (Mr. W. Claydon) referred to the loss sustained by the death of one member since the last meeting, Mr. H. Goodwin, of St. John's, Redhill.—The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

One new member was elected—Miss K. M. Shepherd, of East Grinstead, a life member.

The next quarterly peal attempt was fixed for Horley, the method to be Cambridge Surprise Major, and conducted by Mr. O. Sippetts.

The annual district meeting was fixed for February 1st at St. John's, Redhill.

The tower was visited during the afternoon and evening, and the ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

BELLS AS BACKGROUND TO PLAY.

UNEXPECTED EFFECT ADDS CONVICTION TO SCENE.

The bells of St. John's Church, Blackpool, recently played an unrehearsed part in the Courtney Players' production of Bernard Shaw's 'Saint Joan,' in the Blackpool Drama Festival of Full-length Plays, at the Opera House.

The bells, ringing for nearly an hour, were audible in the theatre, affording a realistic background to the Rheims Cathedral scene, pealing a muted chorus to the tragedy of 'The Maid.'

'I heard them,' said Mr. John Bourne, the chairman of the adjudicators, 'and was uncertain whether they had been introduced as part of the play's production. Then I went up into the bar during one of the intervals, and I still heard them. I wondered whether they were Mr. H. W. Badger, of the "Voices" which came to Joan!'

'Definitely,' he remarked, 'they gave an added conviction to the Cathedral scene.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH MEETS AT WYMONDHAM.

In spite of the cold and fog, a good attendance of ringers from Aylsham, Buxton, Diss, Garboldisham, Hethersett, Norwich, Reedham, Wroxham and Great Yarmouth assembled at Wymondham on Saturday, together with members of the local band. A variety of Plain and Treble Bob methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, and the quality of the ringing was above the ordinary 'meeting standard.'

At the business meeting which followed the tea, Mr. W. C. Duffield was elected to the chair in the absence of the branch chairman, the Rev. H. W. Benson.

The hon. secretary reported on the result of the previous meeting at Upper Sheringham, where enthusiasm appears to have been revived. The next meeting of the branch is to be held on February 1st at Norwich or Hethersett. Reference was made to the William Pye Memorial Fund, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Frederic Jarvis for permission to use the bells.

Honorary secretaries will please note that the South Norfolk and North Norfolk Branches meet for the election of officers on January 18th and February 1st respectively. Further particulars will appear in due course in 'The Ringing World.'

TICHMARSH RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding took place at Tichmarsh, Northants, on Tuesday, December 3rd, of Mr. George Jeffs and Miss Baxter. The bridegroom is a popular member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, a member of its committee and captain of Tichmarsh belfry. The bride is a daughter of ex-Inspector Baxter. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung as a compliment by district ringers as the couple left the church: George Jeffs, sen. 1, G. H. Roberts 2, E. Alderman 3, J. M. Nickerson 4, F. Kirk 5, C. Wilson (conductor) 6. Further touches were rung as the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Kidderminster, and again in the evening with the local band taking part.

On their return the couple will reside at The Poplars, Tichmarsh.

BANKERS WANT ANOTHER PEAL.

It will be remembered that eight bankers rang a peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, on March 2nd, 1935. It is now proposed to attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Caters in a London church about the middle of February, 1936, and it is hoped that any bankers who are interested, and would like to take part in this venture, will communicate as soon as possible with Mr. H. W. Badger, of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Thame, Oxon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Copies of 'A Great Adventure' are still on sale. The book will make an excellent Christmas gift to a ringer. Write at once and secure a copy by sending 2s. to 'The Ringing World,' Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

We understand that there will be included in the B.B.C.'s National programme on New Year's Eve, between 11 o'clock and midnight, something which will be of special interest to ringers; in fact, to everyone interested in bells.

An attempt will be made at Warnham, Sussex, on December 26th next, for a record peal of London Surprise Major. The composition is one of 14,144 changes, by the late Rev. H. L. James. On one previous occasion a band rang about seven hours for this peal in the same tower.

The ring of eight of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, are shortly to be tuned and rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been instructed to proceed with the rehanging, in a new frame, of the ring of six at Tamerton Foliot, near Plymouth.

Mr. Gordon Melville, who accompanied the ringers to Australia as a cadet in P. and O. s.s. 'Barrabool,' and is himself a ringer, arrives in London on December 13th on s.s. 'Strathmore,' the latest of the company's liners, which returns from its maiden voyage to Bombay.

The method rung for the first time at Warfield, Berks, on Thursday of last week, was named Melbourne Surprise, as a compliment to the ringers of Melbourne, Australia. Two of the band were 'Anglo-Australians.'

The peal was originally intended as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Pink, the conductor, but instead was rung half-muffled for the late Princess Victoria. Nevertheless, Mr. Pink received the congratulations and good wishes of the rest of the ringers.

L. H. Leach, who rang his first peal at Cheriton, Kent, on December 2nd, has recently returned from India, and is stationed at Dover with the Devonshire Regiment.

The Rev. F. J. O. Heimore, of Canterbury, who was for many years hon. secretary of the Kent Association, reached his 84th birthday on that day, and the peal was rung as a compliment to him.

In renewing his subscription to 'The Ringing World' for the year 1936, Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Grimsby, writes: 'I have taken your paper from No. 1 to No. 1,288 and never had a miss, which is good—both for you and the P.O.' A recognition of service which we appreciate, as we do also the loyal and continued support of Mr. Fitzjohn and other original subscribers.

The secretary of the London County Association, Mr. Charles O. Moore, of 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5, would greatly appreciate immediate news, should any ringer hear of the illness or death of any one of his fellow-members.

This request is applicable in most associations. It is very frequently too late, when secretaries hear of a member's death, to arrange for any mark of respect to be shown by ringers, either by attending the funeral or by muffled ringing. When information comes to any ringer, it should always be passed on at once to a responsible official of the association.

A pair of warm, woolly blankets is an ideal Christmas gift to a friend or—to yourself. Order them from R. E. Maude, 55, Brook Street, Bradford. The prices will be found in an advertisement.

More than a hundred years ago, St. James' Society was formed to enable members of the College and Cumberland Youths to ring peals together. Last Saturday six members of each society rang a peal of Stedman Cinques together at Shoreditch under the auspices of the London County Association, by which title St. James' Society is now known.

The luncheon which the Cambridge University Guild propose to hold on February 4th is to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the society in the year 1879. The initiative in its formation was taken by the Rev. (then Mr.) W. C. Pearson, who was at Clare College, and the first meeting was attended by five interested people.

At last a peal has been rung on Cowbridge bells, Glamorgan. These bells have recently been rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co. They are a lovely ring cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1722. Although they have been in the tower for over 200 years, this was the first that has been rung on them. May many more follow!

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. J. W. Jones, on

This peal was a compliment to the popular hon. secretary of the his 70th birthday. Again, may many more follow.

A peal of 10,368 Kent Treble Bob Major is to be attempted at Horringer, Suffolk, by members of the Suffolk Guild on Boxing Day, starting at 11 a.m.

The peal at Erdington was arranged to enable Messrs. G. H. Williams and T. J. Elton to ring a peal together on the 40th anniversary of their first peal of Stedman, which was rung on December 7th, 1895. They had not rung together since, due principally to the fact that Mr. Williams was out of ringing for 38 years. They are the only survivors of the band of 40 years ago.

RINGERS DESERT ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A COMPLAINT FROM STOKE-ON-TRENT.

The letter which we print below reveals an unfortunate happening at the annual meeting of the North Staffs Association at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday. We can well understand the feeling of annoyance created, among those responsible for the ringing at Stoke Parish Church, by what was probably a thoughtless action on the part of the members of the association who deserted the official for the unofficial tower. The ventilation of a very legitimate grievance will, we hope, prevent any similar occurrence in the future.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel that some comment should be made concerning the after-tea attendance at St. Peter's belfry, Stoke-on-Trent, on the occasion of the North Staffs Association's annual meeting last Saturday.

Seventy-three members (a record for this meeting) sat down to tea, which was generously provided by the Rector, and at 6.45 p.m., tea and business over, a few of us made our way to the belfry, which is less than one hundred yards away from the tea room. However, we had to wait until 7.10 before a scratch band could set the bells going again to Grandsire Triples. No more than 16 ringers put in appearance for the after-tea ringing, the majority of whom could only ring Grandsire or call changes.

The greater reason which brought about this disgraceful state of affairs was, I believe, that an unauthorised ringer had taken unto himself the privilege of having the Fenton Parish Church tower open for Surprise ringers, and, to the disgust of the few stalwarts who remained at the Stoke tower, they (who went there) paid their respects in this way to our annual meeting and to the donor of the tea.

I have attended many meetings in our own and other associations, but have never come across such mean conduct as this before.

ALAN D. STEEL, Steeplekeeper, St. Peter's, Stoke.

ALARMING ACCIDENT AT BEDFORDSHIRE MEETING.

CLAPPER FALLS THROUGH THREE FLOORS AND STRIKES RINGER.

An unusual and alarming accident, which resulted in injury to one of the ringers, occurred on Saturday, while a meeting was in progress at Old Warden, Bedfordshire.

The clapper of the tenor bell came out, dropped straight through two trap doors, which were open, and through two ladders, before crashing on to a third trap door and smashing its way to the bottom of the tower.

The ringers, alarmed by the noise overhead, made to run away, but before he could get clear, Mr. Sydney Fox, of Sandy, who was ringing the treble, was struck on the side of the head by the falling clapper and sustained a nasty wound. He received medical attention and was then taken home.

That a clapper should fall as this one did, straight through the open trap doors and reach the bottom of the tower, is an extraordinary event, and one which can seldom have happened before, Although Mr. Fox's injury was severe, the accident might have had even worse consequences. Everyone will wish Mr. Fox a speedy recovery.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held their annual meeting at Charlton Kings on Saturday last, when, in spite of the date unfortunately coinciding with meetings of nearby districts, a good company attended from many towers, and full advantage of the opportunity was taken to participate in some very well-struck touches on the bells.

A choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Neale), whose address was much appreciated by his listeners.

Members and friends then repaired to the Village Hall, where Mr. Neale, assisted by willing ladies, had prepared an ample tea, to which everyone did full justice.

Archdeacon Sears took the chair at the business meeting, when many interesting points were discussed and all the retiring officers were re-elected.

Elkstone was selected for the next meeting, it also being decided to hold the summer outing on June 13th next, Cheddar Gorge being chosen as the venue.

In thanking the Vicar for his kindness, the members also congratulated him on his appointment as Canon of Gloucester Cathedral, which appointment takes effect this week.

Further ringing was indulged in before the homeward trek, after a very happy day.

OUR CHRISTMAS WEEK ISSUE.

Secretaries and other correspondents are informed that the issue of 'The Ringing World' in Christmas week will have to go to press two days earlier than usual. All matter intended for insertion in that issue must reach the Editorial office as early as possible and at latest by first post Monday, December 23rd.

IMPORTANT BEDFORDSHIRE BELLS RESTORATION.

REDEDICATION AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

Ringers from all parts of Bedfordshire and the neighbouring counties of Buckingham, Hertford and Northampton attended the service of thanksgiving for the work done in retuning and rehanging the peal of ten bells at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, November 30th. A large congregation, consisting chiefly of bellringers, filled the nave of the church for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Swann), and at which the president of the Bedfordshire Association (the Rev. A. Rust) delivered a homely address to those present. Preaching from St. Luke, xiv., 17, 'Come, for all things are now ready,' the preacher expressed his pleasure at being present at the reopening, and congratulated the townspeople upon restoring the bells, for, from what he had heard, it was about time they were put into order. He had every confidence that the work had been extremely well done, and he hoped for years they would be somewhere near perfection. Going about the country he came into contact with parishes in which the bells had been sadly neglected, and he hoped that such a state of affairs would not always continue. Ringers were like bells; they were not seen in prominent places, but were often heard, and he intended to do everything in his power to see that they were treated as they should be, as officials of the Church. Bells were used on solemn and joyous occasions, and God seemed to use them as his mouthpiece. The bells were the glory of our country, and he thanked God for the work which had been done in the parish.

A company of 50 were entertained to tea at the Albion Hotel, and the Rev. S. E. Swann offered a word of welcome to the visitors. When he first came to the parish, he said, he thought what a fine peal of bells they had, but after hearing the views of some of their ringers and after officiating at one district meeting in the town and listening to the remarks passed, he began to have his doubts. Eventually the work was made possible through the kindness of Mr. G. F. Green in offering to collect for the object, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The speaker complimented Messrs. Taylor on their fine job, and concluded by thanking the Rev. A. Rust for his address, to which the president responded and paid his tribute to the bellhangers.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, on behalf of the firm, thanked the company for the complimentary remarks passed, and said that this had been purely a bellhanging job, but one which bristled with many difficulties that had been overcome through the skill of their workmen. They had certainly effected an improvement in tone, which was as much as anyone could hope for. This appreciation of their work would give them encouragement to continue to live up to the standard set. Money was not easily raised for such work, and it was the policy of his firm to give good value for the money spent and to make it go as far as possible.

Mr. G. F. Green thanked the Vicar for the inspiring service, and Mr. Nicholls, foreman of the ringers, spoke a few words of welcome to the visitors.

Mr. J. E. Arnold, who had undertaken the secretarial side of the work for the parish, paid tribute to the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co., and especially the patience and thoroughness of Mr. T. Dexter, the bellhanger. He was pleased to see Mr. Paul Taylor present with Mr. Fidler, and thanked them not only for the work done, but for the kindness and courtesy shown them when they were the guests of the firm at Loughborough in September. They were now left with a fine peal of ten bells with a wonderful tone, considering their age, with a good rope circle in the belfry; they were free from the faults once experienced, and the bells now struck true, while the 'go' was all that could be desired. As a result, he could recommend Taylor's, of Loughborough, to anyone who wanted a good job done.

After tea, the ringers repaired to the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods to a late hour.

THE LATE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

At St. James' Church, Poole, Dorset, on Sunday, December 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Houlton 1, J. I. Davis 2, R. Hurst 3, E. B. Hampton 4, A. G. Rose (conductor) 5, W. G. Young 6, J. P. Vatcher 7, R. J. Wills 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. St. Clair George Donaldson), who died on Friday, December 6th.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

AN INVITATION TO BARKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I express, through the medium of your paper, that our duty to the church is to ring the bells for services. The sex question should not arise, because as soon as a person enters a belfry he or she becomes a *ringer*.

As secretary of the society of which Mr. H. Worboys is a member, I wish to extend a hearty welcome to *all ringers* to attend any of our meetings. Let 'em all come! E. G. MOORE.

St. Margaret's, Barking.

'THREE CHEERS FOR THE DEFENDERS.'

Dear Sir,—Three cheers for the defenders of the lady bellringer! As one myself, I can say that Mr. Worboys' ideas are quite foreign to all the belfries but one which I have entered and rung in. There has always been an atmosphere of 'brotherliness' and perfect understanding.

Having been the only lady member of a band of six for a good many years, and also having been ringing since the war years, I can claim to be quite an authority on the subject.

Solihull, Birmingham. ENID FOSTER.

LADIES ENHANCE FRATERNAL SPIRIT.

Dear Sir,—Several times during the last 16 years or so have I been tempted to 'write to the Editor about it,' but always curbed the desire by reminding myself that the Editor is a very busy man, with a somewhat thankless job when it comes to trying to please everybody, and also that there were far more able pens than mine, doubtless ready to add their weight one way or the other.

Your readers, as a whole, have hitherto taken Mr. Amos with a pinch of salt, and he might possibly have got away with this latest outburst, when when, at about the same time, Mr. Worboys comes along and also finds space in your valuable paper, it almost appears time for one to pause and ask; 'What are we coming to?'

So far as Mr. Amos is concerned, you, sir, and another member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, have very ably dealt with him, but Mr. Worboys has raised a question which can only cause friction, is, moreover, wholly unnecessary, and, lastly, in the very worst taste. Surely he must be well aware that lady ringers are not an innovation. They came, to stay, years and years ago. At Clent here, the Sunday service band has included ladies for well over 30 years and there were at least six competent lady ringers attached to the tower around 1905. As our tower is no isolated example, so much for the inferred newness of lady ringers. I have rung in many towers having lady ringers in the band, but never has the 'fraternal spirit' been lacking. On the other hand, the presence of one or two lady ringers in the tower is rather apt to enhance the said fraternal spirit, exhibitions of bad temper and so forth (we ringers are only human after all!) being practically unknown. Yet I have known good and capable bands of all men ringers broken up through some little squabble in the belfry, which probably would never have found a resting place in any mind had a lady or two been present, for it was a wise philosopher who said, 'If you must quarrel, do so not in haste,' and by the time the protagonists had got out of the tower they would invariably have remembered a much more important matter to be considered, and in the consideration thereof, in a congenial atmosphere, at peace with the world, any quarrelsome thoughts that may have survived thus far would finally be washed away.

In conclusion, if Mr. Worboys is so keen on the 'brotherly spirit,' why must he give vent to his private views in such a manner as to engender the acrimonious outburst from ringers of both sexes which his letter to 'The Ringing World' has done? If he is a thinking man, he must have known, before he wrote, that his letter could have no 'brotherly' (or sisterly) results, but could only stir up a very big 'spot of bother,' and serve no useful purpose whatsoever.

With apologies for thus trespassing upon your time and patience.

Stourbridge. BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

WHAT A COUNTRYMAN THINKS OF IT.

Dear Sir,—Being up in London for the Cattle Show, I thought I had struck lucky when I found I was staying with a chap who be an' old bellringer like me. I thought as how he might be able to tell me a tower where they would let me have a go at their tenor, same as I have at home for years.

But when I seed your paper on Friday I was afeered to chance, as all the London people seem to be after each other's bodies, falling out over women of all things!

Such goings on we never bided at home, not even when them two servant gals from up at the Hall learnt to ring. Treated just like the rest of us they was (you could trust old Bill, our captain, for that), and if they didn't hold up at back, or got missing dodges, Old Bill used to just give 'em a proper dressing down, like any of us chaps, and tell 'em what they mustn't do next time, and danged foine ringers they did make both on 'em.

It were rare hard luck on us that we let a band from just out of London come to our tower for their outing one summer, for some of their young bucks starts a fussing around our gals, and it warn't too long afore they flitted off to new jobs up London way and we never heard any more on 'em. Whether they was kidnapped or just got tied up we never did hear.

It do seem barmy to talk about a gal ringing St. Paul's tenor to Cambridge to join the College Youths. Why, I always watch as no gal gets ahold of my rope at home, for our tenor be a man's job, but there be men's jobs and women's jobs, and some what both can do even in ringing and farming. Same as when I lived in on the farm, I could do a bit of darning, and young Mary Ann could do a tidy job in the fields, but I always got her to dodge up the stud holes in my Sunday shirt, for she fair had me beat at that game. I doan't know a rare lot about these College Youths, but it do seem to me that if you have got to ring St. Paul's tenor to a peal of Cambridge to join, there's a rare lot of your writers (even them as be dull and old, and I see some bean't bright young things) will have to join the Ladies' Guild, unless, of course, the Ladies' Guild be pretty particular.

I do hope as you will all be finished with this row afore I comes up again in a year or two, as I would just like to try one of the London tenors some day, but I bean't agoin to poak my noase where they be a falling out about women.—Yours respectfully,

'BUTTERCUP JOE.'

'WHY DECLARE WAR BOYS?'

Of all the great pen wars and 'Ringing World' joys,
The latest and best is from Mr. Worboys.
He asserts with his pen that a lady's a sinner
If seen floating around at a College Youths' Dinner.

His motto, quite plainly, is 'Ringing for men,'
But what a 'bag egg' with all cocks and no hen,
He stops not at that, says a belfry grows dim,
And the air turns quite cold when 'My Lady' steps in.

There's a great rush for pens and a shortage of ink,
Many start writing without stopping to think.
Some say he's wrong and some back him up,
While the indignant ladies say, 'The bold, saucy pup.'

Oft when I'm ringing a lady is there,
But really it doesn't drive me to despair,
She is with me for breakfast, dinner and tea,
And even at night she sits waiting for me.

I'm not blaming you, it's my own fault I know,
And I'm more than contented that this should be so,
I know I'm no poet, nor joker, nor jester,
Just a lady ringer's husband and ringer at Leicester.

It's really astounding how some make a name,
Just write a short letter and jump right into fame,
We should readily forgive him who sells us a 'Pup,'
If it does nothing else, it just livens things up.

Beware! you young pen men these dark wintry nights,
There are many just lurking to put out your lights,
Let's have no more 'War-boys'—be at peace everybody,
Remember above all it's our Christian Church Hobby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORKING'S NEWLY OVERHAULED BELLS TRIED OUT.

The meeting of the Leatherhead District, held at Dorking on Saturday, enabled some 30 ringers to try the bells after a much needed overhaul, which has greatly improved the 'go' of them, but a marked slowness of the seventh at hand-stroke wanted a good deal of getting used to before the striking went smoothly. A number of visitors were present, and the secretary was pleased to welcome his old captain from Lamberhurst, Kent.

In the absence of the Vicar (Canon Newill), the Guild's service was conducted by the senior curate, the Rev. A. E. Jaggs, who chose for the subject of a short address, 'Why do we have bells?'

A bountiful tea was served after the service in the Church Room, at which the Rev. Jaggs presided, supported by his colleague, the Rev. B. A. Whitehead, and Mr. Cole, the organist. He was also voted to take the chair for the ensuing business meeting. After observing a silence to the memory of Mr. W. T. Waller, late churchwarden of St. Martin's, Dorking, and an honorary member of the Guild, the chief business was the nomination of district officers for 1936, which resulted in all those retiring being renominated, with the addition of Mr. H. V. Young, of Leatherhead, as ringing representative on the General Executive Committee. A brief discussion on the Guild's Benevolent Fund followed, and a 'retiring' collection was taken, amounting to 4s. 6d.

The committee's suggestion as to the William Pye Memorial Fund was also discussed, as was the question of combined practices.

As the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild proposed to hold a meeting at Leatherhead in February, it was decided that they be asked to make it a joint meeting with the district's annual meeting on February 15th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all who had helped to make a successful meeting. After some handbell ringing, the tower bells were made full use of until they were lowered about 9.30.

FOR BEGINNERS.

TEST YOUR SKILL.

We wonder how many beginners took the trouble last week to write out the two sets of sixty changes of Doubles, which we suggested they should do? At this stage of their ringing 'education,' they cannot do too much pencil and paper work. To study change ringing it is necessary to do more than merely 'read' and 'ring.' You *must* 'write.' You cannot really understand all that is involved unless you yourself put figures on paper. Presently you may get so interested in the subject that you will have difficulty in keeping your pencil from paper; you will be wanting to work out all sorts of little or big problems; but, unless you have done some of this elementary work, you will find the task all the harder. Apart from that, however, it is very desirable that you should, to your present advantage, work out some of these things, which, in the scholastic sense, are 'exercises.'

For instance, here is something you might well try for yourselves; just see in how many ways you can build up Doubles, by applying certain simple rules. To help to illustrate what we mean, let us put down the plain course of Original Doubles—that is, as many changes of Doubles as can be produced on this principle without bob or single.

Change No.	12345
1.	21435
2.	24153
3.	42513
4.	45231
5.	54321
6.	53412
7.	35142
8.	31524
9.	13254
10.	12345

In this method all the bells follow a plain hunting course; in other words, they go from front to back, or back to front, one step at a time without deviating from their path by 'dodging,' or pausing to make a 'place.' Dodging, for those who do not yet know the meaning of the term, is an interruption of the onward path by stepping back a place before going forward again. 'Making a place' is striking two consecutive blows in one position—marking time for a pace, as it were. Sometimes this results in the bell retracing its steps, instead of going on.

As we saw last week, this principle of producing changes can be extended by making 3rd's place at stated intervals, the making of the 3rd's place causing two other bells to dodge together.

Now what we should like beginners to do is to see in how many ways they can produce a plain course. They may make 3rd's place at any or as many places as they like, as long as they do not interrupt the plain hunting of the treble, and no bell remains more than two blows in any one place; and as long as the places are produced at the corresponding changes in every lead, and at every change two pairs of bells are moved. For instance, you can make the 3rd's place, as we showed you last week in Grandsire, at the first change. You can if you like, make it at the sixth change instead; or you can make 3rd's at both the first and the sixth change. There are a number of combinations; see how many you can find!

HOW STEDMAN DOUBLES IS BUILT UP.

And while we are on the subject of writing out Doubles, let us go a step further. Most methods of Doubles have the treble continuously plain hunting—you could have any other bell if you wished it, but ever since the beginning of ringing, the general practice has been to make the treble the hunt bell. But there is one wonderful method that has come down to us from the beginning of ringing history, known as Stedman, in which no bell does 'plain hunting,' but all do the same work.

The 'work' of every method makes up a cycle, and every 'working bell' in the plain course follows that cycle, beginning it at a different place. In Grandsire Doubles, if you examine a plain course, you will see that two bells are plain hunting and that the other three are doing 'the work' which makes the method. In Stedman all the bells do all the work.

Stedman, who wrote the first book on change ringing, tells us that it is founded on the 'sixes,' meaning that the basis of the method is the six changes which it is possible to get on three bells. Those of you who studied our article a fortnight ago will have learnt something about producing the extent of changes on three bells. You can do it in two ways, forward and backward.

123	123
213	132
231	312
321	321
312	231
132	213
123	123

You will notice that the figures of one are exactly the reverse of the other. Stedman built up his method by producing the six changes on three bells, and causing the other pair of the five to continue dodging behind, in this way:—

123 45	123 45
213 54	132 54
231 45	312 45
321 54	321 54
312 45	231 45
132 54	213 54
123 45	123 45

Instead, however, of coming into rounds at the end of the 'six,' Stedman pushed one bell out to dodge behind and brought one of the dodging bells to the front to work out another 'six' with the two remaining bells. Then, by producing the sixes alternately forward and backward he was able to obtain all the sixty changes without any deviation from the plain course, such as is necessary in Grandsire Doubles.

For a purpose of his own, perhaps to make the start like Grandsire Doubles, Stedman did not have a whole six to start with, but began like this:—

	12345
	21354
	23145
Then he changed 1 and 4 and proceeded to get all his changes with 324, while 1 and 5 dodge behind. Notice the 3rd's places.	32415
	23451
	24315
	42351
	43215
	34251
Next he changed 2 and 5 and proceeded to get all his changes with 435, while 1 and 2 dodge behind.	43521
	45312
	54321
	53412
	35421
	34512
	43152
	34125

Thus he continued, the sixes in front being produced alternately by forward and backward hunting.

From this try and build up the 60 changes, as Stedman built them, draw a continuous line from top to bottom over any one of the figures and compare the path of each of the other bells with it. Allowing for the different places of starting, you will find it is exactly the same.

ADVERTISING RINGERS' MEETING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some time ago a report appeared in the 'Bridgwater Mercury' of a district meeting, and the secretary of the branch appealed for more members to join the Guild.

In the issue of December 4th another report appears, but no advertisement, giving details of the meeting, was inserted in either the local paper or in 'The Ringing World.'

How does the secretary expect members to come along if he does not issue a notice for the modest sum of about 1s. 6d.?

I happened to be in the Bridgwater district last Saturday, and, being a member of the Guild, I should have endeavoured to attend the meeting had I known that there was one.

There are several towers in the Bridgwater district which are not affiliated to the Guild, for the simple reason that they know nothing about it.

I am sending a similar letter to the local paper in the hope that it will be seen by the secretary. Wake up, Bridgwater!

H. J. CANN.

Brookwood, Surrey.

ERYRI—AND OTHERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From time to time methods with a somewhat similar treble hunt to Eryri have appeared in the ringing journals. Eryri itself was published in 'Bell News' on July 25th, 1914, under the title of 'Bristol Surprise extended to treble double dodging,' by Mr. J. A. Trollope, together with a similar method, entitled 'Bristol Surprise extended to treble treble dodging.' Also in 'Bell News' on December 22nd, 1894, a treble 3-pull dodge method, 'Champion Surprise,' and again in the same paper on February 2nd, 1895, another 3-pull dodge method, 'Birmingham Surprise,' appeared, both by the late Mr. John Carter. In 'Bell News,' Sept. 27th, 1884, two methods with treble double dodging as in Eryri, entitled Somersetshire Treble Bob and Warwickshire Treble Bob, were published, both by Mr. D. Scholefield, who, in the same issue, had two other methods with treble dodging twice on front and rear, but only once in 3-4 and 5-6. These were entitled Devonshire and Derbyshire Treble Bob. Finally, Worth Surprise, as you say, by Mr. F. Dench, was published in 'Bell News,' July 30th, 1904.

BERNARD H. WELLS.

South Merstham.

A CORNISH GIFT.

COMPLETION OF OCTAVE AFTER TWO CENTURIES AT REDRUTH.

In the presence of a large congregation, two treble bells, presented to Redruth Parish Church by Mr. E. C. Carvoldt, of Bognor (a native of Redruth), were dedicated in the church on Sunday, November 24th, by the Archdeacon of Bodmin (the Ven. M. B. Williamson).

The bells which were formally handed over to the church by the donor in memory of his late mother and wife, were, after being dedicated, accepted by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Ladd Cauney), who remarked that after 200 years the octave of bells in the tower had now been completed.

The dedication rounds were performed by the local band, who also rang the bells as the congregation left the church.

In his sermon Archdeacon Williamson remarked that the parishioners had now a new song in their ancient church tower to call them to worship or to remind them of the passing of some soul out of this world and into the next. The bells were also the symbol of loving service for God.

After the service the bells were at the disposal of the visiting ringers, who were entertained to tea by Mr. P. R. C. Williams, one of the local band.

Best wishes for a successful opening were sent by Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, a prominent ringer of the district, who is now studying for Holy Orders, and was unfortunately unable to attend.

Ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, Camborne, Tuckingmill, Illogan, St. Austel and St. Newlyn East, in addition to the local band. The bellfounders were represented by Mr. C. F. Johnston, the principal of the well-known Croydon firm, who were responsible for rehanging the original six bells two months ago, and had been commissioned to add the new trebles. Mr. F. E. Collins, the bellhanger, who had carried out the work in the tower on both occasions, was also present.

Visitors and ringers alike were struck with the beauty and resonance of the two new bells, and the perfect result of the tuning. They weigh respectively 4¼ cwt. and over 4½ cwt., their notes being F sharp and G, to match the 'G' tenor. An eight-bell frame was already provided, and the new bells have been supplied with cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, and the latest type of the firm's fittings.

It is possible that Redruth holds a record in the annals of church bells, for only two months ago the original six bells, rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were reopened by the Bishop of Truro, so that two similar ceremonies have occurred in that short space of time.

Behind the brief mention of the donor's name lies the romance of one who has travelled far before returning to the scene of boyhood days. Mr. E. C. Carvoldt left Redruth as a very young man and has spent a large part of his life in South Africa. He now resides in Sussex, but recently returned to Redruth, and has purchased the 700 years old Castle Brea, situated on a hill behind the church, which is now enriched by his gift to the belfry.

RINGING AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.

Ringing at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., was badly hit when Mr. I. J. Attwater gave up his post as instructor on his return to England some few months ago.

Every endeavour is being made to carry on the work begun by Mr. Attwater, the conducting being now in the hands of Mr. Silas Wheelock. Under his direction a number of short touches of Grandsire Triples have been rung. Several of the older boys have taught a dozen new pupils, and a second band is struggling with Grandsire Doubles.

DEATH OF ARKSEY RINGER.

CHURCH LOSES A STEDFAST WORKER.

On Tuesday, November 26th, Mr. Edward Arrand, an old member of the All Saints' company, passed away in the Doncaster Infirmary. His whole life, whilst resident in Arksey, had been spent in close connection with the church and church work. For more than 30 years he had been a sidesman and a ringer.

He was one of the original change ringing company which was formed in this tower, and he was one of the most consistent men it was anyone's privilege to meet. He was always punctual, and had a standard of conduct which gained him the respect of all who knew him. His whole life may be summed up in the words, 'He was a just and upright man.'

The interment took place on Thursday, November 28th, in the Old Cemetery, and the bells were rung half-muffled on Saturday afternoon, when a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round by R. Clark 1, G. Clark 2, F. Clark 3, E. Lee 4, W. Johnson 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, B. Burkitt 8. The bells were again rung half-muffled on Sunday for the morning and evening services.

Had Mr. Arrand lived till Christmas Day he would have reached his 76th birthday. He had not been in very good health for some time, and had to retire from the belfry some three years ago. He had been practically confined to the house for the past twelve months.

SALISBURY GUILD AT POOLE.

ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS IN WIMBORNE BRANCH.

It is on record that 'Seventy-six years ago a vestry meeting of St. James' Parish, Poole, decided that as the church clock and bells of St. James' were for the accommodation and convenience of the town generally, the expenses incurred by the winding of the clock and ringing of the bells should be borne by the borough. The Town Council were to be asked to grant £14 10s. annually to defray these expenses.' This minute tells of the interest and love of Poole folk for their bells. This was doubtless reciprocated by the ringers themselves, though some of them and some of their methods might hardly pass muster in these days. One thinks of the way in which Mr. E. B. Barter, in his 'Church Bells and the Art of Bellringing,' describes the 'piety' of olden times:—

By pious I mean that they did their best,
Their absolute best for Old England;
No money was spared, for they really cared,
And they wrought with a will in Old England.

Trade Unions would never have prospered then,
And they didn't down tools in Old England,
They were ignorant, bigoted, cruel and rough,
Those pious old forbears of England.

This old tradition, with new methods, is being finely carried on by Mr. F. W. Townsend and a loyal band of churchmen, who can welcome visitors to a ringing chamber as comfortably and tastefully furnished and decorated as any in the country, and invite them to join in Double Norwich and Cambridge. They will leave, without taking any whitewash with them—only memories of a hearty welcome and a good practice.

Here the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild met again for its annual meeting on November 30th. The service was conducted by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. Canon Eddrup, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips and the Rev. B. A. Parsons. An excellent address was given by the Rector (the Rev. Edward C. Harris) on an unusual text, 'John did no miracle.' The life and work of John the Baptist, he pointed out, were a constant reminder of the things that matter most for the Kingdom of God. However much it is good that we should strive to excel in our art, it is faithfulness in service and the witness of a good life that tell. The great word of commendation is not 'Well done, good and brilliant servant,' but 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

At the commencement of the business, the company paid silent tribute to the memory of Canon Blackett, for 47 years Rector of Wareham, and always a very good friend of his ringers and of the branch; Mr. T. Lonnen, a promising young member of the Cranborne belfry, and Mr. D. Blandford, for many years verger of St. James', and a familiar and beloved figure at these meetings. The branch has also lost a keen and genial member in the departure of Mr. A. V. Dent from the neighbourhood.

The report showed a good record, especially in peal ringing. Besides the four peals of Surprise by the touring band in the summer, on which grateful congratulations were offered, eight other peals were successfully brought round. In addition, some noteworthy attempts were made. Wareham was becoming a useful centre of effort and progress. The prospects generally for 1936 are most encouraging.

Mr. Martin Stewart, in his usual happy way, proposed the re-election of officers en bloc.—The secretary, in replying, mentioned the special help he had received from his assistant, Mr. J. I. Davis, both in the arrangements for the festival in May and during his prolonged absence from home in the summer.

Eight new members were elected, and the Rector became an hon. member. In his reply, among other things already referred to, he gratefully mentioned one little point, which may give a useful hint elsewhere—that the service ringing should always allow the ringers, who were also choirmen, to get down to the vestry in good time.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to all who had helped to make the gathering so enjoyable and encouraging.

STEPNEY SCHOLARS' PROMISING START.

A new Guild, named 'The Stepney Scholars,' has been formed from the service ringers at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, and, on the front six bells of the celebrated ring of ten, for service, on Sunday evening, they rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (six callings): F. J. Hussey 1, L. J. Fox (conductor) 2, H. A. Pinchbeck 3, G. W. Cecil 4, T. G. Fox 5, A. A. Jarvis 6. It was the first quarter-peal for all, and the first attempt, as well as, of course, being the first for the newly-formed Guild. Mr. G. Fox, of 2, Copley Street, Stepney, E.1, is the hon. secretary of the Scholars.

CIVIC AUTHORITIES AT PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

At Leatherhead, Surrey, on Sunday, December 8th, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. C. Otway 1, A. H. Smith 2, G. Marriner 3, W. G. Newberry 4, A. H. Winch 5, C. Smart 6, H. V. Young 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8. Rung for evensong, which the civic authorities, supported by members of the local societies, attended, to mark the patronal festival.

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FIRST QUARTER PEALS.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, December 8th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford and 720 Kent): Miss H. Oakshett (first quarter-peal) 1, Hugh Mackinder (first quarter of Minor 'inside') 2, M. F. Oakshett (first quarter of Minor) 3, F. Keech 4, A. F. Petrie (first quarter of Minor) 5, Arthur S. Richards (first quarter of Minor as conductor) 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church for morning service on Sunday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,280 changes): A. Jordan 1, H. Watts (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, T. J. Watts 5, I. Cavell (conductor) 6, W. T. Prior 7, G. Jordan 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. M. White 1, H. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, E. Ansell (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, H. A. Wacey 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

LLANDUDNO.—At Holy Trinity Church on December 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, the first by all except the fifth and tenor ringers: J. Flood 1, W. J. Turner 2, E. Atkinson 3, Mrs. Owen 4, S. D. Edwards 5, S. Brown 6, A. Fairlie, sen. 7, A. E. Peglar (conductor) 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Rundle 1, W. A. Wills 2, W. H. Howe 3, J. Arbury 4, F. Wreford 5, C. Turner 6, E. W. Biffin (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, C. J. Hosgood 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 8.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Harness (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Millard (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, H. Johnson 3, H. Pearson (first quarter-peal) 4, W. Wilkinson 5, F. Harwood (first quarter as conductor) 6.

THE ROYAL BEREAVEMENT.

MUFFLED TOUCHES FOR PRINCESS VICTORIA.

At St. Helen's Church, Willingham-by-Stow, Lincs, on Wednesday December 4th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was rung in memory of Princess Victoria: J. A. Lunn 1, H. Bingham (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 2, W. Roberts (first quarter-peal) 3, N. Thurlby 4, G. L. A. Lunn (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, C. Hooton 6.

At Woodbridge Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th, for the late H.R.H. Princess Victoria, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples fully muffled: G. Warner 1, J. Woodruffe 2, G. Blake 3, F. Fisher (conductor) 4, W. Woods 5, F. Woodruffe 6, S. Woodard 7, R. Malster 8.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Wareham, on Sunday, December 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. M. Day 1, E. T. Griffin 2, Dr. A. M. Cunningham 3, H. A. Mitchell 4, F. G. Blake 5, H. W. Saunders 6, C. F. Turner (conductor) 7, W. G. Hiscock 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the widow of the late Canon Blackett, Rector of Wareham.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th, St. Michael's on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting after.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea, at 5.30, in Church Room. Tickets for the supper and social on Jan. 4th, 1936, are now obtainable from officers and committee.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Reports to hand. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. P. Lewis) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Bramley, Leeds. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me at their earliest convenience.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, usual terms, in The Good Shepherd Hall, at 5.30. Service at 7.30 and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed. Nearest station, Clapton (L. & N.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar. Meeting to follow.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. All Saints' tower open from 6 o'clock.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—C. R. Smith, 53, West Carr Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints', near King's Lynn, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Bell Inn. All ringers welcome. — Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Millom on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery. — Dec. 14th, at North Crawley Begin 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Bryce. Business meeting to follow. Ladies invited. Roll up and let us have a bumper meeting for the last of 1935.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Holywell (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, City Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. St. Ebbe's (8) and All Saints' (8) available after tea.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec.

REPTON, DERBY.—On Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the two new trebles. The ring of six has been rehung and the peal augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HINDERCLAY, near Diss, Norfolk.—Special service for the re-opening of the bells on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The dedication of the Wigan Parish Church bells by the Bishop of Warrington will take place on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to ringers after the service, by permission of the Rector. The old 8 bells have been recast and 2 new trebles added by J. Taylor and Co.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at Sandbach (8 bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., by kind invitation of Ven. Archdeacon J. H. Armitstead. All are welcome. Meeting to follow, at which the dates of meetings, places, etc., will be compiled for 1936. Will all who intend to be present let me have word not later than the

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The final meeting of the year will be held at Arley on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea, 5 p.m. at 1s. Midland Red buses run direct from Coventry and Nuneaton (Broad Street).—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me before Dec. 14th. — H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CAMPSALL, NEAR DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—The ring of 8 bells, recast and rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Monday, Dec. 23rd, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Ringing till 10 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, on Thursday (Boxing Day), Dec. 26th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of St. Woolos' will be available after the close of the business meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Further particulars next week.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE. — Jan. 18th, 1936: The star turn: WATFORD.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A commemoration luncheon on Feb. 4th, 1936. All non-resident members welcome. For further particulars apply to the secretary.—A. N. Peter Woodard (Jesus), Sutton Vicarage, Ely, Cambs.

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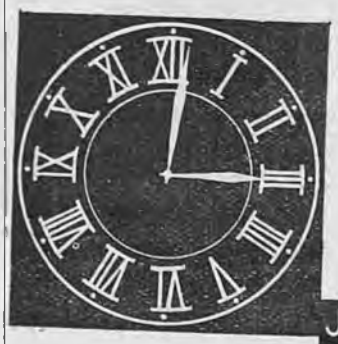
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It seems necessary that we should once again endeavour to explain what the position is between ourselves and ringers generally in regard to the publication in our columns of items relating to ringing. On one or two occasions recently the question has been discussed at meetings, when those who feel they have a grievance because some paragraph which they have forwarded has not appeared, have expressed criticism of our conduct, but without, of course, the other side of the question being heard. We do not in the least object to fair criticism, but we do want to impress upon those who feel they have cause for complaint that there *is* another side to the matter.

In the first place, let us say at once that the various opinions which have been sent to us as a result of discussions are not very helpful, inasmuch as they only suggest the provision of extra space for matters of their particular individual interest at the expense of other sections of readers. Under present circumstances the claims of all the various sections of the ringing community are provided for as far as possible, and, while it is sometimes, indeed often, out of the question to insert all the material that is sent to us for publication, simply from pressure on our space, we can assure all those whose contributions are unavoidably ' axed ' that, even though they may unfortunately find themselves more than once hardly treated, there is on our part no discrimination against the paragraphs sent in by individuals or from particular districts. What is inserted and what is omitted depends entirely upon the circumstances of the moment.

The truth, of course, is that those who, however well intentioned, imagine they could by a stroke of the pen or a wave of the hand overcome all the difficulties which are presented in the publication of a journal of this kind, do not realise, because they cannot know, the position from our side. There are those who would like to see all their touches published to the exclusion of the reports of meetings; those who think that reports of meetings are more important than outings; those who would like to see more methods and compositions inserted, even at the expense of leaving out the reports of meetings; those who would give preference to general articles on the subject of churches and bells as being more interesting than peals or weddings; some who think the beginner's column a waste of space; and others who think they could utilise the space on this page to better advantage. If they all had their way, where should we be? We leave them to answer the question.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT	...*Treble*	*CHARLES CLARKE	7
*MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLETT	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH	4	JOHN F. TILLETT	10
†HARRY R. ROPER	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... ...	11
*FREDERICK J. SMITH	6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th twelve-bell peal. Rung to commemorate the bicentenary of the first peal rung in Ipswich.

TEN BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 27¾ cwt.

*CHARLES SHARPLES, Committee	...*Treble*
JOHN WILKINSON, Auditor	... 2
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON, Committee	... 3
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Committee	... 4
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CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Hon. Treasurer...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Meeting one over the number, Mr. A. Tomlinson, the ringing secretary, very kindly stood down. The band would like to record this peal as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 5, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. JONES	5
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS... ...	6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS	3	JOHN AUSTIN...	7
*WILLIAM H. BARNETT ...	4	ALBERT MARTIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

EDNA TRAVILL	*Treble*	VICTOR YORK	5
GEORGE TANNER	2	BERTIE O. SODEN	6
ARTHUR ROBINSON	3	TOM TEBBUTT	7
ROBERT EADY	4	JOSEPH C. DEAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALWYN TAYLOR	*Treble*	STEPHEN L. PARRY	5
HAROLD HAMER	2	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	6
ISAAC GARSIDE	3	ALBERT BUCKLEY	7
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BERRY. Conducted by H. HAMER.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Fitton, a ringer at the above church for over 60 years.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 9 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
LEONARD MANNERING	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Churchwarden E. E. and Mrs. Knowles, donors of the treble bell in this tower, the band offering their hearty congratulations.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK PUMFREY	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
MRS. HANBURY CARTER	2	GEORGE BAILEY	6
HERBERT C. READ	3	WALTER C. MEDLER	7
HANBURY F. CARTER	4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

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

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, December 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five 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.

GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Treble*	*G. LESLIE LUNN	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	6
ERNEST BRITTAIN	3	JACK BRAY	7
FRANK LORD	4	*HAROLD JUDD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
HARRY HOVERD	2	JOHN S. MORTON	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
HARRY HOSKINS	4	EDWIN BARNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

250th peal by ringer of the 2nd.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER	*Treble*	CECIL NICE	5
JOHN O. WELLER	2	NELSON ELLIOT	6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK BOORMAN	*Treble*	WALTER H. DOBBIE	5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE	2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	6
FREDERICK A. LEESON	3	LOUIS HEAD	7
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN.	4	GEORGE WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. LEESON.

BURNLEY, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIE AARON	*Treble*	JACK CLEGG	5
JAMES SMITH, SEN	2	†WILLIAM RHODES	6
FRED HINDLE	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
*JAMES SMITH	4	FRED READ	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. BASSETT	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
LEONARD MANNERING	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
JAMES TOPP	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

*RICHARD PEARCE	*Treble*	REGINALD TRUMAN	5
JOHN HOSGOOD	2	FRED NEWCOMBE	6
WILLIAM H. HOWE	3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
*HORACE W. J. BUTT	4	*THOMAS WILLMETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal. Ringers of 1, 6 and 8 are from Tiverton, remainder from Exeter. Credit is due to ringer of treble, who rang well throughout the peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS L. KNIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN J. WEBB	5
REGINALD POSTON	2	ERNEST COX	6
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	ALFRED T. POULTON	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4	WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	HARRY WARNE	5
GEORGE GREEN	2	HARRY BRADLEY	6
HERBERT DEVENISH	3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	7
REGINALD C. THRIFT... ...	4	FRED CHALK...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

George Green's 200th peal for the association. The conductor's 100th peal; it was also rung as a birthday compliment to him. In this composition the 2nd never strikes over the tenor behind.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. BIGLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. 100th peal together for ringers of 3 and 5. A birthday peal for J. Ward and the mother of H. Chambers.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WALTER CROUCHER	*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
CHARLES H. SONE	2	†FREDERICK MORRIS	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	THOMAS E. SONE	7
MRS. H. BAKER	4	‡SIDNEY J. HARMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight. Mr. H. Baker's 250th peal, and the conductor's 225th for the association. Birthday peal for Mr. S. J. Harmer and Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR J. HARDING	*Treble*	RAYMOND COUSINS	5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ...	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	3	JACK WAUGH...	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ...	4	R. MOWFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. E. Hawkins. All the band are officers of the association except the tenor man.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	*Treble*	JAMES SWINDLEY	5
WALTER THOMAS	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
GEORGE R. JONES	3	ALBERT E. RICHARDS	7
J. WILLIAM CLARKE	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. P. Gray, who retires at the end of the month after 14 years as Rector of Farndon. The peal was also a compliment to Mr. Walter Thomas, one of the oldest ringing members of the Guild, who celebrated his 71st birthday on the previous Wednesday.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FRANK J. GREEN	*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT... ...	5
A. NUNNELY WOOD	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS... ...	6
HARRY G. RIDGEWAY ...	3	ALBERT J. GREEN	7
JOHN A. GREEN	4	*GEORGE M. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HENLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM. H. FUSSELL ...	5
TONY PRICE	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	6
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	4	HARRY WINGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* 50th peal together. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	*Treble*	KEITH W. WHITTELL	4
*JACK STEED...	2	HARRY D. LISTER	5
*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ...	3	GEORGE N. ABBITT	*Treble*

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in six methods.

INTWOOD, NEAR NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten variations. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. MAYERS	*Treble*	W. CLARKE	3
A. SHORTER	2	C. BIRD	4

A. G. WARNES ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

The conductor has now rung peals in this method from Doubles to Cinques.

FREISTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARTHUR ELLIS	*Treble*	†ROBERT BROWN	4
*SYDNEY JESSOP	2	WILLIAM E. CLARK	5
FRANK DEWRY	3	JAMES SHARPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES SHARPE.

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

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HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ... ...*Treble*	JACK ROY 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	JAMES HUNT... 5
WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MASON ... ...*Treble*	WALLACE COUSINS 4
LEWIS BUSH 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
JOHN FRANCIS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

MRS. H. BAKER ... ...*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS 4
TOM SAUNDERS 2	ARTHUR S RICHARDS 5
HARRY BAKER 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the association. The conductor's 30th peal (conducted 17), rung in 30 different towers.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of eight six-scores of St. Simon's, eight of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. HASTINGS ... ...*Treble*	†P. JONES 4
*T. HOLLOWELL 2	†C. LONGLAND 5
*J. DAVEY 3	G. ROBINSON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. JONES.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in four methods. All the ringers, except of the 3rd, are members of the Brafield belfry. The 3rd ringer belongs to Little Houghton.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... ...*Treble*	ROBERT LANGRIDGE 4
GEORGE WARNETT 2	FREDERICK TURRELL 5
VICTOR GOATCHER 3	WILLIAM DENMAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. DENMAN.
First peal of Norwich Surprise on the bells and by all the band.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*STANLEY BROOK... ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
*JESSE K. BELLINGHAM ... 2	ARTHUR J HART... 5
*GILBERT S. AVIS 3	FRANK H. HICKS... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. HART.
* First peal.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PERCY STONE ... ...*Treble*	JOHN W. TAYLOR... 4
ERNEST STONE 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

CYRIL C. RIDGEWAY... ...*Treble*	CHARLES J. HENLEY... ... 4
*ERNEST W. FLOWERS ... 2	WILLIAM F. SWALLOW ... 5
*KATHLEEN M. GLENISTER 3	*BERTRAM J. CROWNSHAW *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL C. RIDGEWAY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all except ringer of 4th. First peal by a local band, all the members being regular Sunday service ringers. Miss Glenister is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells. The 'Jubilee Year' peal, rung previous to the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and tower. The same band attempted a similar peal on Jubilee Day, but broke down after 1¾ hours' ringing.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six 240's of Morris' and 30 six-scores, 14 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER L. HUGHES ... ...*Treble*	JAMES P. HYETT 4
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 2	JAMES T. RANDLE 5
ERIC R. WEBB 3	OWEN DAVIES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. RANDLE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4
*H. W. ALEXANDER 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Dudley-Hiam, the new Vicar.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 36 methods, viz.: (1) Melandra, Castleton, Peveril, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; (2) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (3) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (4) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (6) Charlwood, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (7) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH LEWIS ... ...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON... ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JAMES A. MILNER 3	JOHN WORTH... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) on the occasion of the Mayor's church parade: J. Price 1, N. Leach 2, S. J. Hughes 3, W. Green 4, Henry Goodman 5, Harry Goodman 6, John Goodman (conductor) 7, H. Sheppard 8, R. Goodman 9, G. T. Guest 10.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	1-2	FRED C. WIGNORE	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3-4	*JOHN WALDEN	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

IN THE PARVISE OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE...	3-4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON	5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS	11-12

Composed by FRED HAYES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to A. Ballard, this being his first twelve-bell peal.

DEDICATION OF JUBILEE BELL AT FRESHFORD.

A DOUBLE COMMEMORATION.

Up to this year there were only four bells (cast in 1885 by Taylor and Co., Loughborough) in St. Peter's Church, Freshford, near Bath. To commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty the King and the golden jubilee of the church bells, it was decided to add a fifth bell, to renovate the old bells and improve their tone. The necessary funds were raised by voluntary contributions from the inhabitants and friends of Freshford, and on Sunday, December 8th, the new bell was dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, of Bath.

In spite of the unpleasant weather, the little church was filled to overflowing for the service, which took place in the afternoon, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. Rowley), assisted by the Rev. R. Hunt. After an exceedingly interesting address by the Archdeacon on church bells, the officiating clergy, with the churchwarden (Mr. V. Ritson), proceeded to the west end of the church, where the local band of ringers stood by the bell ropes, the ringing at present taking place from the floor of the church. The rope of the new bell was handed to the Archdeacon by the churchwarden with the request that he would dedicate the new bell. The ceremony having been performed, the local band of ringers—W. Dunning 1, B. A. Ward 2, C. N. Vaisey 3, P. Potter 4, E. Tucker 5—raised the bells in peal, rang a few rounds and set them. After the service a band of ringers from Bath Abbey rang a beautiful touch of Stedman Doubles, and were followed by Bradford-on-Avon ringers, who rang Grandsire Doubles.

The whole company then went across the road to Ivythorpe, where the Misses Bagnall had very kindly provided tea. At the conclusion of the meal the Rector in a few happy words thanked all who had helped to raise the necessary funds for the bell, also the Misses Bagnall for their hospitality and the many ringers who had come from all over the two counties to give the village the benefit of their service. Mr. H. G. Baker, Mr. W. J. Prescott and Mr. C. N. Vaisey having responded, the company then returned to the church, where many excellent six-scores were enjoyed by the whole company in turn till 6.15, when the bells were lowered in peal for the evening service.

The following ringers attended, and the thanks of the village are due to them for the valuable lesson in ringing they so generously provided: W. J. Prescott, Mrs. D. Evans and A. Evans (Bath Abbey), G. Hawkins (St. Saviour's, Bath), C. T. Warwick, J. Stafford, H. E. Wicks, K G. Baker, H. G. Baker, W. H. T. Moore, W. J. Pratten and D. F. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon), T. F. King (Twerton), A. L. F. Derrick (Nailsea), Miss F. Boon (Bristol), E. H. Nash (Mells), F. C. Mogford (Pensford), H. D. Mackay (Chilcompton), J. H. Sheppard (Swindon), C. H. Harding (Trowbridge), E. C. Tucker, W. A. Dunning, B. A. Ward, P. Potter, T. A. Morris and C. N. Vaisey (Freshford). All agreed as to the excellence of tone and 'go' of the bells.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY MASON.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.

Worcestershire and Birmingham ringing circles have lost a well-known figure by the death, which occurred on Saturday week, of Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley. His illness was but of short duration, and he was confined to bed for only three days.

Mr. Mason, who was 72 years of age, had been associated for over half a century with the Worcestershire Association, in which he had been lay vice-president, and of which he was for several years hon. treasurer. He was a vice-president of the Dudley Guild and a member of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

He was a generous subscriber to the church and to matters relating to ringers. One of his last acts was to subscribe to the restoration fund for the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, and only on the Monday before his death he decided to provide a peal tablet in Hagley tower to record the first peal on the bells and also the two rung in November last.

Mr. Mason was proud to have been associated with the late Henry Johnson, and delighted to relate his reminiscences of those early days of his ringing career. Mr. Mason regularly attended the Johnson Commemoration Dinner in Birmingham.

He had a charming personality, possessed a very affable and kindly disposition, and was a generous yet unobtrusive supporter of charities and other good causes. Before taking up residence at Hagley, he resided at Old Hill for more than 30 years, and whilst there he was prominent in church work, and for some years he was a warden at Holy Trinity Church. He was a chorister in that church for a long period, and also a member of the band of bellringers. After removing to Hagley he became a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council in that parish. He was a generous subscriber to the church. Five years ago he had the peal of bells in Hagley Church tower rehung at his own expense, and two years ago he paid for the electric lighting of the church.

He was chairman of the Birmingham Gun Barrel Co. and also a director of another large concern in Edinburgh. Mr. Mason was a strong supporter of the building society movement, and for some years was a director of the Rowley Regis and District Society. In sport his interests chiefly lay in cricket, and he was a vice-chairman of the Old Hill and Hagley Cricket Clubs. He was also a vice-president of the Hagley Institute. In all the offices he accepted Mr. Mason gave the support of his personal interest.

He took part in a considerable number of peals, among them 46 for the Worcestershire Association, of which he conducted three. In 1893 he took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Coseley, Staffordshire, with a band who met again at the same church exactly 20 years later and rang the same peal, standing in the same order. The ringers were Benjamin Gough, Harry Mason, James Jones, James E. Groves, John Carter (conductor), William R. Small, James George, John T. Perry. At that date these were the only two peals of Treble Bob rung on the bells, and there was only one minute difference in the time of the two peals. The last two survivors of the band are Mr. B. Gough and Mr. J. George.

To Mrs. Mason the sincere sympathy of very many friends will be extended in her loss.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church, Hagley, on Tuesday week, and was attended by a large and representative gathering. The bells were rung half-muffled on the previous Sunday evening, after the funeral and again last Sunday, by the local band.

On the day following the funeral a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, as a tribute of respect. Before the ringing, Mr. Prestidge, the leader, spoke of the good qualities of Mr. Mason as a ringer and of his generosity in promoting the art of ringing. The ringers then stood in silence for a minute.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AT STEYNING.

The Southern Division of the Sussex County Association held its quarterly meeting at Steyning on Saturday.

Members were present from Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Shoreham, Lewes, Steyning and Twineham.

Ringing began at 3 p.m., and except for an interval of an hour for tea, continued until 8.30, and included something for everybody from rounds to a course of London and Bristol Surprise.

At the business meeting, Mr. E. Merritt took the chair, and one new member, Mr. J. T. Toms, of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, was elected a member.

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SAVE THE BELLS!

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—It was with the deepest regret that I read in the 'Sunday Times' of the forthcoming demolition of the historic Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street.

A few months ago I had the privilege of being present at a meeting of the London County Association, held at this secluded Wren building, and was greatly impressed by the beauty of its interior. It is a great tragedy that such a splendid example of brilliant craftsmanship has to disappear.

There are, I feel sure, people who will take care that the church's magnificent fittings will be rescued and saved for all time, so I appeal to those who are in the position to do so to make an early effort to secure the preservation of the church's bells and to endeavour to have them put to good use.

It would be a great pity for them to disappear when there are, as the secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild pointed out recently, numerous parts of the country completely out of earshot of a peal of church bells. W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

THE LATE MR. R. BEVAN,

OVER FORTY YEARS A ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTH.

As already briefly announced, the Royal Cumberland Youths have lost an old member by the death of Mr. Richard Bevan. He was a member of the society for over 40 years, and had been steeplekeeper at St. Ann's, Highgate, for a similar period. He was also a member of the Middlesex, Bedfordshire, London County and the Bath and Wells Associations.

At the funeral at Highgate Cemetery, after a service at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. F. Smith, G. W. Steere, C. Matthews and G. Cross (Master).

Half-muffled ringing took place in the evening at Gospel Oak, when among those who took part were many of Mr. Bevan's old friends, some of whom he had rung with for nearly fifty years. They included Messrs. F. Smith, C. Pryor, E. Binfield, C. Martin, W. Norton and T. Taffender, who rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob.

At St. Stephen's Church, Mr. Bevan's youngest band rang 360 Bob Minor, and at Hadley a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The family wish to thank sincerely all those who have sent expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH AND BISHOP OF SALISBURY'S DEATH.

The annual meeting of West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on Saturday, December 7th, and was well attended by members from most of the affiliated towers. Symondsbury and Bradpole towers were open for ringing, in addition to Bridport, and it had been arranged that all the bells should be half-muffled owing to the date coinciding with the funeral of Princess Victoria. The sad news, however, of the Bishop of Salisbury's sudden death that morning gave to the muffled ringing an unlooked for and distressing significance.

At the service the Rev. L. Bartlett, Rector of Bridport, made sympathetic allusion to the great loss the diocese had sustained, and a short silence was observed for prayer.

A meat tea was served in the lavish manner usual to the Greyhound Hotel, and afterwards the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, president of the branch, who paid a brief tribute to the Bishop's qualities and to his interest in the work of the Guild.

The Rev. C. C. Cox and Mr. E. Lathey were unanimously re-elected chairman and secretary respectively.

Mr. F. Bugler asked that he might be relieved of the office of Ringing Master, his resignation being received with very much regret, while a warm vote of thanks was given him for his long service to the branch in that capacity.

Mr. H. D. W. Bishop, of Evershot, was elected in his place, with Mr. A. Wynter, of Beaminster, and Mr. C. Powell, of Lyme Regis, as Assistant Ringing Masters.

Meetings were arranged to be held at Bradpole, Evershot, Netherbury and Lyme Regis at the quarterly periods. Eight new members were elected and three tower elections were ratified.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £4 13s. 2d., though the subscriptions from some towers had yet to be received.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the branch to the Rector of Bridport for his welcome, also for the use of the bells and for his address at the service. Thanks were also given to the organist, and to the other incumbents who had so kindly placed their bells at the disposal of members.

Some good ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being among the methods brought round.

At Lyme Regis, on Wednesday, December 11th, in memory of the Bishop of Salisbury, aged 72 years, whose remains were interred at Salisbury Cathedral on that date, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the Rev. C. C. Cox 1, H. G. Keeley 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, F. Price 5, W. G. Sartin 6.

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OUR CHRISTMAS WEEK ISSUE.

Secretaries and other correspondents are informed that the issue of 'The Ringing World' in Christmas week will have to go to press two days earlier than usual. All matter intended for insertion in that issue must reach the Editorial office as early as possible and at latest by first post Monday, December 23rd.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We extend to all our readers heartiest greetings and best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Last week we hinted that the B.B.C. programme on New Year's Eve would contain an item of special interest to all lovers of bells. We are now able to give our readers further particulars.

On the National wave length, between 11 p.m. and midnight, there will be a few minutes' broadcast from the Loughborough Bellfoundry. Mr. Denison Taylor and his foreman bell caster will speak, and then will be sounded bells which are being sent out to different parts of the world, as well as to English churches, including the Bourdon bell of Buckfast Abbey, the Hobart Cathedral bells, clock bells for India, etc.

It is proposed to attempt a record peal of 18,000 of Treble Bob Minor at Hoylandswaine, Yorks, on Boxing Day. It is to consist of twenty-five 720's in twenty-five different methods, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

As announced last week, there is also to be an attempt on the London Surprise Major record at Warnham, Sussex, the same day.

The Rev. S. P. Gray, for whom a farewell peal was rung last Saturday at Farndon, Cheshire, from which parish he is retiring at the end of the year, is an honorary member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Among the many good works successfully completed during his 14 years at Farndon is the restoration of the bells.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are taking down the ring of eight at Barnsley Parish Church for restoration with new fittings in a new frame.

Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, has just celebrated his jubilee as a peal ringer. Last week, on the anniversary of his first peal, rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, he called a peal of Grandsire Triples.

John Jaggar called the peal of 50 years ago in the days when a band of 'youngsters,' of which he was the conductor, were known as 'Faggar's novices.' Mr. Jaggar had to decline the offer to call John Austin's jubilee peal.

The time of the peal of Bob Minor at Higham, Kent, on November 30th, was 2 hours 50 minutes, not 2 hours 58 minutes as published.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Bob Major at Rhyl on the 7th inst. was W. G. Turner, and not T. Turner.

At a meeting in the Midlands last Saturday, a member was relating how he had made an attempt to get a band for a long peal of Major on Boxing Day. All the offers he had received came from an old age pensioner and three grandfathers.

The Central Council's new publication, a collection of Surprise Major methods, is almost ready for press. Names have been given to all the methods, but if before their appearance any fresh method is rung and named by a band, the figures of a lead of it should be sent to Mr. J. A. Trollope, 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, so that the necessary amendment can be made in the book.

The ring of ten bells of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, are to be rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to commence the dismantling of the ring of eight of St. George's, Southwark, early in the New Year. The peal is to be tuned and rehung with new fittings.

Mr. F. E. Dawe heartily wishes ringing friends 'all the best of the very best' for the coming Christmas. As he is now giving up business, will they please address all correspondence, etc., in future to Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Kingfield, Woking, Surrey?

MANY RINGERS, BUT NO BELLS.

APPEAL FROM A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE.

The bells of Lindley Parish Church, near Huddersfield, have been pronounced unsafe for further ringing, and £400 is required to put them in order again. The ringers are making an appeal for funds in aid of the scheme.

Lindley is a working class village, and, owing to general conditions in the district, funds are not coming in up to expectations. The parish is having a desperate struggle to raise anything like the amount required, and as the ringers have no desire to add to the list of silent peals, of which there are now far too many, they hope assistance may be forthcoming from other parts of the country. They are in a position opposite to most towers. They have plenty of ringers, but no bells.

Any donations will be gratefully acknowledged if sent to either of the following: J. C. Mellor, hon. secretary, 33, Thomas Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, or J. Turner, treasurer, 36, Lidgett Street, Lindley, Huddersfield.

A SURREY VILLAGE CHURCH.

RESTORED BELLS REDEDICATED.

'A storehouse of interest' is the description applied by a recent archæological writer to the Church of All Saints, Ockham, a little unspoiled backwater just off the London-Portsmouth road, about seven miles north-east from Guildford. Here, on Sunday morning, was enacted one of those little ceremonies which stand out as landmarks in the history of a village, the rededication of the bells after restoration. This has been part of a larger scheme in which the renovation of the early fifteenth century tower is not the least important and expensive. The parish has been hard put to it to raise the necessary money, but the task is being manfully shouldered and is being completed as funds permit. A good deal yet remains to be done, but the church folk are not afraid to face the responsibilities.

As already stated, the church, which stands in Ockham Park, is a storehouse of interest, especially to the antiquary, from the timber roof, erected between 1528 and 1532, to the almost unique thirteenth century east window of seven graduated lancets, which is the great glory of the church. Only one other such window, we are told, is to be found in England, and that is at Blakeney, Norfolk. The church also contains the earliest brass of a priest in Surrey, that of William Freeland, Rector in 1349.

In the Edwardian Inventory of 1552, Ockham had four bells 'in the steple,' three 'littell small bells,' and 'a saunce bell.' The frame that carried those four bells 'in the steple' is the one which, after more than four centuries of useful service, it has now been necessary to replace. The old timbers are lying at the moment in the churchyard, decayed beyond all further use, but giving evidence of the one-time strength and stability of the British oak—probably grown in the parish—from which it was made.

There are five bells, cast originally by R. Phelps in 1719, when, as the inscriptions on treble and second bear witness, the Rev. John Hoadly, D.D., was Rector and the Lord Chief Justice King was patron. Lord Chief Justice King, who became Lord Chancellor and died in 1734, was buried in the church, and in a private chapel are fine life-size statues of the great lawyer and his wife. These trebles were recast in 1850, and the tenor, with a diameter of 34 inches, in 1811. The other two bells are the original castings of Phelps.

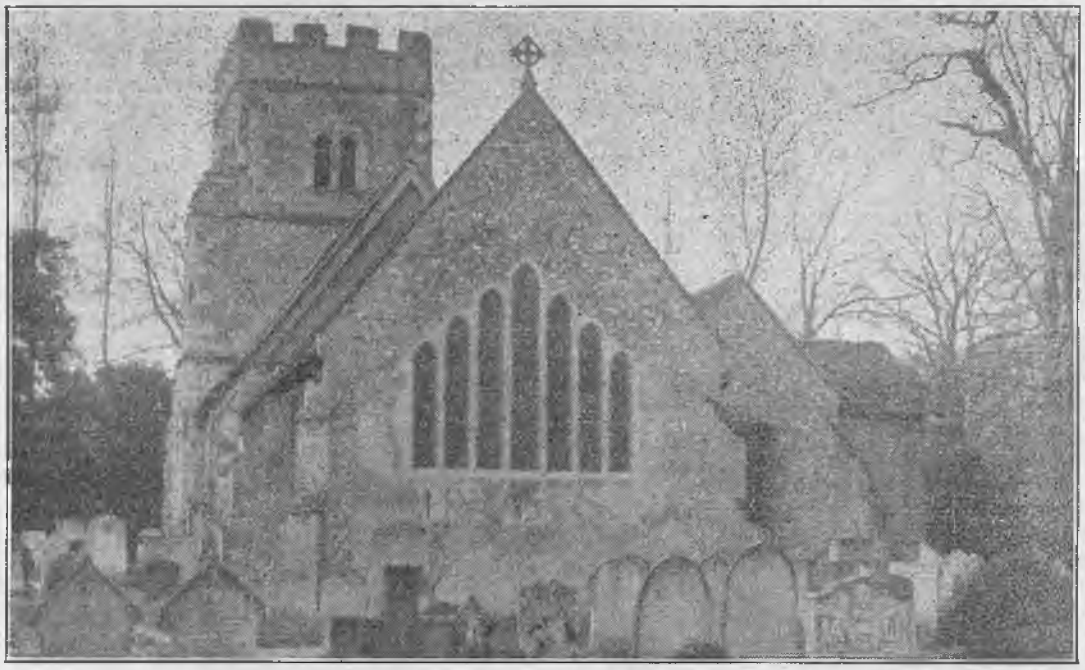
All the bells have been back to the Whitechapel foundry, where they have been given new voice by tuning and cleaning, and have been provided with entirely new fittings, including ball bearings. The new frame is built of Australian Jarrah wood, which is much less susceptible to warping and shrinkage than English timber. The frame was built, to the bellfounders' specification, by the Ockham Building Works, and a very fine job has been made of it. It is strongly braced, with its foundations carried on a concrete corbel course built in all round the tower. Space has been left so that an additional treble bell can be added at some future time.

The arrangements for the opening ceremony, fixed for Sunday, were nearly upset by labour troubles in London. Ropes and clappers for the bells were dispatched in ample time from the foundry, but did not appear, when expected, at Ockham. At length, after considerable delay, the ropes turned up, but no clappers. Day after day slipped by, and, despite frantic inquiries, the clappers were still missing. And then, on Saturday, when hope had almost been given up, they reached the church just in time to make the bells ready for Sunday's ceremony.

For this historic village occasion the little church was full, and the school children were present in force. The special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Lorimer W. Kitching), took the place of the ordinary morning prayer, and began, after the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' with the Exhortation:—

> 'Brethren, forasmuch as devout men have from old time placed in the House of God bells, whereby the faithful are called together for the worship of God and the sacred offices of His Church, and all men everywhere are called to the remembrance of His Holy Name, let us humbly pray that our Heavenly Father will favourably approve our present purpose of rededicating these bells to His glory and service, and let us faithfully and devoutly ask His blessing on this our undertaking.'

During the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' Bishop Golding-Bird (Assistant Bishop of Guildford), the Rector and the churchwardens, with Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the Whitechapel Foundry, and Mr. Hough, representing Ockham Building Works, proceeded to the base of the tower, now used as choir vestry, where the formal dedication took place.



OCKHAM CHURCH, with its Fifteenth Century Tower and Thirteenth Century East Window.

The local ringers, who consist of two old Ockham families, the Smithers and the Wrights, then chimed the bells in rounds, while the little procession returned to the chancel. Further special prayers were offered, and the hymn from Tennyson's poem, 'Ring out, wild bells,' was sung.

The Bishop gave a homely address from the chancel step from the words, 'He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.' He dwelt upon the importance of small things. Nothing, he said, was worth while, unless it was for the honour and glory of God, and everything that was worth while was for the honour and glory of God. The dedication of those bells was worthless, if behind it all there was not the primary thought that it was for the honour and glory of God. Much of the labour that was put into the restoration of the bells was done by men, and especially of two men, who loved that church. They made the framework, and every time they used a hammer or a chisel or a saw or any other tool, although they might not have thought about it at the time, they used it to the honour and glory of God, and their work was eminently worth while. He asked the people of Ockham to remember when they heard the bells, that they were ringing out 'Glory be to God.' Everything they did for and gave to the Temple of God, however small an offering it was, should be permeated with the same spirit.

The service concluded with the hymns, 'Angel voices ever singing' and 'Let all the world in every corner sing,' followed by the Blessing, and as the congregation left the church, members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild raised the bells in peal, rang six-scores of Grandsire

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FOR BEGINNERS.

TRANSPOSITION.

When you try to write out Minor methods you will find that the scope is enormously extended, and it is impossible in this article to attempt to show the many ways in which a Minor method may be built up, because, in addition to methods in which the treble follows a plain hunt, there are many more methods in which the treble does a dodging hunt. But there is a general rule which all regularly constructed Minor methods with a plain hunt follow, and that is that the changes are made up by alternately changing three pairs of bells and two pairs; just as on four bells we saw that alternately two pairs and one pair were changed.

When it comes to Treble Bob methods, this rule can be broken through, and it is possible to have the changes made by a different succession. About that, however, we will not trouble for the present.

If you want to write out a Minor method, in order to examine the work, or to make a diagram, you can do it by getting a lead of it, and constructing the other four leads to complete the plain course by making your transpositions row by row to correspond with the first lead.

Thus if the first four changes of the method are as follow:—

123456
214365
241356
423165
432615

and the lead end 135264, you treat the next lead row by row in the same way, thus:—

135264
312546
321564
235146
253416

This, in turn, will produce the lead end 156342, and the succeeding changes must be produced in the same way.

And this leads us to the next stage. When you know how to write out methods by the changes, you will want to write out touches by the lead ends, and later by the course ends. This is done by what is known as a scale of lead ends, or course ends as the case may be.

It will, of course, be obvious that when you write out a method keeping to the same changes of pairs in the corresponding places through every lead of the course, the transposition of one lead end from the previous one must be the same all through the course. Thus if the first lead end is 135264, the next is 135264 transposed by 135264, which is 156342. The next lead is 156342 transposed by 135264, which is 164523; and that transposed in the same way produces 142635, which, transposed in turn by the same 135264, gives 123456.

As the treble, denoted by the figure 1, comes in the same place every time, this figure is omitted when writing out lead ends, and a course of Bob Minor, or any other method which produces the same change at the lead end, would be written like this:—

23456
35264
56342
64523
42635
23456

In a plain method the 23456 indicates, in addition, the whole of the eleven changes which follow, and in a Treble Bob method the 23 changes which follow, and so on with each of the succeeding rows.

When a bob is called the transposition is changed, and in Bob Minor, and any other method with the same order of the lead ends, and in which 2nd's place is made when the treble leads, a bob causes the affected row to be transposed by 23564.

Now if you want to work out some touches for your own amusement try your hand. A plain lead is written down after transposing the previous lead by 35264, and a bob lead is written down after transposing the previous lead by 23564. If you want to be sure that your touch is true, that is, that it contains no repetition, you had better make the following test: Make two columns. In the first put the lead ends (or backstroke lead of the treble) of your touch, and in the second column the handstroke lead of the treble. The figures in the second column are produced by transposing the figures in the first column by 24365 if it is a plain lead, or by 32465 if it is a bob lead. When you have written them out, see that no two rows in the two columns are alike. Suppose you began your touch like this:—

	Backstrokes	Handstrokes
	23456	
	35264	32546
	56342	53624
	64523	65432
Bob	64235	46253
	43652	46325
Bob	43526	34562
	32465	34256
	26354	23645
	65243	62534
Bob	65432	56423
	53624	56342

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AFTER TEA AT STOKE-ON-TRENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with very great interest the legitimate complaint made by Mr. A. D. Steel, the towerkeeper at St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, in your last issue, and also your appropriate foreword. For many years now I have been struck by the wonderful celerity with which ringers disappear *after tea*. Some of them would rival the vanishing lady, but this is not peculiar to Stoke or to any one association. One reason for this—especially in towns—is that ringers from country districts take the opportunity of having a look round the town or city, and others say to themselves, 'I won't go up, there will be plenty there without me.' Here they are judging by the number in the belfry *before tea*, and owing to lack of interest they never trouble to go and see how matters stand, hence the scarcity of ringers to man the bells.

Of course, the position at Stoke was aggravated by the unofficial tower at Fenton being open. This was procured by Mr. W. P. Deane, an unattached member of the association, without the authority of the officials.

Seventy-three sat down to a sumptuous tea kindly provided by the Rector of Stoke. Amongst these were a goodly number of Cheshire men from over the border (Crewe Branch), including their secretary, and out of the lot of them only one thought it worth while to go up the belfry to assist in the ringing *after tea*.

Mr. Steel is on the generous side when he says there were 16 present in the belfry; counting heads there were only ten, five of us were change ringers and five other young men only able to ring call changes. My colleague, Mr. R. G. Lewis, Ringing Master for the eight-bell towers, and the leader of St. Peter's (Mr. S. Churton) were both distracted at the turn events had taken. I should imagine the instigator of the unofficial tower fiasco would be severely dealt with by the committee at the earliest opportunity in order to prevent a recurrence of this conduct.

JOHN E. WHEELDON,
Ringing Master (Six-Bell Towers),
North Staffs Association.

WHERE DID THE RINGERS GO?

Dear Sir,—Ten ringers went to the Fenton tower after tea at the Stoke meeting on December 7th. This number included six visitors and four resident members of the association.

The remarks in your last issue somewhat cast a great reflection on our visitors and calls for a rectification of same.

Out of 73 ringers who sat down to tea, 16 went to Stoke tower, 10 to Fenton. What became of the other 47 ringers?

WILLIAM P. DEANE.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARY REPLIES.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the ringers of St. Giles', Newcastle, who attended the annual meeting of the North Staffs Association at Stoke-on-Trent and did not return to ring after tea, I would like to say it was because they can ring at Stoke at any time, and they left the bells to distant members. Eleven attended from Newcastle and three returned to the tower.

Mr. A. D. Steel did not mention that eight of St. Peter's ringers sat down to tea, and only two returned to their own tower, also that Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, as well as Grandsire Triples, after tea.

On behalf of the North Staffs and District Association, I wish to take this opportunity of apologising to the members of the Chester Guild who attended this meeting, and to assure them that this matter does not concern them. We shall be very pleased to see them at any time.

ANDREW THOMPSON, Hon. Sec.

Newcastle, Staffs.

'FLU DELAYS WEDDING BELLS.

On November 30th, at St. James' Church, Norton, Sheffield, the wedding took place of Mr. C. Harrison and Miss L. Wilks. The bridegroom is a member of the local company of ringers, but a visitation of 'flu among the rest of the band made it impossible for anything but the chimes to be used as the couple left the church. However, chimes will not satisfy any band of ringers, so on Sunday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the marriage, the band including the bridegroom: W. Biggin 1, B. Shaw 2, *B. Millington 3, F. Millington 4, *C. Harrison 5, N. Harrison 6, C. Bates (conductor) 7, T. E. Lee 8. * First quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

As a tribute of respect to a member of the band whose father was interred on that day, the Chatteris, Cambs, ringers, on December 10th, rang at the Parish Church 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: A. R. Paul 1, P. Smith 2, A. Abrams 3, S. Murphy 4, H. D. Paul 5, W. Leekings (conductor) 6.

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You need not go any further, because your touch is false. The 56342 at the last backstroke and the changes immediately before it repeat with the 56342 among the backstrokes and the changes immediately following it.

Now see what you can do by way of making up true touches!

BICENTENARY AT IPSWICH.

TOWER WHERE RINGING HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE.

The peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday, was remarkable in more ways than one. It was the first peal in the method by Miss Phyllis E. Tillett, who at the age of 16 years is the only lady to ring a peal in three Surprise Maximus methods. It was also the third peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus, all of which have been rung at Ipswich, with three different conductors.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

It was rung to commemorate the bicentenary of the first peal rung at Ipswich, the following being an extract from the 'Ipswich Gazette,' dated 'December 6th to 13th, 1735':—

> 'Ipswich, December 13th, 1735. Yesterday, in the evening, was rung by our ringers at St. Mary tower in this town, 5,040 changes, being the whole peal of Grandsire Triples on eight bells, the persons were: James Kerridge, aged 61, 8th, Isaac Whitehead 7th, Stephen Bond 6th, George Bond 5th, Stephen Kirby 4th, Robert Hogger 3rd, Thomas Bennett 2nd, George Weston treble, which was done in three hours and eleven minutes by the above said persons to the satisfaction of all lovers of that science.'

This is one of the very few instances in which the ringers are recorded the reverse way.

Apart from the Rochester Surprise, much ringing history has been made in this famous tower, where there are several seventeenth century bells among the twelve, including two by Miles Graye, one dated 1607 and one 1610, three by John Darbie, 1761, and one by Christopher Hodson, 1638.

Previous to 1844 the steeple contained eight bells, of which the present eleventh was the tenor.

There have been some celebrated names among the ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower, including those of Motts and Catchpole, while the veteran Mr. Bob Brundle, now 84 years of age and still actively identified with ringing in Ipswich, is a link with a distant generation. Among other connections, he has rung peals with five generations of the Tillett family.

A generation ago it was a leading centre in the then larger Norwich Diocesan Association, and among the 'firsts in the method' rung for that society at Ipswich were Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Bob Royal and Maximus, Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, and the first ever of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

St. Mary-le-Tower has continued to have a talented and enterprising band who have done much to uphold the standard of ringing in the Suffolk Guild, and they have added to their laurels peals in other Surprise Maximus methods, some of them the 'first ever.'

Among those who have done great service in keeping the high level of ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower is Mr. George E. Symonds, the hon. secretary of the society, who not long since rang his 300th peal. Here is his interesting list:—

	Tower bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond
Maximus:				
Rochester Surprise	2	1		
Pudsey Surprise	3	2		
Yorkshire Surprise	3	2		
Superlative Surprise	11	5		
Cambridge Surprise	13	4		
New Cambridge Surprise	3	2		
Double Norwich	2	1		
Duffield	2	1		
Forward	2	2		
Oxford Treble Bob	2	1	2	2
Kent Treble Bob	3	2	2	2
Little Albion Treble Bob	1	1		
Plain Bob	1	1	1	1
Cinques:				
Stedman	24	15		
Grandsire	3	3	1	1
Royal:				
Cambridge Surprise	4	2		
New Cambridge Surprise	1	1		
Double Norwich	2	1		
Oxford Treble Bob	3	3	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	4	2	3	3
Plain Bob	1	1	1	1
Caters:				
Stedman	9	5	2	2
Grandsire	2	2	4	4
Major:				
Bristol Surprise	1			
London Surprise	3			
Superlative Surprise	10	2		
Cambridge Surprise	8	6		
New Cambridge Surprise	1	1		
Double Norwich	26	19		
Oxford Treble Bob	14	10	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	21	16	1	1
Plain Bob	21	19	10	6
Triples:				
Stedman	19	9		
Grandsire	*26	22	5	2
Plain Bob	1	1		
Minor	14	9		
	266	174	34	27

* One silent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AN INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING.

A by-meeting was held at Worthen on Saturday, December 7th. The meeting was intended chiefly as an opportunity for the instruction of two or three bands from adjacent towers, and it can be claimed that it admirably served its purpose. Grandsire Doubles was the order of the day, the light six being excellent for tuition.

The service in the ancient church was a model of what Guild services should be, the hymns and chants well known, and in his address the Rev. Canon Bell displayed more than a passing interest in campanology. He spoke of his association with St. Michael's, Cornhill, and of the brothers Pye, so well known, in name at least, to most of those present.

Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, after which the secretary, Mr. R. Pole, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and the local band. Mr. A. Pritchard seconded this, and, in reply, the Rector, who had evidently been listening-in to conversations, dropped a hint regarding a peal on his bells.

After a few courses on handbells, a return was made to the tower, where, in addition to Grandsire Doubles, touches in the following Minor methods were rung: Plain Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford, as well as St. Simon's Doubles, new to several of the band.

The bells were lowered in peal to enable the last bus, at 8.10 p.m., to be caught. The following towers were represented: St. Chad's (Shrewsbury), Wellington, Hodnet, Pontesbury, Great Ness and the local company.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

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The North Stafford and District Association		10	6
The Parish Church, Macclesfield, Ringers		10	0
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Mr. E. M. Atkins		5	0
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any of whom would be glad to receive further donations to the fund.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Swindon Branch annual meeting took place at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 14th, with a fairly good attendance. The fine peal of ten bells was fully utilised both afternoon and evening, and some good ringing was heard.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Thomas, who welcomed the members to Swindon.

At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected, and the secretary read the article, 'This means you,' for the benefit of those who do not take 'The Ringing World.'

The bells were kept going until 8 p.m., the ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A SURREY VILLAGE CHURCH

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and Stedman, and, by special request, 'fired' the bells. Those who took part in the ringing were Messrs. C. Denyer (Aldershot), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), C. E. Smith (Godalming), C. Hazelden (Guildford), W. Denyer (Aldershot) and A. A. Hughes (London). Afterwards the local men, who have not touched a bell for over a year, had a turn, but found the control on ball bearings on a rigid frame vastly different to the conditions when they stopped ringing twelve months ago last October.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The last meeting of the year for the Ashford District was held at Biddenden on Saturday in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild. Although disappointing as regards numbers, only sixteen being present, it was quite enjoyable in other respects. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock and was carried on until teatime, there being no service owing to an accident to the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Collis), who is suffering from a broken ankle and will be confined to his bed for six weeks. His son, who brought the news, said that his father was keenly disappointed at not being able to give an address. He was asked to convey the members' thanks for the use of the bells, their regret that he was unable to be with them and their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Tea was served at the Chequers Inn, and, following this, Mr. C. W. Everett was voted to the chair.

The secretary presented the report and statement of accounts for the year. He stated that the district had, unfortunately, lost one tower, but it had also gained one and with it seven practising members and one honorary member, as well as electing seven other members, so that even after losing six members there is a clear gain of eight.

The balance sheet showed receipts of £15 18s. and expenses of £5 10s., leaving a balance of £10 8s., which has now been paid into the association account. Of this, 19s. was the result of a collection for the Benevolent Fund.

The secretary also gave a report of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November. This dealt chiefly with the proposed new rules, but it was pointed out that these were not to be regarded as law in any respect, as they were only a result of the committee's discussion.—The secretary was thanked for his report.

VETERAN MEMBERS.

On the proposition of Mr. Tribe, the secretary was asked to write from the meeting to Mr. W. Lambert, who had that day attained the age of 80 years, and was at that moment taking part in a peal attempt, to congratulate him on his 'two great performances.'

The secretary was also asked to write to Mr. C. Cramp, of Tenterden, wishing him a speedy recovery from his present illness. Mr. Cramp is nearly 87 years of age, and was ringing at Tenterden until a week or so ago. Ringers will realise that ringing bells of Tenterden's weight (tenor 30 cwt.) is no mean feat at 87, especially with forty or more steps to ascend first.

The Romney Marsh Guild decided to hold the annual meeting at Appledore again, on Saturday, January 18th, when the Willesborough Male Voice Choir will once more contribute largely to the social programme. It will be remembered that the social side was a great treat last time, and those who missed it should make sure they do not miss an even greater treat this year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ADDS ANOTHER TOWER.

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Lyminge, by the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. P. Lewis), on Saturday.

The bells of the ancient church were ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and at 4.15 p.m. the association's form of service was held, at which the Rector officiated, the singing being greatly augmented by the presence of the choirboys. Mrs. Wilson presided at the organ.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the annex of the Coach and Horses Inn for tea, where a very representative gathering sat down, with the Rector presiding. Members attended from Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's, Canterbury, Dover, Eythorne, Elham, Brabourne, Littlebourne, Hythe, Sturry, Newington, Stowting, Wickhambreaux and the local tower.

At a short business which followed, Ash, with ten new members, was elected in union with the association, and Mr. L. Smith, Littlebourne, was elected as a new member. Before the ringers adjourned to the church tower, Messrs. Saunders and Whitehead, of Dover, gave an entertaining and seasonable display of tune ringing with handbells 'four-in-hand.'

Ringing continued in the usual methods until 8 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe in February.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

INFLUX OF TOWERS TO NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Buckingham on Saturday, December 7th, and was well attended despite the very bad weather. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Newport Pagnell, Twyford, Stony Stratford, Fenny Stratford, Weston Underwood, Maids Moreton and the local ringers. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. R. F. Ball, R.D., Vicar of Buckingham, and the address given by the Rev. D. Kidd, Rector of Tingewick.

At the business meeting the Rev. Ball presided in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. H. Adeane Byard, of Newport Pagnell, who was prevented from attending by the very bad fog, which was prevalent in the district all day.

The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) referred to the sad loss the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. W. Smith, of Newport Pagnell, and the members stood in silence for a short time as a mark of respect.

The secretary announced that he had four new towers wishing to join the branch, viz., Drayton Parslow, Mursley, Little Horwood and Tingewick, with a total of 35 members.

Drayton Parslow has no ringers, and arrangements have been made to endeavour to teach some as soon as possible.

The Rev. C. D. Read had asked if some of the members could get to Tingewick for the dedication service on December 21st and ring the bells.

The Rev. J. F. Amies reported on the work which he was doing in the Newport Deanery of this branch by holding monthly meetings.

The usual votes of thanks were given, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Major.

WELCOME TO NEW RECTOR.

At St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs, on Saturday, December 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Pickering 1, I. Evans 2, W. T. Edge 3, H. Knight 4, B. Horton 5, A. Rowley 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. E. Turner, A.K.C., formerly of St. Aidan's, Leeds, who was inducted to the living of St. Giles' the same evening.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HINDERCLAY, near Diss, Norfolk.—Special service for the re-opening of the bells on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The dedication of the Wigan Parish Church bells by the Bishop of Warrington will take place on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to ringers after the service, by permission of the Rector. The old 8 bells have been recast and 2 new trebles added by J. Taylor and Co.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The final meeting of the year will be held at Arley on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea, 5 p.m. at 1s. Midland Red buses run direct from Coventry and Nuneaton (Broad Street).—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, on Thursday (Boxing Day), Dec. 26th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of St. Woolos' will be available after the close of the business meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

CAMBERWELL.—Ringing as usual at St. Giles' on Boxing Day morning 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—T. W. Taffender.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cadena Cafe, The Square, Winchester, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Business meeting 3,15, followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, December 28th, at 3:30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than December 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due. Annual reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. Please advise Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, East Yorks, by January 1st.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lea, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at a moderate charge. Tea will only be provided for those who apply to Mr. L. Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough, by Wednesday, January 1st. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at Bishop's Lydeard. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.40 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755. — Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. All members urged to attend.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fourth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 4th, at 6 p.m. Ringing beforehand (details later). Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from officers and committee up to December 28th. Note.—District annual meeting at Twickenham on February 1st. Happy Christmas!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 p.m., followed by tea. All those intending to be present for tea must notify Mr. J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Jan. 1st. No name, no tea. Visitors welcomed.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 11th, at 6 p.m. Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Guildford. Ringing during the afternoon. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, can be obtained, up to January 7th, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

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At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Hadley, Middlesex, on Sunday, December 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Langley 1, *F. Casley 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, C. Ward 4, *W. Vince 5, *H. S. Aubin 6, G. Herbert 7, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

On Sunday evening, December 1st, at All Saints' Church, Harrow Weald, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Wilcox 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, M. Vincent 4, H. D. Butler 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, H. O. Holmes 7, G. H. Hart 8. First quarter-peal on the eight bells and the first by the ringers of the 5th and 7th. All are regular Sunday service ringers and members of the local band.

At Maldon, Essex, on Sunday, October 13th, at All Saints' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Hutson 1, S. Linnett 2, W. H. Chalk 3, F. Chalk 4, A. South 5, F. May 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, A. Powers 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers.

At Lavenham, on Thursday, October 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. H. Andrews 2, A. Symonds 3, S. Twitchett (Clare) 4, F. Day (Preston) (first quarter of Bob Major) 5, S. H. Symonds 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Offord 8.

On Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival evensong at St. Mary's, Mildenhall, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Shorter 1, P. Fordham 2, H. Townsend 3, R. Lathbury 4, F. Dench 5, J. Negus 6, W. Stannard (conductor) 7, R. Townsend 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Exeter on Saturday, with an attendance of 64 members and visitors. A service was held at St. Petrock's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Goundry), who gave an earnest address based on the parable of the unprofitable servant, who made no use of the one talent which his Lord had entrusted to him. Their one talent, the Rector said, was bellringing, a talent they should foster and enlarge for the benefit of themselves individually and for their fellow-ringers.

Tea was held in St. Mary Major's Institute, followed by the business meeting, at which the branch chairman (Mr. C. G. Glass) presided.

A report of the branch's activities during the present year stated that the three meetings had been well attended, but more help was required for instruction.

Mr. Glass having expressed a desire to retire from the chairmanship, to give someone else a term of office, nominations were invited by the president, and eventually Mr. C. R. Lilley was elected. Mr. W. H. Howe was re-elected secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Hosgood assistant secretary, Mr. W. Richardson was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. Biffin, Ridler and Ryall as representatives to the General Committee.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Crediton on February 22nd.

A complaint from a member that reports of performances sent to 'The Ringing World' did not appear led to the president reading a letter from the Editor explaining that it was impossible to publish all matter received unless the journal was enlarged, which could only be done by increasing its circulation.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman and spoke of the admirable way in which he had carried out his duties during his term of office.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector of St. Petrock's for kindly arranging the excellent service.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday. About 25 members were present, representing 15 towers, and there were also visitors from Bredenbury and Bromsgrove. At the service the Rector (the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop) gave a very interesting address, which included the history of the bells of his two parishes (All Saints' and St. Andrew's).

Tea was partaken of at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rector.

At the meeting which followed, Mr. C. Camm was again elected District Master, this being the sixth year he has held this office. Mr. G. Large was elected secretary and treasurer in place of Mr. F. Hawkes. Mr. W. Randford was again elected member of the Central Committee ('Father' has now held this office since 1922). Mr. R. G. Knowles was nominated to be branch representative on the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. E. Barber, to the retiring secretary for his services during the past five years.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Dodderhill.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. S. T. Holt, to the Rector for his excellent address and for so generously providing tea, and also for presiding over the meeting.

To this the Vicar suitably replied, and the ringers again adjourned to the tower to make further use of the excellent peal of ten at All Saints' Church.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Monday, December 9th, on the occasion of a Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): H. A. R. Posnett 1, F. A. J. Steward 2, Victor F. Barker 3, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 4, S. L. Posnett 5, J. H. Cropley 6. First quarter-peal by members of the local band, and first quarter-peal on six bells by ringer of 6.

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ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUNG CONDUCTORS

In the Lancashire Association's annual report for 1934-35, from which we publish a short extract, stress is laid upon the importance of encouraging new conductors. It says: 'In the interest of change ringing in the years to come, it is advisable for all tower conductors to teach and encourage some of their younger members in the fascinating study of conducting.' Putting aside for the moment the towers which, as far as conducting is concerned, are a 'one man show,' because of the conceit and selfishness of the ringer in charge, there are many belfries where there is little or no encouragement given to the development of young conductors. Many ringers, of course, have no aptitude or desire for it; they have as much as they can do to ring their own bell properly, their limited knowledge and 'ropesight' make them unfitted for the job, and they have no ambition in that direction. Others, however, given the opportunity, would easily develop into very useful, if not brilliant, conductors, and this type of ringer should receive every encouragement, not only from the leader of his tower, but from his belfry colleagues also. There are many places, of course, where this is done, but it should be the universal practice.

It is just as important to produce conductors as it is to obtain ringers. Many can call bobs, but few can conduct. Conducting, in the real sense, is a great deal more than mere bob calling, but let it not be forgotten that the first stage towards becoming a competent conductor is that of calling bobs in simple touches, and any member of a band, who has the inclination and reasonable ability as a ringer, ought to be given an opportunity to try his hand. This question of encouraging young conductors, however, has a wider bearing than in its effect on peal ringing. It is important to keep change ringing going for service. The 'one conductor' tower is always at a disadvantage, particularly if the 'one and only' is laid aside or suddenly removed. In such circumstances, likely enough, the band will be without anything more than a bob caller and efficiency will suffer even if nothing worse happens.

Apart, therefore, from encouraging the ambitious youngster, it is a useful asset to have more than one ringer capable of taking charge of the ringing. Moreover, the ringers of to-day should have thought for the future, if the art is to be handed on and progress is to be made in the days to come. Apart from the selfishness which characterises some conductors, it is a great mistake in any band not to educate conductors. It is just as important to do this as it is to train young ringers, or endeavour to advance to higher things in the art. As

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the report of the Lancashire Association emphasises, it is the interest of change ringing in the years to come that matters most, and the appeal which is made to the ringers of the county Palatine can be made with equal force to the ringers in every association and guild in the country.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST STONE	...*Treble*	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... ...	5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	2	R. FREDERICK ROE	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	KENNETH A. ROE...	7
D. HAROLD ARGYLE	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOE C. MELLOR	...*Treble*	CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE... ...	5
FRANK POPPLEWELL	2	FRANK RHODES	6
*JACK FISHER	3	†WILLIAM E. HOLROYD ...	7
RONALD SQUIRES	4	HENRY H. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by JOE C. MELLOR.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Wilson Wood, who has been a ringer at this church for 57 years.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*JAMES LAMBKIN	...*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY ...	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
†MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON ...	3	JAMES E. BAILEY...	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	NORMAN SOMMERHAYES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 13 years. † First peal on eight bells and first attempt; also first peal in the method.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD	...*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY...	5
*ERNEST T. KING	2	JOHN CURRY	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	3	MRS. R. RICHARDSON	7
JOHN W. CARTER	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal, aged 14 years.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This was the conductor's 1,000th peal.

CRADLEY, STAFFS.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD SPUCK	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
*PERCY RICHARDS	2	HARRY WYRE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... ...	3	CHAS. WM. COOPER	7
JACK PAGETT	4	ARTHUR WYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal on eight with an 'inside' bell. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, a vice-president of the Guild, who was interred at Hagley on the previous Tuesday.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

This composition has seven pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course-ends, and is believed to be the first of its kind to be rung. 100th peal together by the ringers of 4, 5 and tenor.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

FREDERICK MOLINEUX	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	PERCY RICHARDS...	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	CHAS. WM. COOPER	7
JACK PAGETT...	4	ALFRED MOLINEUX ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, a vice-president of the association, who was interred at the above church on Tuesday, December 10th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (11 callings and 11 changes of method). Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM HAYWARD	*Treble*	*GEORGE BERRY	4
WALTER LYCETT	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
†THOMAS LEECH	3	*JOSEPH CAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles on the bells.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, December 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*BARNABAS G. KEY	4
*HAROLD SMITH	2	†THOMAS J. ELTON	5
*ARTHUR H. HINGLEY ...	3	*JOHN H. STOKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringer of the 5th has now rung Stedman and Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings.
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

LESLIE E. J. HAWKINS	*Treble*	GILBERT W. RENDELL ...	4
FREDERICK J. MARSH	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	5
DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ...	3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to the late Rt. Rev. St. Clair A. G. Donaldson, Lord Bishop of Salisbury and Patron of the Guild, whose ashes were interred at Salisbury on the previous Wednesday.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Ipswich, Lightfoot, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. METCALFE	*Treble*	HARRY J. SANGER	4
DAVID MACKAY	2	RONALD G. BECK...	5
KENNETH FORD	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

ASTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK TRINDER	*Treble*	BERTRAM D. COSTAR ...	4
CHARLES BOWSHER	2	NOBLE SPINDLOW	5
PERCY TRINDER...	3	*HARRY FARMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT JONES	*Treble*	DAVID HORNE	4
WILLIAM NUTT	2	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ...	5
ROLAND LEWIS	3	GEORGE JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles for all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man.

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(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6480 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of each of the following nine methods: College Exercise, Rochester, Ockley, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Burton, Capel, Kingston and London Scholars. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE LORD	...*Treble*	ERNEST BROOKES...	4
WILLIAM GREEN	2	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	DANIEL SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Longest length by ringers of treble, fourth and tenor.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

One extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS ...	...*Treble*	HARRY CARTER	4
WALTER TOMLINSON	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	5
*KENNETH W. MAYER ...	3	JOHN WALDEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in seven methods. A birthday peal for the ringer of the treble, and his first peal as conductor in seven methods.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Lightfoot, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

PERCY N. G. RAINEY ...	...*Treble*	HENRY SANGER	4
DAVID MACKAY	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
KENNETH FORD	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

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the lead heads of a plain course of Bob Major (which, again, in the belfry you may hear described as the lead ends):—

2345678
3527486
5738264
7856342
8674523
6482735
4263857

2345678

If you wish to work out the whole series—which will be quite a good practice exercise—start each time with 2345678 and work out a course by transposing with each of the leads given above in turn, one course with a 5738264 transposition all through, another with a 7856342 transposition, and so on.

In last week's article there was a little slip, which to those who thought the thing out for themselves was obvious, but which for the sake of others we must point out. Speaking of the false touch given at the end, we said 'The 56342 at the last backstroke and the changes immediately before it repeat,' etc. It should have been 'The 56342 at the last handstroke, and the changes immediately before it repeat with the 56342 among the backstrokes and the changes immediately following it.'

FOR BEGINNERS.

'LEAD HEADS' AND 'LEAD ENDS.'

There are one or two things about transpositions, beyond what has already been explained in this column, which we might mention before passing on. One thing is this, in regard to Minor. All recognised 'regular' methods, that is methods symmetrically constructed with places made in the second half of the lead to correspond with those in the first half and which are worth ringing, have the same lead ends and lead heads, although these may fall in a different order.

Let us first, however, explain the difference between 'lead ends' and 'lead heads.' Ringers, generally, speak of the backstroke lead of the treble as the 'lead end,' and in some of these articles we may have used the same term for the same purpose in order not to confuse those who have been studying them. It should, however, be stated that in methods on six, or any even number of bells, this description is not strictly correct. It was used for centuries and was fully understood to mean the backstroke lead of the treble, but in Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus the treble's backstroke lead is, strictly speaking, the 'lead head,' that is, the beginning, and not the end, of the lead.

The reason is this: In every lead in an even-bell method the place making and dodging occur, as we have said, in corresponding places in relation to the position of the treble in each half of the lead. Thus if 3rd's place is made when the treble passes through 4th's and 5th's going up, 3rd's place will also be made as the treble passes through 5th's and 4th's going down.

The work of any method between and including one backstroke lead of the treble and the next handstroke lead of that bell cannot be altered. But between the handstroke and backstroke of the treble's whole-pull at lead it is not necessary to make the same place every time.

You cannot alter one single piece of the work in Plain Bob (and call it Plain Bob) between the backstroke of the treble lead and the next handstroke lead of the treble, but you can still call it Plain Bob whether you make 2nd's place or 4th's place at the treble's whole pull at lead. The 2nd's place is a plain lead, the 4th's place makes it a bob lead. The place which is thus made is the 'link' between the leads. The method begins with the treble's backstroke lead; therefore, technically, this is the 'lead head' and the next handstroke of the treble lead is the 'lead-end.'

All this seems to be rather wide of what we at first set out to explain, but it is just as well that beginners should understand the difference in the two terms, which are often confused. We speak of the 'lead end' when ringing, when actually we mean the 'lead head,' and we come back to the statement that in all regular Minor methods now generally practised the lead heads are the same, although the construction of the method may produce them in a different order. Bob Minor gives them to us in this order, the figure for the treble being omitted, because it occurs in the same place—in front—every time:—

23456
35264
56342
64523
42635

23456

These same lead head's occur in the other methods, and they can only turn up in three other orders, viz.:—

23456	23456	23456
56342	64523	42635
42635	35264	64523
35264	42635	56342
64523	56342	35264
23456	23456	23456

Therefore, if you want to transpose the lead ends of any Minor method you have only four rows of figures to remember, for individually they are the same although they may occur in one or other of the four sequences given above.

In the same way all Major methods have similar lead heads, and there are only six different orders in which they can occur. Perhaps beginners would like to try to find them for themselves. Here are

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DICKENS AMONG RINGERS.

FAMOUS NOVELIST'S VISIT TO SOUTHWARK BELFRY RECALLED.

BY ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.Hist.S.

Sir A. Quiller-Couch, speaking at a Dickens birthday dinner a few years ago, said that Dickens created a world of his own and filled it with men and women. This is, indeed, very true, so true that pilgrimages to places associated with him and his stories are a regular feature of various literary societies and rambling clubs. His readers all desire to see the remains of the Marshalsea Prison and the church where Little Dorrit was married; to see the pump at Aldgate, and the Whittington Stone at Highgate; to walk in the steps of Oliver Twist when he made the acquaintance of London with the Artful Dodger, and to visit the many other historic places made so vividly real by Dickens' inimitable descriptions.

He himself tells us that 'every barn in the neighbourhood, every stone in the church, and every foot of the churchyard had some association of its own. . . I have seen Tom Pipes go climbing up the church steeple; I have watched Strap, with knapsack on his back, stopping to rest himself upon the wicket gate, and I know that Commodore Trunnion held that club with Mr. Pickle in the parlour of our little alehouse.'

Thus did Dickens see in all around him life—life at its very best and worst! He could find in any street divergences between man and man, types as distinct as separate tribes of animals, and his symbolic pen could describe them as none other.

At this period of the year, perhaps, we think of Dickens most for his Christmas books and tales, so vividly descriptive of the times in which he lived. A great part of his tale, 'The Chimes,' and other stories of Christmas in the English towns were written while on a tour in Italy in July, 1844. In the sunlight of that Southern clime he was still dreaming of the firelight in the North. Among the palaces and the white campanili, he sees Marylebone and dreams of chimney-pots! He was not happy, he said, without streets. The very foulness and smoke of London filled his Christmas tales with a vivid vapour. Dickens put up a great defence of Christmas—the old European festival of that trinity of eating, drinking and praying, which to us Moderns appears irreverent, for the holy day now means holiday.

But perhaps to us bellringers, Dickens will appeal more vividly in his graphic description of a visit he made to see the Society of College Youths at their meeting 'in a long, rather low room on the first floor of the King's Head in Winchester Street, in the borough of Southwark,' about Christmas, 1868. This account first appeared in 'All the Year Round' for February 27th, 1869. Rarely do we read a true account of bellringing, except when written by a student of the art. Usually to the 'outsider' it appears a fathomless mystery, and many vague and distorted articles have appeared regarding it. It speaks much, therefore, for the observation and accurate rendering of Dickens that his description of this visit is so correct in every detail. His pen-picture is a true and picturesque one. After telling us about the room, its furniture, peal books, records, etc., he says 'a sufficient muster of College Youths has come together, and an adjournment is made to the church [St. Saviour's, Southwark], where they all ascend the spiral stairway to the first landing, then:—

> 'another spell of steep winding staircase, and we emerge breathless in the ringers' room. Large and lofty is the ringers' room, lighted by a gas apparatus rather like the hoop that serves for a chandelier in a travelling circus. The walls are adorned by large black and gold frames, looking at first like monumental tablets to the memory of departed ringers, but proving on examination to refer to the performances of the society. Peals of all kinds appear to have been rung on these bells, but on one occasion it seems that the Company achieved "a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus." Bob Major we have heard of, but Bob Maximus! Will they introduce us to Bob Maximus to-night?
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> 'The ropes of the twelve bells pass through the holes in the ceiling and reach the floor. Under each is a little raised platform for the ringer to stand on, with a strap for his foot to help him in getting good purchase, and each rope half-way up is covered with some four feet by a fluffy, woolly-looking covering, technically called a "sally," and intended to afford a good hold to the ringer as he checks his bell on the pull-down. The case of the church clock fills up one side of the room, and from it unearthly clickings and wheezings presently come as the clock strives in vain to strike. To strike a vibrating bell suddenly from a fresh quarter is to crack it, so when the bells are rung their connection with the clock has to be temporarily severed.'

How keen he is in giving minute details, and we as ringers can only marvel at the technical grasp that Dickens displays. Gissing says, in his 'Critical Study of Dickens,: 'I suppose there is no English writer, perhaps no writer in any literature, who so often gives proof of his wonderfully minute observation.'

Dickens then proceeds:—

> 'Coats are taken off, sleeves are turned up, and business is evidently about to begin. But nothing connected, however remotely, with music can be done without a quantity of tuning or other preliminary performances, and change ringing is no exception to this rule. Before the ringing can begin it is necessary to "set" the bells. To set a bell is to get it on the right balance, mouth upwards. Some of the bells are set already, some consent to be set with little trouble, but the "tenor," a small plaything of fifty-two hundredweight, or thereabouts, is obstinate to-night. Three Youths take him in hand, and presently his deep note booms out sonorously, but he absolutely declines to assume the required position.
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> 'We take the opportunity and go up, preceded by our friend with the lantern, into the belfry, and among the bells.'

Dickens then describes the ascent, 'the tenor's voice becomes louder and louder,' and how, on arriving among the bells 'we shrink back as from a blow, from the stunning clash of sound with which he greets us.' While there he watches the conductor adjusting ropes, oiling, etc., 'sublimely indifferent to the clanging monster so close to him,' and muses on various bell-legends he has heard. Then they descend once more to find ten ringers ready, and they start.

> 'The tower rocks, the bells clash, tenor booms at appointed intervals. After some little time, one gets used to the noise, which is not so great as might be expected, and begins to pick out the rhythm of the chime. The ringers all have an earnest, fixed expression; attention is written on every face. Occasionally a slight wandering look betokens that the ringer is a little vague as to his place in the change, but he soon seems to pick it up and comes right again.'

Then he goes on to describe the actual ringing, handling of the bell and rope, in his own inimitable way. An experienced ringer-writer could not describe it half so well. Equally correct is Dickens' description of actual change ringing. Then, he says, further Collegians have arrived, and 'half a dozen boys who gaze at the performances with eager eyes, probably looking forward to the happy days when they, too, will be ringers.' A second touch is rung with the two smallest bells—hitherto idle, 'the treble sounding after the tenor, like a good-sized dinner bell; and a third and last touch is rung with great spirit.' Then:—

> 'After we had received and modestly declined a polite invitation to try our hand at a bell, we file down the corkscrew stairs, not without a comfortable feeling that, if we were to slip or stumble, an avalanche of College Youths is behind certain to be precipitated on to our prostrate body. Reaching the chapel again without damage, though with a good deal of damp and dust on our coats from the walls of the staircase, we find the organist still at work (we wonder how he likes the bells ringing overhead while he is practising), and passing over the stone that marks Massinger's last resting place, emerge into the churchyard. Thence, pursued by a triumphant burst of sound from the organ, as if the organist were glad to get rid of us, we troop off to the meeting place of the Society at the King's Head.'

Dickens then gives an elaborate but minutely correct account of the proceedings, remarking that:—

> 'It soon becomes pleasantly apparent that change ringing is by no means merely an excuse for beer. There is an excellent rule, strictly enforced, that no refreshments are allowed in the belfry; and moderation is clearly the custom in the club-room.'

He concludes with details of the College Youths' history and associations, all in his own delightfully accurate language.

JAMES MOTTS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your article in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' on the St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, bicentenary reminds me that I rang some peals of Major with James Motts when I was a boy, and I can remember asking him, after one of them, about the correction of trips. He had had several opportunities of directing my notorious efforts in the way they should go, and he said he would not ordinarily have gone on if he had not known how keen I was to score a peal. He said his own ringers did not like peals with trips in them, and that anyone making a mistake would not tolerate being corrected, but would set his bell and say he had wholly lost himself. I used to think they paid much attention to striking the little bells, which are sometimes inclined to produce an effect of dropping fire in the ringing, possibly not unconnected with the proper spacing of the open leads. In those days striking the 4th at Grundisburgh was no joke. I regret I never saw Jim Motts on his high bicycle, he always came over on a safety.

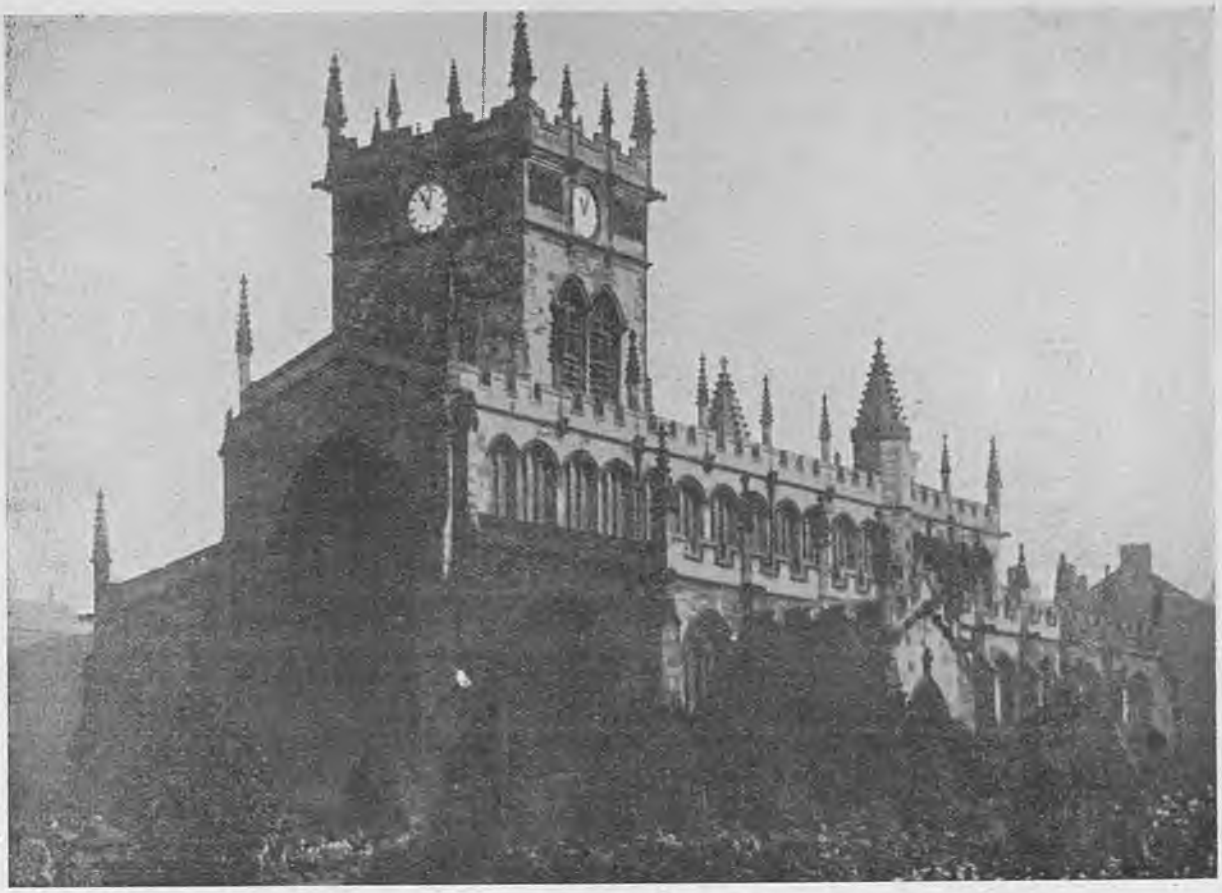
It is very nice to be able to listen to peals sometimes, and one would think that the date and time of peal attempts might be published beforehand in 'The Ringing World,' especially those on the big rings, or in new methods, etc. I once dropped on a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus being rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and one of Treble Bob at Bow, and another one at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, all quite by chance. The ringing at district meetings, which is, of course, well advertised, is not always quite so good. The Superlative Maximus lent much reinforcement to the slogan, 'Stir up the tenors now, my lads!' A long peal attempt should make a good broadcast if heard for a few minutes at the start and for a few minutes at a time during its progress and finally when coming round. Experts could tick off the course-ends from their armchairs with immense satisfaction.

'BELLITIS.'

WIGAN'S PEAL OF TEN.

ANOTHER FINE RING FROM THE TAYLOR FOUNDRY.

Only a few weeks ago Lancashire benefited by the installation of a fine new ring of ten bells in the tower of Worsley Parish Church, cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. On Saturday another splendid peal of similar number from the Loughborough foundry was dedicated at the nearby town of Wigan, where the old eight bells have been recast with additional metal to provide a ring with tenor of nearly 30 cwt.



THE TOWER, WIGAN PARISH CHURCH.
where the new ring of ten bells was opened on Saturday last.
[By courtesy of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The old heavy ring of eight, tenor 27 cwt., had not been in good going order for some years, and a few months ago Messrs. Taylor and Co. were consulted as to how things might be improved. After consideration of their proposals it was decided to rehang the peal with modern fittings in an entirely new framework and to add two new trebles to make a peal of ten.

The old octave was cast by Rudhall in 1732, but the tenor became cracked and was recast at Loughborough in 1870. The tonal effect of the peal was certainly far from pleasing, and the Church authorities decided to have all the bells recast and increased in weight so that, with the two new trebles, there is now a fine ring of ten in the key of D flat, the tenor bell weighing 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

New treble and 2nd.—'To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ellen Rigby, of Wigan. B. 1850—D. 1935. We two trebles are dedicate.' Taylor's foundry mark also appears.
3rd.—'Fear God and honovr the King. A. R. 1732.'
4th.—'Peace and good neighbovrhood. A. R. 1732.'
5th.—'Prosperity to the Chvrch of England. A. R. 1732.'
6th.—'Prosperity to this town and parish. A. R. 1732.'
7th.—'We were all cast at Glocester by Abr. Rudhall, 1732.'
8th.—'Iames Laland and Thomas Lowe, Churchwardens, A. R. 1732'
9th.—'Samuel Aldersey, Rector. A. R. 1732.'

In addition there is, on each of these bells, 'Recast 1935.'
Tenor.—'J. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1870
I to the Church the living call,
And to the grave do summons all.
A. M. D. G.

The eight bells of the old peal
were recast by Messrs. John Taylor
and Company, Loughborough, and two
new treble bells added to the peal
in the year of our Lord, 1935.

C. C. Thicknesse, Rector of Wigan.
J. Hopwood Sayer,
Walter M. Hubbard, Churchwardens of Wigan.
A. W. Rigby, Secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

A report of the opening of the bells will appear in our next issue.

RYDE RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Sunday, November 17th, at All Saints' Church, Ryde, prior to evensong, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect and sympathy to the late Mrs. Frances Caroline Amy Kemp, wife of Mr. T. William Kemp, one of the Ryde ringers, whose death occurred very suddenly at Odessa, 48, Pellhurst Road, Ryde, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Budgen (first quarter-peal) 1, A. R. Ward (conductor) 2, F. Taylor 3, B. J. Snow 4, P. Long 5, W. Upton 6, A. Brading 7, A. White 8.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Kilston, on December 8th, for morning service, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung in one hour and eight minutes. It consisted of three of Morris' 240's, ten 120's and 16 changes: A. E. Baverstock 1, Rev. E. W. Poynton 2, F. W. Beer 3, C. Cruickshank 4, S. S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, H. Ellis 6. It was also rung as a compliment to F. W. Beer. On that day he completed 30 years' service in the Post Office, and 30 rounds were rung after the touch.

DERBYSHIRE'S LATEST OCTAVE.

INTERESTING SERVICE AT REPTON

'Right Reverend Father in God, we make our humble petition that you will be pleased to bless, sanctify, hallow and set aside from all secular and profane uses the six bells which have now been refitted and rehung in this tower at the expense of the subscribers, the new second bell presented to this church by W. W. Worthington, Esquire, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, and the new treble bell presented by myself.'

Following upon this petition by the Vicar of Repton (the Rev. A. W. Fletcher) at a special service on Thursday, December 19th, the Lord Bishop of Lichfield solemnly hallowed the bells, and after delivering the ropes to the Vicar, the bells were chimed for a few minutes by the local ringers.

Immediately following upon this ceremony came the consecration of a new altar, the hollowing of the altar rails, and the Blessing of the altar furnishings. After the vesting of the altar, an address was given by the Bishop.

Early in the address his Lordship pointed out that normally the Bishop of Derby would have carried out the consecration, but owing to his unfortunate death it had been a pleasure to him to be with them, and he appreciated the kindly thought which prompted their Vicar to ask him to come, particularly in view of the very early connection between Lichfield and Repton.

The origin of St. Wystan's Church, Repton, goes back to the earliest days of Christianity. The front pews have been removed and the floor space where they stood has been relaid in stone, and the foundations of the Saxon central tower have been outlined in slate. Under the chancel there is a very interesting Saxon crypt in a most excellent state of preservation.

The bells now form an exceptionally good peal, the new bells blending perfectly with the old six. The tenor, a 16 cwt. bells, is of remarkably fine tone and was cast at Loughborough in 1896, in which year the old bells were rehung in a new frame. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have cast the new bells and rehung the older bells on ball bearings.

Amongst the visiting ringers were Mr. J. Swinfield, of Burton; Mr. J. Pagot, of Derby; and Captain Cann, of Pirbright, an old boy of Repton School, who journeyed up specially for the service. The founders were represented by Mr. John P. Fidler.

BEACONSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY G. LINDOFF.

The first peal in this new method was rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Beaconsfield on August 31st, conducted by H. Wingrove. Mr. Lindoff has also produced the extension to Royal.

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GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral for evensong on December 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: J. Ewing 1, H. Sargent 2, N. Leiper 3, R. J. G. Thom 4, R. O. Street 5, T. Winderam 6, S. Lewis 7, E. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, J. Carmichael 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of eight bells of Ufford Church, Suffolk, where the Rev. Herbert Drake, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, is Rector, is to be tuned and rehung in new framework by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The Rector of Hinderclay apologises that he inadvertently gave the wrong date for the service in connection with the restoration of Hinderclay Church bells. The date actually was Thursday, the 19th, and not Friday, the 20th. The Rector is sorry if any inconvenience was caused due to his mistake in the date.

The Bishop of Guildford is to preside at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Guildford, on January 11th. The Mayor of Guildford has also promised to attend.

Those who peruse carefully the interesting list of Mr. J. H. Cheesman's one thousand peals will observe that he has yet to ring his first peal of Grandsire Caters. It hardly seems credible that a man could ring peals for 47 years in all the most difficult of methods and yet not ring a peal of Grandsire Caters!

One hundred and fifty years ago to-day the first peal was rung on the bells of St. Dionius', Backchurch, by the College Youths. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

To-day is also the anniversary of one of the earliest peals of Treblo Bob ever rung. This was a 5,120 Union Bob (afterwards and still known as Oxford Treble Bob), and was rung by the Union Scholars, who gave their name to the method, at St. Dunstan's Church, London, on December 27th, 1718.

The long peal attempts yesterday recall the fact that Christmas holidays have been favourite occasions for record peal attempts. On Boxing Day the 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Elland, in 1831, the 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley in 1894, and the 9,728 at Clent in 1910, as well as the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1901.

On December 27th, 1904, 17,104 Double Norwich Major was rung at South Wigston, and in 1909 was rung 10,176 Double Oxford Bob at Brierley Hill.

Members of the Dudley and District Guild rang a peal in memory of the late Mr. Harry Mason at Cradley, Staffs. Mr. Mason was a vice-president and one of the foundation members of the Guild, and at Cradley in 1889 he conducted the only peal he composed, a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples.

A new frame for six is being installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Mullion, Cornwall. They are also recasting the four existing bells and adding two new trebles.

Edwin A. Barnett, the figures of whose composition of Superlative Surprise Major, with the unusual qualities of six pairs of bells reversed in 5-6, we publish elsewhere in this issue, must be the youngest ringer to compose a Surprise peal.

For his age, also, he has rung more peals than any ringer who has preceded him. At barely 17 he is well away towards his 200th peal.

There was a great achievement at Queen Camel, Somerset, on Saturday, when a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods was rung on the heaviest ring of six in the country. It was the first time that a peal in more than one method had been rung on the bells. Only two peals of Minor had previously been rung there, and on each occasion the tenor has been rung by Mr. J. T. Dyke. The bell is only 21 lb. short of 37 cwt.

NORTH WEALD BELLS.

HELP WANTED FOR RESTORATION FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I draw the attention of the readers of 'The Ringing World' to the North Weald Tower and Bell Restoration Fund?

Our bells were pronounced unsafe to ring just as we were beginning to get over the first stile of change ringing. This had always been a 'stoney' tower within living memory until now.

To put tower and bells right, the sum of £450 is needed. This would seem far too much for our village to raise, but we are attacking the problem with energy, and I feel sure that we have many friends among your readers who might like to help us. If this should catch the eye of any such, will they send their contributions to me? The very smallest amount is acceptable.

HARRY KING.

Brickwall House,
North Weald, Essex.

JOHN HARDHAM.

A FAMOUS EIGHTEENTH CENTURY COLLEGE YOUTH.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the following article, written in his engaging style, Mr. J. A. Trollope gives us the interesting life story of a famous College Youth who lived in the first half of the eighteenth century.

John Hardham came of an old West Sussex family and was born shortly after 1700 at Chichester, where his father was in business as a wholesale provision merchant, and, presumably, was a person of some substance. He was sent up to London to learn the trade of a lapidary, or engraver of precious stones, but had no success at that craft and engaged himself as a servant of some sort. Probably he learnt to ring on the bells of Chichester Cathedral, and in 1724 he made the acquaintance of Benjamin Annable and joined the College Youths.

The active members of the society at that time consisted of a number of young and very clever ringers, who formed one of the best bands in the whole history of ringing. They were little more than boys, and the peal of Grandsire Cinques they scored in 1725 was not only the first five thousand rung by the College Youths, but the average age was almost certainly less than in any twelve bell peal that has since been accomplished.

Hardham did not ring in this nor in the first peal of Bob Major, which was rung three months later, but he stood in the first peal of Royal and the first peal of Maximus, the one in November, 1725, and the other in February, 1726, both at St. Bride's, in Fleet Street. Among his companions were William Laughton, Francis Geary (afterwards Admiral and Baronet), who was then a boy of 16, and Robert Catlin, about the same age. Catlin was employed as a carpenter by Samuel Knight, the bell founder; he afterwards hung many rings of bells; and his frames are still at St. Saviour's, Southwark, St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, and other places. Knight thought so much of him that he made him his executor and left him his business when he died, but his work as a bell founder did not equal that of his master.

Another man who joined the company about this time was John Cundell, who was connected with the theatre, and between him and Hardham a life-long friendship sprang up. Cundell was always more or less in rivalry with Annable, and in any disputes and discussions could always count on the support of Hardham. The latter was not a great peal ringer. He took part in only six five-thousands, two of them Bob Major, one Bob Royal, one Bob Maximus, one Grandsire Caters, and one Union Triples. The Grandsire Caters was the first peal on the ten at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge; the two peals of Bob Major were the first on the bells at Fulham and Richmond.

Peal ringing in those days was, of course, rarer than it afterwards became. A man could be an active ringer and scarcely ever attempt a five-thousand, and all his life Hardham remained a prominent College Youth. But he had other interests as well, and be became well known among fashionable London society. He started a tobacconist's business in Fleet Street, which became the most famous tobacconist's shop that London has ever known. It bore the sign of the 'Red Lion,' and stood on the north side of the street, two doors from Ludgate Circus.

In those days the fashionable way of using tobacco was in the form of snuff, and it was Hardham's good luck to invent or introduce a snuff which was, for many years, the most popular on the market. He called it his No. 37, for (it would appear) the not unnatural reason that that was the number of the drawer in which he

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.
THE GRACEFUL STEEPLE OF ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET, LONDON,
where the early peals referred to in this article were rung.

kept it; but so prosaic an explanation altogether failed to satisfy romantic writers. Hardham, according to one of them, not being able to find a name for it himself, applied to Lord Tounsend, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who suggested 37 because that was the number of the majority in some division or other in the Irish Parliament. But, wherever the name came from, there is no doubt of the cause of its popularity—partly and

indeed mainly because it was good snuff; but it got its first start from a piece of most unblushing puffing. Hardham was (as I have said) a great friend of John Cundell. Cundell had interests in the theatres and among actors, and probably introduced Hardham to stage life. Thus, or in some other way, the latter got to know many actors, and ultimately David Garrick himself. The great man was pleased to approve of the snuff, and in one of his plays introduced a gag recommending it to the person to whom he was speaking. The advertisement served its purpose, and it became the correct thing in the fashionable world to take Hardham's 37 snuff. It was manufactured and sold under that name for years after his death and, possibly, is so still to this day.

According to one not very reliable account Hardham was himself an actor; certain it is that he held the position of chief numberer for Garrick at Drury Lane. His job was to post himself in some coign of advantage and count the people in the pit, so that a check could be kept on the man in charge of the box office. For this he was paid 15s. a week. He developed an intense feeling for everything connected with the stage. He adorned the parlour behind his shop with the portraits of leading actors; the place became a regular meeting place for would be thespians, and 'he was seldom without embryo Richards and Hotspurs strutting and bellowing in his dining room.'

He aimed at being a dramatist himself and wrote a play, or what, I suppose, he thought was a play. It was never acted. Garrick knew what was good snuff—'a name is all, from Garrick's breath a puff of praise gave immortality to snuff'—he also knew what was a good play and what was not. He could and did praise Hardham's snuff, but with Hardham's play he would have nothing to do; and so it was printed, the not unusual fate of dramatic writings judged not worthy of the stage. Its title is 'The Fortune Teller or The World Unmasked, a medley written by Abel Dingger.' There are eight characters in the play, 'Bombast,' who is the Fortune Teller; 'Tycho,' his assistant; and six clients who come to have their fortunes told—'Squire Prig,' 'Sir John Wealthy,' 'Miss Amorous,' 'Lackwit,' 'Urganda' and 'Sappho.' They are one and all hypocrites and impostors, the only difference being that Bombast knows he is an impostor and freely admits it—when there is no one to hear him except his assistant. His excuse is that he takes the opportunity to give a moral lecture. They come in one at a time and each, in turn, he charges with the usual vices and follies that society people are supposed to indulge in, pride, avarice, insincerity and the like. Naturally they are at first inclined to defend themselves, but presently they go away stripped of most of their conceit and self-satisfaction, and, we are to suppose, so much morally the better. Of action there is none, and the speeches are the stagiest rant. It is the poorest stuff imaginable, though one indulgent critic thought it 'far from being devoid of genius and poetical imagination.'

But it is not as a playwright that Hardham must be judged. He was a bad dramatist, but he was a good tradesman. The old-fashioned tobacconist had to know his trade. It was not then, as now, a matter of selling over the counter packets already made up of advertised and well known brands. He had to select his tobaccos and blend them himself; and to do that he had to have a fine taste and a good knowledge of what the public wanted. Hardham's customers consisted of the fashionable world of the time, and his shop became a popular rendezvous where people used to drop in to meet each other and have a chat.

It was as unlike a modern tobacconist's as well could be: a narrow door, guarded by the effigy of a gigantic Highlander, the front of the shop bare, except for a high stool or two and a few upturned tubs on which the customers sat; a plain counter, bare except for the scales, each a hemisphere and hung in slender chains; and, behind, a press of numbered drawers surmounted by a row of canisters, dark green with dull gold lettering. And, pervading all, the heavy sweet smell of the tobacco.

Here Hardham made a fortune such as even a modern Fleet Street tradesman would not despise, though he had to go through a period of depression and once even failed. But what, perhaps, really brought him success was his capacity for attracting the esteem and affection of people of all classes. He must have been a shrewd, careful man of business, yet his generosity and charity were extensive to an uncommon degree. Men recognised his goodness of heart and trusted him with very delicate and confidential matters, such as paying little annual stipends to 'unfortunate' women; and when the original donor stopped payment he continued it out of his own pocket. Garrick was his friend and, I imagine, it was through him that John Rich, so well known in the theatrical world, became a member of the College Youths and served in the office of steward in 1750. That was the year that Theodore Eccleston was Master. Hardham himself was Master in 1747, following Annable in the chair.

Hardham died in September, 1772, leaving behind him a fortune of £22,289. Of this he bequeathed £10 to Garrick and £10 was set aside for his own funeral, for, he said, only vain fools spent more. A few small legacies went to Chichester friends and five guineas to each of his nieces. The interest on the remainder went first to his housekeeper for as long as she lived and then to John Cundell for his lifetime. He does not appear to have benefited. On the expiry of these interests the money was bequeathed to the Guardians of the Poor of the City of Chichester 'to ease the inhabitants of the said City in their poor rates.' The bequest still remains. In 1930 the capital sum was £22,735 13s. 9d, realising £568 per annum.

Hardham's object was to bring the greatest amount of benefit to the largest number of people for the longest period of time. 'I thought it best,' he said, 'to leave it as I have done, for now it will be a benefit to the said city for ever—if I had disposed of it in legacies in a few years the whole would have been annihilated and come to nothing.' But he cannot be said to have succeeded in his object. What happened, of course, was that the landlords of the favoured parts of the city put up the rents the amount they benefited under the will, and so the only people better off for the legacy have been the owners of certain houses.

Nor was the will very well received in Chichester. His four nieces were naturally disappointed at getting no more from such a rich uncle than five guineas 'to buy mourning with.' It must have seemed a mockery to them. They were persons of unexceptional character, and it was asserted that he had promised to leave them independent of the world. Public opinion thought them

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S IMPROVED FINANCE.

MANY SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL UNPAID.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association, recently issued, speaks of the improved financial position, although many subscriptions are still unpaid. It also draws attention to the importance of training young conductors.

Fifty-nine new members were elected during the year, making a total of 1,560, made up of 90 honorary life members, 15 honorary, 297 non-resident, and 1,158 ringing members.

The treasurer's statement shows a gain of £12 18s. 6d., which means, says the report, that the association is recovering its financial prosperity. Members' subscriptions indicate that there are still a large number of ringing members who fail to make their yearly payment.

The 90 peals rung during the eleven months covered by the report was not quite so large as formerly, but, nevertheless, contained many encouraging features. Thirty-eight members rang their first peal; 104 members rang their first peal in some particular method; 9 members conducted their first peal. This last item, added the report, is very gratifying, as the shortage of capable conductors has been, and still is, a serious problem in most branches. The committee feel that, in the interest of change ringing in the years to come, it is advisable for all tower conductors to teach and encourage some of their younger members in the fascinating study of conducting.

OLD BELLS IN SUSSEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I congratulate the Twineham band. The bell referred to in the note as being of date 1522 is of greater interest than these doubtful figures suggest. Its inscription, in old English lettering, is 'hoc michi jam retro nomen de simone petro.' On the waist is a fine medallion of Henry VIII., a cross about 3½in. long of elaborate design, and two circular medallions (or founder's marks). The rim of the crown is beautifully ornamented by a running scroll, which is evidence of the perfection of the bellfounder's art in those days.

The translation of the inscription may be given as: 'Here I am back again bearing the name of Simon Peter.' 'I am Petro,' suggests that the bell had been taken away to be recast. Hence it may be really one of the oldest bells in Sussex.

On the next bell to it at Twineham I found the inscription: 'In multis annis nomen baptiste Johannis.' On the waist is the cross, as referred to above, and two medallions, but not a medallion of Henry VIII.

Though 1522 is the probable date of these bells, I did not observe it on my rubbings, nor does Tyssen give one in his 'Church Bells of Sussex.'

The founder of these bells was Johannes Tonne, who cast eleven bells in Sussex. Of these, a bell at Sullington, 'm° cccc° xxjj' (1522), and one at St. Botolph's, 'mdxxxvj,' have dates. Only four, including that at Twineham, have the medallion of Henry VIII.

John Tonne, it may be observed, is famed for his quaint and original inscriptions, and 'menti de deus habio nomen gabrielis,' an Old Gabriel in Lewes Market Tower, is one, which is a little of a puzzle. I wonder if Tonne intended to infer that 'old Gabriel' in the mind of God had the name of Gabriel?

FREDERICK C. SMALE.

The Rectory, Petrockstowe, Okehampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TEN NEW MEMBERS FOR NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch, held at Sherborne on Saturday, December 14th, proved an attractive event. Seventy-two members and friends were present, representing 20 parishes and five counties. Service in the Abbey was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. M. Askwith), who extended a very hearty welcome to the Guild.

At the subsequent business meeting, ten new members were elected and all the officers reappointed for the coming year.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who presided, spoke of the great loss sustained by the Guild by the sudden death of its patron, the Bishop of Salisbury, the members standing in silent tribute.

The quarterly meetings for 1936 were fixed for Hazelbury Bryan, Stourton, Motcombe and Blandford.

JOHN HARDHAM.

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hardly treated, and, as for Mrs. Bunmore, the housekeeper, she was 'a designing female who, after the death of Hardham's wife, had gained too strong an ascendancy over him.' An attempt was made to upset the will, but without success.

Later tradition gave Hardham a place among the early composers, but if he did anything in that way it has perished.

TRURO CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have recently received a local paper from Truro which gives a resume of the autumn number of the 'New Oxford Outlook' (Basil Blackwell, 2s. 6d.), and which quotes the appended lines written by Mr. A. L. Rowse, himself a Cornishman.

The 'West Briton' says: 'The lines about "the quiet house where the successor of Peter . . . . looks out upon his flock and keeps his hours" are, of course, written of his Escop in the time of Bishop Frere (lately retired), for whom, his friends know well, Mr. Rowse had great veneration and affection.'

The bells are those of Truro Cathedral, which always ring on Christmas Eve for the Nine Lessons and Carols (the old mediæval sequence of the Nine O's).

It is a happy thought that the bells of Truro inspired the lines. To ringers in general they must be one of the glories of Cornwall.

A. S. ROBERTS.

Bishop Wilson College, Isle of Man.

'Now come back to me the significances of those hills,
Those walks, the bridle-path, the gorse bright
Over Idless, and the blue swept sky.
So also the December rains and the plantations
Shivered with wetness and the winter sun:

The Christmass moon above the hollow bowl
Where the city lies sleeping, lapped by the blown bells;
and quiet house where the successor of Peter,
sheltered within the peach-clad walls
under the shadow of the tower,
Looks out upon his flock and keeps his hours.

O bells, O moon of Bethlehem,
O moving finger of time that writes
upon those walls, upon the trees,
O prince of the Church, O people,
O sleeping city, O sapient bells
that call the heart home,
opening the casements
upon what inner kingdoms,
what peace forgotten
save in the unquiet tongues of bells
ringing to church on Christmas Eve,
the people waking in the streets,
shaking themselves from sleep
having dreamed dreams under the spell
of those alien voices:
O Sapientia, O Radix Jesse!'

TASMANIAN ITEMS.

HOBART CATHEDRAL TOWER 'WELL UNDER WAY.'

The building of the tower of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, for which Messrs. Taylor and Co. are casting thirteen bells, eight of them to be hung for ringing, is now well under way, and, commenting on this, a Hobart newspaper writer says: 'Within a year Hobart will be the richer for a public monument that should appeal to all sections of the community. Now that it is well known that the bells will be playable either by bellringers or from a keyboard, it may be hoped that some of the exuberant energy that went into the now happily forgotten controversy on the subject of bellringers versus keyboard will find a more fruitful field of employment in organising a first-rate team of bellringers for the opening function. The Bishop will shortly leave for Sydney, and I understand that one of his objects is to secure the help of the Primate of the Church of England in Australia (Dr. Le Fanu) and other prelates to grace the great occasion.'

From the Church Magazine for the diocese we cull the following items from the news of Holy Trinity, Hobart:—

'The visit of the English bellringers last year is still fresh in our memory, and early on Sunday morning, September 15th, our bellringers rang a peal to celebrate the anniversary of the departure of the English team from England twelve months ago. At about the same time a peal was rung in England for the same reason.

'A telephone connecting the bell chamber with the ringing chamber has been installed and donated by Mr. F. Medhurst in memory of the late Mrs. Medhurst. This is a boon to the ringers.

'On Thursday, September 19th, there was a large gathering in the parish hall in honour of our verger (Mr. S. R. Taylor) and Miss D. Blythe, prior to their marriage. Among the large number of gifts were presentations from the bellringers (Mr. Taylor being deputy master ringer), the H.T. Dramatic Society and the C.E.M.S. (of which Mr. Taylor has been secretary for some years). The marriage took place on September 23rd, and was fully choral, the choir thus honouring their former fellow-member (Mr. Taylor). The bellringers also rang a joyous peal for the occasion.'

Mr. Taylor's brother, Mr. M. R. Taylor, is now in England, and is ringing with the band at Crayford.

The Rev. A. A. Bennett, Rector of St. George's, Hobart, and formerly of Gloucester, who rang a peal of Bob Major at Holy Trinity, Hobart, with the English tourists, has instituted what is hoped will be an annual mariners' service at his church, to be associated with the anniversary of Trafalgar Day.

ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

MR. J. H. CHEESMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT.

One more ringer has reached the great total of one thousand peals.

On Tuesday of last week Mr. John H. Cheesman, whose name in ringing is a household word, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Crayford, Kent, which put him among the little band whose peals run to four figures. It is a wonderful achievement upon which Mr. Cheesman will be heartily congratulated. It has taken him nearly 47 years to compile this great aggregate, which includes many noteworthy performances.

Others who have rung a thousand peals have been the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was the first to reach this total, the late Mr. W. Pye, the late Mr. I. G. Shade, the late Mr. Ernest Pye, and the following living ringers: Messrs. G. Williams, F. Bennett, G. R. Pye, J. George, A. H. Pulling, J. E. Davis and W. H. Fussell. There is thus just a band of eight available for a peal together.

SOME EVENTS IN MR. CHEESMAN'S RINGING CAREER.

Born at Stowting, near Folkestone, on January 23rd, 1872, Mr. Cheesman is a true 'man of Kent.' He learnt to ring on the peal of five in his native village, and on his 17th birthday turned in the 18¼ cwt. tenor at Lyminge to seven 720's of Bob Minor, his first peal, which he also conducted. Soon after he moved to North Kent, always an active centre of ringing, and joined the Crayford company, whereafter his peals were numerous. At the age of 19 he turned in the tenor at St. John's, Erith, to 10,080 of Canterbury Pleasure Major in 5 hours 50 minutes.

In 1894 he migrated to New Zealand, but, as he says, 'there wasn't enough ringing out there,' so in 1898 back he came and joined Mr. William Pye's band, who were doing much ringing at Erith at that time. At this tower it was possible for a band to meet when they felt inclined, find the key, ring a peal, and the steeplekeeper would know nothing about it until he saw the report in the 'Bell News.' Thus at Erith, on April 3rd, 1899, he rang in the 15,072 of Double Norwich; on April 9th, his, and the brothers Pye's first peal of London; on April 22nd, a peal of Double Norwich; on May 6th, a peal of Stedman Triples; on May 17th, a peal of Duffield; and on Jun 1st, a peal of Superlative, which was good going, as the church is in the middle of the town. Also at Erith, on Boxing Day, 1898, he took part in 10,464 of Kent Treble Bob Major. Altogether, at this tower, he has rung 149 peals. He has also rung 130 at St. Paulinus', Crayford.

Other of his long lengths are the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 12 hours 18 minutes; the 15,264 of Bristol at Hornchurch (in which he never made a trip); the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow; and 11,008 Double Norwich at St. John's, Erith, in 1927.

As a conductor there are few better, and no composition is too difficult for him. He is particularly brilliant in calling Stedman, and altogether has called 199 peals in this method on all numbers, every one from an inside bell, including Carter's Odd Bob One-Part peal. He conducted the 'John' peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate in 1913, and he also took part in name peals of Superlative and London One of his greatest regrets was when he rang the eleventh at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, to a peal of Treble Twelve, which was afterwards found to be false.

As for Mr. Cheesman himself, he is one of the most modest, unassuming and placid men one could meet, one with whom it is impossible to quarrel, but his ability is such as impresses all who ring with him. He is not 'method proud,' and will go anywhere, for anybody. May he live to ring another thousand peals!

A photograph of Mr. Cheesman will be given next week.

The following is the list of his peals:—

	Rung.	Cond.
Minor	4	4
Triples:		
Grandsire	11	4
Plain Bob	1	—
Canterbury Pleasure	1	—
Erin	1	—
Oxford Bob	1	—
Darlaston Bob	2	1
Union	4	1
Stedman	202	127
Major:		
Plain Bob	20	6
Reverse Bob	1	—
Canterbury Pleasure	12	—
Double Norwich	158	77
Real Double Norwich	3	—
Double Oxford	5	—
Hereward Bob	1	—
Little Bob	1	1
Little Canterbury	1	—
Crayford Little Bob	1	—
Dartford Little Bob	1	—
Erith Little Bob	1	—
Northfleet Little Bob	1	—
Duffield	1	1
Forward	2	2
Kent Treble Bob	46	25
Oxford Treble Bob	11	3
Cam Treble Bob	1	—
Granta Treble Bob	1	—
Spliced:		
Treble Bob	3	—
Bob Major and Stedman Triples	1	1
Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob	1	1
Bob Major and Canterbury Pleasure	1	—
Bob Major and Double Norwich	1	—
Bob Major and Double Oxford	1	—
Double Norwich and Double Oxford	1	—
Cambridge and Superlative Surprise	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	92	45
New Cambridge Surprise	8	2
Superlative Surprise	96	36
New Cumberland Surprise	1	—
Norfolk Surprise	4	1
Yorkshire Surprise	4	1
Pudsey Surprise	3	1
Lincolnshire Surprise	1	—
Ipswich Surprise	1	—
Staffordshire Surprise	1	—
Erith Surprise	1	—
London Surprise	34	—
Bristol Suprise	19	1
Four Spliced Surprise methods	4	—
Caters: Stedman	92	56
Royal:		
Little Bob	1	—
Kent Treble Bob	27	11
Oxford Treble Bob	2	2
Cam Treble Bob	1	—
Spliced Treble Bob	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	5	1
Cinques:		
Grandsire	3	—
Stedman	54	16
Maximus:		
Plain Bob	5	—
Canterbury Pleasure	1	—
Little Bob	1	—
Kent Treble Bob	16	3
Cambridge Surprise	17	—
Total	1,000	432

5,056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

BY E. A. BARNETT.

23456	B.	M.	W.	H.
52436			—	
34625		—	—	
23645			—	
42635			—	
56234		—		—
63542	—			
46532			—	
25634		—		—
62534				—
43526		—	—	—
54326				—
35426				—
45623		—		
26354		—	—	
36452		—		
46253		—		
52364		—	—	
65324			—	
42356		—	—	—
34256				—
53246			—	
45236			—	
23456			—	—

This peal contains six pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course-ends. Rung at Milton-next-Gravesend on September 7th, 1935, conducted by the composer.

A SERVICE RINGING SCHEME.

HOW DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGES SUNDAY RINGING.

In the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association there is a scheme under which certificates are awarded every year for the best records of Sunday service ringing. In the amended report, just issued, it is stated that this year only fifteen towers sent in their record sheets. 'This is the same number as last year,' says the report, 'but it is very unsatisfactory, in view of the fact 40 sheets are sent out every year, which means that 25 towers either keep no record of their ringing or the secretary does not think it worth while sending the sheet in when completed.' Giving individual details, the report continues:—

'Of the 8-12 bell towers, Christ Church, North Shields, again lead with 1,609 points, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, being second with 1,328 points.

The others are as follows:—

St. Paul's, Whitley Bay	681	points.
The Cathedral, Newcastle	475	,,
St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool	277	,,
St. Mary's, Gateshead	276	,,
St. John's, Shildon	237	,,
All Saints', Gosforth	200	,,
The Cathedral, Durham	171	,,
SS. James and Basil's, Fenham	165	,,
St. John's, Newcastle	58	,,

St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, are to be congratulated on attaining third place; they have not sent in a sheet for some years, and we trust they will soon regain their position at the top of the list. SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, have also made excellent progress, their sheet showing touches in four methods.

St. John's, Shildon, have descended from second to seventh place, principally owing to repairs to the tower, and the bells being stopped owing to sickness.

Of the six-bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, are again first with 1,673 points, and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, again second with 508 points.

Only three other sets have been sent in, viz.: Newton Hall, 200 points, and St. Mary's, Whickham, 88 points, and St. James', Benwell, 27 points.

We are sorry to miss St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon, this year.

Holy Trinity, Darlington, is the most consistent band in the association. For the long period of 14 years they have really been at the top of the list, as in 1927 and 1928, when their name does not appear; they had withdrawn in order to allow Hurworth to gain the first certificate, although Holy Trinity had actually scored more points.'

The scheme for recording the Sunday Service touches is worked as follows:—

Each belfry should keep a record, on printed forms supplied by the association, of all touches rung for morning and evening Sunday services, these records being kept in the belfry and open for inspection. The maximum number of changes to count for any one service is 1,088, and the minimum number 360 on five or six bells and 300 on eight or ten bells. In a ten or twelve bell tower nothing is counted below Minor; in an eight-bell tower nothing is counted below Doubles on the back six with the tenor covering. Minor must be rung on the back six, and Triples and Caters with the tenor covering.

In ringing methods on seven or more bells only the last touch brought round before service counts. In ringing Minor, if one method only be rung, the 720 must be completed before the touch is lengthened, and the extension must run consecutively; if more than one method is rung, the touches must run consecutively. In Doubles, the 120's must run consecutively and be differently called.

The composition of all touches must be true, and if a breakdown occurs all ringing that preceded it, whether a complete touch or not, must be reckoned as lost.

The points scored by each belfry are calculated by the appointed referees, and the certificates are held by the winners for the year, and become the absolute property of the belfry if won three times in succession, or three times in five years.

A somewhat elaborate scale of points has been worked out on which the awards are based, and range from seven points for 720 of Plain Minor or Triples to a maximum of 76 for any 'compound' Surprise Maximus method.

DEATH OF MR. R. A. DANIELL.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. R. A. Daniell, of Kensington, who passed away on Saturday last at the age of 79 years. The funeral will take place at East Sheen Cemetery to-day (Friday) at 3.30 p.m.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On December 12th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Bunce, sen. 1, T. Ewer (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, G. M. Kilby 3, W. S. Beaumont 4, Tom Collins (conductor) 5, H. Ewer (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung in honour of T. Ewer's 21st birthday.

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR,

INCREASED NUMBER OF METHODS IN A PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On March 2nd of this year we rang a peal of Surprise Minor in 32 methods, and in the footnote we said that it was the greatest number of methods that could be rung in seven complete 720's. I have since found that under certain conditions two more can be rung.

A few years ago a peal of Treble Bob Minor was rung with bobs made when the treble made her two blows behind, as well as when leading.

If you take Newcastle, No. 5, of the Surprise methods in the 'Central Council Collection,' and call three bobs with the treble behind, and 5-6 not affected, you will get the 720 in column 1.

Column 2 shows that the leads between Nos. 7 and 17 and those between 17 and 27 can be rung backwards, but if rung like this you have to make sixth's place when the treble leads, and this makes the method Morpeth, No. 4 in the Collection.

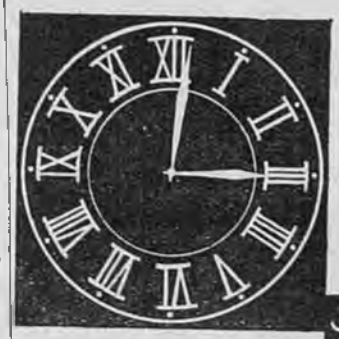
As Nos. 2 and 3, Canterbury and Alnwick, will splice with Nos. 4 and 5 in three leads, and Nos. 1 and 6, Munden and Chester, will splice with No. 5 in whole courses, you can get the 720 in coloumn 3, which gives you another 720 with six methods.

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

Newcastle.	Lead No.	Newcastle and Morpeth.	Lead No.	Method.	No.
23456	1	23456	1	23456	1
64523	2	64523	2	— 23564	3
— 23564	3	— 23564	2	45623	5
45623	4	45623	4	36245	3
36245	5	36245	5	— 45236	5
— 45236	6	— 45236	6	62345*	4
62345*	7	62345*	7	25346	4
— 25463	8	25346	16	— 46325	4
34625	9	— 46325	15	25634	2
56234	10	25634	14	34562	2
— 34256	11	34562	13	— 62534	4
62534	12	— 62534	12	34256	4
— 34562	13	34256	11	— 56234	4
25634	14	— 56234	10	34625	
46325	15	34625	9	25463	
— 25346	16	25463	8	— 63425*	5
63425*	17	— 63425*	17	— 35264	1
— 35264	18	35426	26	56342	1
42635	19	— 26435	25	64523	8
56342	20	35642	24	42635	6
— 42356	21	42563	23	— 42356	5
63542	22	— 63542	22	63542	5
— 42563	23	42356	21	— 42563	5
35642	24	— 56342	20	35642	3
26435	25	42635	19	26435	5
— 35426	26	35264	18	— 35426	5
64235*	27	— 64235*	27	64235*	5
— 45362	28	— 45362	28	— 45362	3
23645	29	23645	29	23645	5
56423	30	56423	30	56423	3
— 23456		— 23456		— 23456	

* Followed by bob when treble is behind.



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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cadena Cafe, The Square, Winchester, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Business meeting 3.15, followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, December 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times 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. 2nd and 30th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Mary-le-Bow 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 next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Subscriptions due. Annual reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lea, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at a moderate charge. Tea will only be provided for those who apply to Mr. L. Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough, by Wednesday, January 1st. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 o'clock. Please advise Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, East Yorks, by January 1st.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at Bishop's Lydeard. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.40 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755. — Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, at 6.15 p.m. prompt. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. All members urged to attend.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fourth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 4th, at 6 p.m. Ringing beforehand (details later). Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from officers and committee up to December 28th. Note.—District annual meeting at Twickenham on February 1st.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 4th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 p.m., followed by tea. All those intending to be present for tea must notify Mr. J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Jan. 1st. No name, no tea. Visitors welcomed.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 4th. For tea (important) please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Ringers please meet 2.30 p.m. Further particulars will be sent to belfries. Please start the New Year well by attending. All welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Good bus and train service to and from the tower. Please come, let's have a good start for 1936.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the branch will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. C. Sharratt, 3, Moss Road, Orrell, near Wigan, not later than Jan. 3rd. A good meeting is expected at this tower. Now you six bell ringers, what about it?—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the West Norfolk branch will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Jan. 4th. — W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Staffs, not later than Jan. 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 4th. St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) bells available from 3 p.m. Service in St. John's Church at 4.30. Tea, with annual business meeting to follow, in Parish Room 5 o'clock. All ringing friends welcome. For tea *please* advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Jan. 6th, certain?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Washingborough on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as soon as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — January meetings: Jan. 5th, service ringing, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, Jan. 6th at 7 p.m. and Jan. 20th, at 7.30 p.m., also at St. Clement's. Jan. 22nd, combined practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 7.30 p.m. Jan. 25th, service ringing, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Jan. 28th, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m. Our annual meeting will be held on Feb. 8th, and all entries for handbell contest and, under amended rule, nominations for election of general officers, must, at or before the quarterly meeting to be held at 8.15 p.m., Jan. 6th, be sent to the hon. general secretary, Chas. O. Moore, 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 11th, at 6 p.m. Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Guildford. Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, can be obtained, up to January 7th, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Anyone who can pull a bell welcomed. Reports ready. Members' subscriptions due.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 11th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at the Guild Hall at 4.30 at 1s. each. Meeting follows. —H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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